

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2026

SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b00mw5v5)

Richard Strauss' Four Last Songs

Richard Strauss was aged 84 when he completed his final composition.

It was 'Four Last Songs', which, although dealing death, conveys a sense of calm acceptance.

Though written in 1948, it still touches the hearts of many listeners today.

As the soprano voice delves ever deeper into the richness of the music, interviewees tell how the Four Last Songs have brought calm and beauty at key moments in their lives.

Featuring:

Alan Yentob

Michael Kennedy

Gillian Weir

Margaret Nelson

Jamie Nichols

Gabe Meline

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

SAT 00:30 Passports Please (b08nrzpr)

Migration researcher Katy Long tells the extraordinary story of what Bertolt Brecht called 'the most distinguished part of man's anatomy': the passport.

Katy shows how out of step today's modern, biometric, highly securitized and nationalized idea of a passport is with the document's origins, and how it came to be this way.

She reveals a document which was once merely to demonstrate personal identity, how in the 18th century many British citizens travelled on French passports because they were cheaper; while after the French revolution, French citizens were often issued British passports.

Not only were passports personal, and optional, but Katy shows how they were also intended to be temporary, and how Britain was the greatest opponent of the system.

As so often, it was the First World War which changed everything, and Katy travels to Geneva to the archives of the League of Nations which, tasked with abolishing passports, instead laid down the rules for a new international passport system which still largely operates today.

Producer: Giles Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

SAT 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jvbg)

Miss Marple - They Do It With Mirrors

5. Killer

A chance observation by one of the family gives Miss Marple a key to try and finally solve the murder mystery.

June Whitfield stars as the amateur sleuth.

Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunnit.

Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.

Miss Marple June Whitfield

Carrie Louise Ursula Howells

Inspector Curry Keith Barron

Gina Hudd Rebecca Lacey

Mildred Strete Natasha Pyne

Alexis Restarick Nick Waring

Walter Hudd Stephen Lucas

Lewis Serrocold Peter Howell

Ruth Van Rydock Jill Balcon

Stephen Restarick Daniel Philpott

Juliet Bellever Paula Jackson

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

SAT 01:30 Rogue Justice by Geoffrey Household (b00h9t28)

5. Vengeance

Fuelled by unremitting vengeance, the aristocratic English hero's personal war with the Third Reich finally comes to an end.

Concluded by Michael Jayston.

Geoffrey Household's sequel to his acclaimed British thriller Rogue Male was published over 40 years later in 1982.

Abridged by Patricia Hannah.

Producer: David Jackson Young

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in February 2009.

SAT 02:00 No Commitments (b007jv5t)

Series 1

Empty Vessels

Anna agrees to babysit for Charlotte, but an uninterrupted evening was never on the cards.

Simon Brett's sitcom about the lives and squabbles of three very different sisters.

Anna Rosemary Leach

Victoria Nicola Pagett

Charlotte Celia Imrie

Delia Maxine Audley

Patrick Andrew Wincott

Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1992.

SAT 02:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jmlj)

Series 4

The Three Feathers

Harold Steptoe is convinced a commode will make him rich.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold.

Written for BBC TV and adapted for BBC Radio by Ray

Galton and Alan Simpson.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

With:

Douglas Blackwell

Leslie Heritage

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1972.

SAT 03:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001btgs)

Series 12

The Isles of Scilly

Mark Steel continues his award-winning show travelling around the country visiting towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness.

After thoroughly researching each town, he writes and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for a local audience.

Mark arrives on the Isles of Scilly, dipping into local history and tales of shipwrecks.

Written and performed by Mark Steel

Additional material by Pete Sinclair

Producer: Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2022.

SAT 03:30 The Music Room by William Fiennes (b00jtxx5)

5. Leaving

William, is now 17, and preparing to leave home.

Richard enjoys holidays with his parents and his days find a more even keel, but sadness looms.

William Fiennes' memoir of his magical childhood in a moated castle in which he grew up with his severely epileptic older brother, Richard.

Concluded by Dan Stevens.

Abridged by Viv Beeby.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

SAT 03:45 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald (b00tzmqn)

5. Question

The winter of 1913 finds Frank Reid, owner of a printing company, abandoned by his wife.

Frank Reid is not being helped by his accountant, Selwyn.

The English Chaplaincy has a scary resident and now a shop girl has taken on nannying duties.

Frank Reid has something to ask beautiful new nanny Lisa Penelope Fitzgerald's novel of an English family in Moscow. Dramatised by Penny Leicester.

Narrator: Clare Higgins

Frank Richard McCabe

Selwyn David Bamber

Nellie Jennifer Lee

Jellicorse/Dolly Charlotte Ellis

Other parts played by:

Sonia Ritter

Rachel Atkins

Samuel Barnet

Richard Bremmer

David Collins

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

SAT 04:00 The Personality Test (b00mk68l)

Series 2

Rick Wakeman

Progressive rock legend, Rick Wakeman quizzes a panel about all things Wakeman.

With:

Sue Perkins

Will Smith

Robin Ince

Lucy Porter

Series with changing hosts who quiz the panel

Script by Richard Turner and Simon Littlefield.

Devised and produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.

SAT 04:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00jzy3h)

Series 3

Filling In

Supply teachers may come in all shapes and sizes, but, whichever, they're invariably in short supply.

But is King Street lucky to get Mrs Harper..?

School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge.

Mrs Devon Carolyn Pickles

Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway

Mr Maxwell Michael Cochrane

Mr Long Paul Copley

Miss Featherstone Teresa Gallagher

Miss Reid Jacqueline Beatty

Mrs Khan Janice Acquah

Mrs Harper Jillie Meers

Daniel John McCrea

Ten series of this King Street Junior ran between 1985 and 1998.

King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

SAT 05:00 Drama on 4 (m000vpxw)

South on the Great North Road by Michael Chaplin

"Many have gone before us now. Many have tried and failed somehow. Many souls on the Queen's highway. Where many a tail-light glowed. With the promise of a better life. Heading South on the Great North Road, South on the Great North Road."

Michael Chaplin's drama is inspired by the song 'Going South On The Great North Road' from Sting's 2016 album 57th and 9th.

Sting says both the road and the journey to London have resonances for him:

'It's about my journey from Newcastle to make my fortune. In my young life I covered enough road miles to recall that relentless gravitational pull, the promise of a different kind of life down that road'.

Down the centuries, countless young people from the North and other points of the compass have made similar journeys. The central character in this play is one of them, and the drama reveals how that journey threatens to tear Peggy Charlton apart. In her 30s, Peggy (a long-standing name for the Charlton family girls) has the Great North Road in her blood and bones.

Starring Jessica Johnson and Stephen Tompkinson. Sting's haunting song, which he has performed acapella for the production, is the counterpoint to this drama.

Peggy Jessica Johnson

Steve Stephen Tompkinson

Kelly Laura Jane Matthews

Joe Tom Glenister

Jean Judi Earl

The Singer Sting

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

A Big Fish Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2021.

SAT 06:00 The Provok'd Wife by John Vanbrugh (b007g0dq)

John Vanbrugh's Restoration Comedy is a joyous romp through the destruction of a marriage and the promise of true love. Starring Julian Rhind-Tutt as confirmed bachelor Heartfree. 'What cloying meat is love when matrimony's the sauce to it?' A gloriously outspoken 17th-century comedy of sex, marriage, debauchery and revenge. Restoration comedy at its finest.

Written by John Vanbrugh.

Adapted by Jim Poyser.

Heartfree Julian Rhind-Tutt

Constant Tom Mannion

Sir John Brute Dave Hill

Lady Brute Saskia Reeves

Belinda Sarah Smart

Lady Fanciful Josie Lawrence

Claudette Tonia Chauvet

Colonel Bully David Crellin

Lord Rake/Justice Alexander Delamere

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in December 2004.

SAT 07:40 In Alistair Cooke's Footsteps (Omnibus) (m002tcr9)

Alvin Hall sets off on a road trip through the USA revisiting Alistair Cooke's Letter from America.

This was broadcast weekly and ran continuously for 58 years on BBC radio from 1946 to 2004.

Cooke had set himself a challenge that seemed deceptively simple: to explain the United States to Britain and the world. His Letters achieved that and more. He was an acute observer, a marvellous storyteller, a man who loved America but saw it in intensely clear terms - a country that was both great and sometimes terribly flawed in its greatness.

All the major issues, all the significant stories were grist for his writer's mill.

The Korean War and the Cold War, desegregation, the assassinations of the Kennedys and Martin Luther King, the fall of Nixon, the rise of Reaganomics, immigration, September 11 and the George W Bush presidency.

But after Alistair Cooke's death in 2004, are the Letters still relevant?

For Alvin Hall, the answer is emphatically yes.

Crisscrossing America he tests the insights and observations of Cooke on subjects as diverse as desegregation and jazz, the American Dream and immigration.

Hall also discovers that Alistair Cooke remains as fresh and insightful as he ever was when he wrote and spoke over all those years about an America he loved and understood so well. Omnibus of five parts.

Over 900 episodes of Alistair Cooke's Letter from America are available to hear through the BBC Radio 4 website and BBC Sounds.

Alvin Hall is an internationally renowned financial educator, TV and radio broadcaster, bestselling author, and regular contributor to magazines, newspapers, and websites. He is an unabashed admirer of Alistair Cooke and Letter from America. Producer: Bill Law

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.

SAT 08:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrmx)

3. Wealth and Debts

"I am no longer a mere working man. I am a dedicated tripe visionary." Josiah Fosdyke's lofty ambitions are soon thwarted. Lancashire, 1902: Will the luck of the Fosdyke family ever take a turn for the better?

A classic tale of struggle, power, personalities and tripe.

Bill Tidy and John Junkin's family saga - based on Tidy's Daily Mirror cartoon strip (1971-1985) parodying John Galsworthy's 'The Forsyte Saga' novels.

Josiah Fosdyke Philip Lowrie
Victoria Fosdyke Miriam Margolyes
Ben Ditchley Colin Douglas
Rebecca Fosdyke Stephanie Turner

Other parts played by:

Christopher Barr

Sally Grace

John Junkin

Producer: Alan Nixon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1983.

SAT 09:00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008wd18)

6. Benjamin Luxon

Dame Hilda Bracket and her lifelong companion, Dr Evadne Hinge, invite you to eavesdrop on some informal music and conversation.

Joining them in the music room is acclaimed baritone star, Benjamin Luxon.

Dame Hilda Bracket Patrick Fyffe

Dr Evadne Hinge George Logan

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1990.

SAT 09:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000mzy3)

Series 4

Episode 5

Kenneth Horne stars in a musical - 'Kitty from Kensington' - and Hornerama looks at Sport.

A madcap mix of sketches and songs written by Eric Merriman.

Starring:

Kenneth Horne

Kenneth Williams

Hugh Paddick

Betty Marsden

Bill Pertwee

Music from Janet Waters, The Hornets and the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.

Incidental music by Edwin Braden.

Announcer: Douglas Smith

Beyond Our Ken hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 – featuring regulars like Arthur Fallowfield, Cecil Snaith and Rodney and Charles.

The precursor to 'Round The Horne' – sadly only 15 shows survive from the original run of 21 episodes in Series 2. Audio restored using both home and overseas (BBC Transcription Service) recordings.

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1960.

SAT 10:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m000zww)

2. Birth

Jessica Fostekew charts the horrors and the highs of the nine months of life with a bump, the moment of reckoning with birth, and the chaos, or not, that lies ahead.

Now it's delivery time...

In the second of three programmes, Jessica dips into the BBC archive.

And she chats to lots of special guests including:

Jenny Eclair

Cariad Lloyd

Sara Barron

Richard and Catie Herring

Caroline Mabe

Jen Brister

Hatty Ashdown

Kirsty Newton

Katie Mulgrew

Taylor Glenn

Robin Ince

Laura Lexx

Sindhu Vee

Diane Morgan

Holly Walsh

Producer: Laura Grimshaw

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2018.

SAT 11:00 The Provok'd Wife by John Vanbrugh (b007g0dq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:40 In Alistair Cooke's Footsteps (Omnibus) (m002tcz9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 today]

SAT 13:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrmx)

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SAT 14:00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008wd18)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000mzy3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m000zww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 On the Beach by Nevil Shute (b0124y0r)

2. Mission

**** This programme was suggested by Marilyn Grant and Margaret Hopkins as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****

As the deadly radioactive cloud approaches Australia, a desperate submarine mission is launched.

Starring Claudia Harrison and Richard Dillane.

Conclusion of Nevil Shute 's compelling account of the aftermath of a nuclear world war.

Dramatised by Mike Walker.

Moira Indira Varma

Mary Claudia Harrison

Peter Holmes Richard Dillane

Dwight Towers William Hope

Tim Osborne.... James Gordon-Mitchell

The Admiral Jonathan Tafler

Ryan Inam Mirza

Swain Stephen Critchlow

Other parts are played by:

Chris Pavlo

Dan Starkey

Gunnar Cauthery

Robert Lonsdale

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.

**** To nominate a programme from the archives that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk ****

SAT 17:00 The Provok'd Wife by John Vanbrugh (b007g0dq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:40 In Alistair Cooke's Footsteps (Omnibus) (m002tcz9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:40 today]

SAT 19:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrmx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket (b008wd18)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000mzy3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m000zww)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b00vkw57)

September and October

Autumn brings gloom for Sylvia Plath, Thomas Hardy and Max Clifford.

Satirist Craig Brown dips into the private lives of public figures from the 1960's to the present day.

Written by Craig Brown.

Voiced by:

Jan Ravens

Alistair McGowan

Lewis McLeod

Ewan Bailey

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Dolly Wells

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.

SAT 22:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b010y7bp)

Series 2

2. 'I think I'm addicted to plastic surgery'

"I think I'm addicted to plastic surgery"

"My retired Dad has more of a social life than me - how can I get him to swap stripping for slippers?"

Sarah Millican is a life counsellor and modern-day agony aunt tackling the nation's problems head on, dishing out real advice for real people.

Assisted by her very own team of experts of the heart - man of the people local cabbie Terry, and self qualified counsellor Marion, Sarah tackles the nation's problems head on and has a solution for everything.

Sarah Sarah Millican

Marion Ruth Bratt

Terry Simon Daye

Rachel Ily Suttie

Ian William Andrews

Jeff Kevin Eldon

Clive Malcolm Tierney

Written by Sarah Millican

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in May 2011.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002tr7m)

Olaf Falafel 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Iain Lee speaks to comedian, writer and illustrator Olaf Falafel about creating comedy for kids, where to get ideas from, and shares the one joke that he guarantees gets the kids laughing, every time.

SAT 23:00 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b043xd0f)

Series 3

Breaking Up

Stephen K Amos sets out to compile an idiot's guide to breaking up.

With assistance from some of the comedy circuit's best stand-ups:

Susan Murray

Tom Craine

Josie Long

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in May 2014.

SAT 23:30 The Harpoon (b00cq60w)

Series 3

Episode 4

Howdee y'all! Let's go all American.

A special star-spangled issue of the nostalgic spoof of boys' adventure story papers.

Written by Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham.

Performed by:

Alistair McGowan

Peter Baynham

Susie Bramm

Mary Elliot-Nelson

Julian Dutton

Producer: Sarah Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

SUN 05:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000mzy3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002td5y)

Oscar Winners 3

Kate Winslet

Actor Kate Winslet is castaway by Lauren Laverne.

Kate has achieved global fame playing Rose DeWitt Bukater, opposite Leonard DiCaprio as Jack Dawson, in the 1997 James Cameron epic Titanic.

During her career she has won five BAFTAs, two Emmys, five Golden Globes and an Academy Award for her role in the Reader.

Kate was born in Reading in 1975 and attended Redroofs School for the Performing Arts in Maidenhead, Berkshire. Her film debut came in 1994 when she played a teenage killer in Peter Jackson's film Heavenly Creatures.

The following year she played Marianne Dashwood opposite Emma Thompson's Elinor in Sense and Sensibility, directed by Ang Lee. Kate's performance earned her a BAFTA for Best Actress in a Supporting Role.

She went on to consolidate her reputation as one of the most versatile actors of her generation by starring in a list of popular and critically acclaimed films including Hideoous Kinky, Iris, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind and The Holiday.

Last year Kate directed her first film, Goodbye June, starring Helen Mirren, Timothy Spall and Andrea Riseborough.

Kate has three children and lives in West Sussex with her husband Ned and her family.

DISC ONE: Georgia on my Mind - Roger Winslet and Sophie Breakenridge

DISC TWO: Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs - Brian and Michael

DISC THREE: Kiss from a Rose - Seal

DISC FOUR: Summertime - Ella Fitzgerald

DISC FIVE: Nuvole Bianche - Ludovico Einaudi

DISC SIX: Weird Fishes/ Arpeggi - Radiohead

DISC SEVEN: Blue Ridge Mountains - Fleet Foxes

DISC EIGHT: Pump up the Jam - Technotronic

BOOK CHOICE: Outside: Recipes for a Wilder Way of Eating by Gill Meller

LUXURY ITEM: Freshly ground coffee

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Georgia on my Mind – Roger Winslet and Sophie Breakenridge

Presenter: Lauren Laverne

Producer: Paula McGinley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2025.

SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002td62)

Things Fall Apart

Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Things Fall Apart featuring WB Yeats' The Second Coming.

Yeats' biographer, Roy Foster, explores why The Second Coming, one of his celebrated poems, written in 1919, has continued to capture the zeitgeist.

Once more, as so many times before, a beast seems to be slouching towards Bethlehem. Foster explores why his poems still tell truths.

Originally broadcast to mark 150 years since the birth of WB Yeats.

With readings by Sinead Cusack and Stephen Rea.

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

SUN 07:30 The Music Room by William Fiennes (Omnibus) (m002td66)

William Fiennes' memoir of his magical childhood in a moated castle in which he grew up with his severely epileptic older brother, Richard.

The five-year-old William is preoccupied with fishing for pike in the castle's moat. Richard's seizures become increasingly worse, and a severe form of epilepsy is diagnosed.

Omnibus of five episodes abridged by Viv Beeby.

Read by Dan Stevens.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.
SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002td6b)
 Justin Hawkins
 Musician Justin Hawkins chooses There Are More Questions Than Answers by Johnny Nash and Pancho and Lefty by Townes Van Zandt.
SUN 08:50 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald (Omnibus) (b05tqrfl)
 Penelope Fitzgerald's novel of an English family in Moscow, first published in 1988.
 The winter of 1913 finds Frank Reid, owner of a printing company, abandoned by his wife.
 First Nellie takes their three children with her, then she sends them back to Frank.
 Frank Reid is not being helped by his accountant, Selwyn.
 The English Chaplaincy has a scary resident and now a shop girl has taken on nannying duties.
 Eventually, Frank Reid has something to ask beautiful new nanny Lisa.
 Omnibus of five parts dramatised by Penny Leicester.
 Narrator: Clare Higgins.
 Frank Richard McCabe
 Selwyn David Bamber
 Nellie Jennifer Lee
 Jellicorse/ Dolly Charlotte Ellis.
 Other parts played by:
 Sonia Ritter
 Rachel Atkins
 Samuel Barnett
 Richard Bremner
 David Collins
 Producer: Tim Dee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.
SUN 10:00 AI Read Classics (m002td6g)
 The funny man from Salford entertains with jokes and sketches about everyday British life.
 From booking summer holidays, to ways of talking to the cheerfulness of bus conductors.
 AI Read does all the voices
 AI first came to fame on BBC Radio in the 1950s thanks to his northern comic monologues.
 Written by Ronnie Taylor.
 Music from The Settlers.
 Producer: John Browell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1976.
SUN 10:30 Take It From Here (b017pqr4)
 From 02/06/1955
 Ron Glum marries Eth at last! - at least in prehistoric times. 1955 is another matter.
 Starring:
 Professor Jimmy Edwards
 Dick Bentley
 June Whitfield
 Wallas Eaton
 Music from Alma Cogan, The Keynotes and the Augmented BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.
 Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.
 Producer: Charles Maxwell
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1955.
SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002td5y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m002td62)
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SUN 16:00 The Coma by Alex Garland (b007jtw7)
 4. Darkness
 Panic kicks in as Carl's dream-world dissolves into a void. Will he ever wake up?
 Alex Garland's surreal fantasy explores the lucid, but powerless workings of the mind of Carl, who is in a coma following a violent assault.
 It plays tricks on both the story's protagonist and the listener.
 Read by Tom Goodman-Hill.
 Producer: Gemma Jenkins
 Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2004.
SUN 16:30 The Slide (m000lp4l)
 5. Danger Point
 The oozing mud begins to surround the new town of Redlow in an apparently organised manner.
 The local residents of Kent are increasingly in danger...
 Starring Roger Delgado and Maurice Denham.
 Victor Pemberton's sci-fi mystery serial.
 Hugh Deverill, MP Maurice Denham
 Josef Gomez Roger Delgado
 Dr Ken Richards David Spenser
 Mrs Luke Noel Hood
 Janet Marshal Elizabeth Proud

Inspector Baxter Geoffrey Matthews
 Sergeant Johnson Wilfred Babbage
 Professor Lippert Allan McClelland
 Nursing Sister Eva Haddon
 Dr Robeson Michael Kilgariff
 Professor Landers Rolf Lefebvre
 Anna Deverill Marion Mathie
 First Journalist Anthony Jackson
 Second Journalist Hector Ross
 Third Journalist/ Policeman Brian Hewlett
 RAF Corporal Anthony Hall
 American Journalist Peter Marinker
 Vicar Noel Howlett
 'Tug' Wilson Stephen Jack
 Mrs Wilson Miriam Margolyes
 Special Effects: The BBC Radiophonic Workshop
 Producer: John Tydemann
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1966.
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
SUN 22:00 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b03b0y2z)
 Series 2
 Fugitive
 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed is on the trail of a dangerous fugitive.
 Sitcom written and performed by Nick Mohammed.
 Longsuffering constables Colin and Anna aid and abet him in everything he does.
 With:
 Anna Crilly
 Colin Houlton
 Margaret Cabourn-Smith
 Will Andrews
 Script Editor: Johnny Sweet
 Producers: Tilusha Ghelani and Victoria Lloyd.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2013.
SUN 22:30 Weak at the Top (b00tgch7)
 Series 2
 Booty
 John Weak reveals the feminist metatext of an advertisement for a bar of chocolate.
 It features a bikini-clad model with lips that could suck the hair shirt off a Benedictine monk at 50 yards...
 Randy, devious, sexist and workshy, John Weak puts the man into management – in Guy Browning's sitcom.
 Starring Alexander Armstrong as the marketing maestro and "totty" magnet.
 John Weak Alexander Armstrong
 Hayley Clare Perkins
 Sir Marcus Geoffrey Whitehead
 Bill Peters Ron Cook
 Sasha Tracy Wiles
 Tibet Adjoa Andoh
 Ski Guy Kim Wall
 Producer: Jonquil Panting
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002tr7s)
 Olaf Falafel 2/3
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Iain Lee chats again to comedian, writer and illustrator Olaf Falafel
SUN 23:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b09cz3mk)
 Series 12
 The Legacy
 It came as no great surprise to Ed that when his father, Sidney, died he made sure that no one got a mention in his will by not leaving one.
 Ed's son Jake is never one to miss an opportunity to make some money.
 So he introduces Ed to his old school friend Dozzer who's a qualified heir hunter. He's discovered that the late Sidney Reardon had a property which Ed could inherit.
 All Ed needs to do is prove his identity and keep his children away from it.
 Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas
 Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas
 Eli Lisa Coleman
 Jake Sam Pamphillan
 Dozzer Don Gilet
 Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy
 Jaz Milvain Philip Jackson
 Stan Geoffrey Whitehead
 Pearl Brigit Forsyth
 Olive Stephanie Cole
 Producer: Dawn Ellis

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2017.
SUN 23:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00htwhd)
 Series 2
 Suggs
 Madness frontman Suggs reads A Brief History of Time, listens to Vivaldi and changes the oil in a car.
 But what about his first tap-dancing lesson?
 Series in which Marcus Brigstocke invites celebrities to try new experiences.
 Producer: Bill Dare
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026

MON 00:00 The Coma by Alex Garland (b007jtw7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:30 The Slide (m000lp4l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002td5y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002td62)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 The Music Room by William Fiennes (Omnibus) (m002td66)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002td6b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]
MON 03:50 The Beginning of Spring by Penelope Fitzgerald (Omnibus) (b05tqrfl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 AI Read Classics (m002td6g)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
MON 05:30 Take It From Here (b017pqr4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b00943r6)
 Mrs Bradley - The Mystery of a Butcher's Shop
 1. An Offal Discovery
 When Rupert Settleigh disappears, there's also a set of disturbing events in the village of Wandless Parva. Amateur sleuth Mrs Lestrangle Bradley investigates...
 Gladys Mitchell's mystery detective novel, first published in 1929.
 Starring Mary Wimbush.
 Dramatised in two parts by Elizabeth Proud.
 Mrs Lestrangle Bradley Mary Wimbush
 Aubrey Harringay Richard Pearce
 Vicar of Wandless David King
 James Redsey Christopher Scoular
 Felicity Broome Teresa Gallagher
 Mrs Bryce Harringay/Mrs Noon Ann Windsor
 Cleaver Wright Christopher Scott
 Theodore Grayling David Monico
 George William Savile Terence Edmond
 Mrs Willows/Mary Kate Maloney Sunny Ormonde
 Dr Barnes Peter Penry-Jones
 Superintendent Bidwell Norman Bird
 Inspector Grindy Charles Millham
 Bishop of Culminster Eric Allan
 Eulalie Blenkins Elizabeth Proud
 Sergeant Walls Ronald Herdman
 Director: Sue Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.
MON 06:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7ddjv)
 Dead Weight
 1. Murder at the Slimming Club
 Detective Chief Inspector Alma Blair returns to Cranby, where she's found lurking behind the weighing scales at 'Fat Busters'. Determined to be anonymous, she's masquerading as a florist, until someone with murder in mind forces Alma into action.
 DS Jason Trotter is called to the scene, and it seems there is another member of the team about to make a surprise appearance.
 It all seems to prove losing weight really can be murder!
 Starring Julie Hesmondhalgh.
 Created by Val McDermid.
 Written in five parts by Shelley Silas.
 DCI Alma Blair Julie Hesmondhalgh
 CSM Jo Black Jane Hazlegrove
 DS Jason Trotter John Hollingworth
 Narrator / JP Jonathan Keeble
 Assistant CSM Mo Nitin Kundra
 Sue Fulwood / Jean Cranberry / Blanche Rogers Helen Kay
 Other parts played by members of the cast.
 Director: Justine Potter
 A Savvy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.
MON 07:00 Control Group Six (b007529q)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 Control Group Six is an experimental company town, like any other with a high murder-rate.
 President Frank is missing and presumed dead, leaving it without a leader.
 But only one man possesses the experience, the post-Jungian insight and the gullibility to enter such a dangerous environment - Dr Heaven, company psychologist.
 Can the Director of the Company help?

Bizarre four-part comedy - half sketch show and half psychological thriller.

Written and performed by Richard Bean, Andrew Clifford and Clive Coleman.

With Geraldine Fitzgerald and Mandy Knight.

Producer: Colin Swash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.

MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jnxm)

Series 2

Don't Fence Me In

Captain Mainwaring is horrified when some prisoners of war escape from a camp.

The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's BBC TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Walker Larry Martyn

General Monteferdi Cyril Shaps

Captain Turner John Ringham

Prisoner of War Sion Probert

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.

MON 08:00 Boswell's Lives (b05415pv)

Series 1

Boswell's Life of Callas

When Boswell meets Maria Callas and her poodle, he finds himself in an opera of his own making.

Jon Canter's sitcom sees Dr Johnson's celebrated biographer, James Boswell pursue other legends to immortality.

James Boswell Miles Jupp

Maria Callas Arabella Weir

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.

MON 08:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095qv24)

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4

1. Meet Adrian

Sue Townsend's hilarious and heart-breaking chronicle of a teenager growing up in the Midlands in the 1980s.

It's 1981 and Margaret Thatcher is in power; Britain is at war in the Falklands and teenagers are growing up in a world without mobile phones or computer games.

While his parents are downstairs, drinking, smoking and arguing about their failing marriage, Adrian is upstairs in his bedroom listening to ABBA, reading great works of literature, writing poems, and penning letters to the BBC.

Many challenges life throws at him - including regular beatings from the school bully, unrequited love, raging hormones, a severe case of acne and numerous rejection letters.

Yet Adrian soldiers on bravely and wins a place in our hearts with his charming naïveté.

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13¾ is the first book in the Adrian Mole series of comedic-fiction.

Abridged in ten parts by Sara Davies.

Read by Harry McEntire.

Producer: Alexa Moore

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2017.

MON 08:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y5x)

1. Early Years

**** 4 Extra remembers Ronnie Corbett on the 10th anniversary of his death on 31st March 2016 aged 85.

And in a packed programme, a future comedy star is born opposite a fire station.

One of Britain's best loved comedy stars relates his life and times.

Written and read by Ronnie Corbett.

Ronnie recalls his early life with his poetry loving mother and his energetic baker father devoting his time to self-improvement.

When he finishes school, Ronnie is keen to be an actor.

National Service leads him to meet friends with similar aspirations.

Producer: Steve Doherty.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.

MON 09:00 Unspeakable (m0021f3)

Series 3

2. Bursting with Lethargy

This episode we hear Alison Spittle's word for dodgy mediums, Sam Nicoresti's hatred for unpopular winners, and Mark Watson's word for when you've gotta go but you're too lazy to be bothered.

Ever struggled to find the right word for a feeling or sensation? Unspeakable sees comedian Phil Wang and lexicographer Susie Dent invite celebrity guests to invent new linguistic creations, to solve those all too relatable moments when we're lost for words.

Hosts: Phil Wang and Susie Dent

Guests: Sam Nicoresti, Alison Spittle and Mark Watson

Writers: Matt Crosby and Katie Storey

Recorded by Jerry Peal

Producer: Jon Harvey

Executive Producers: Joe Varley and Akash Lockman

A Brown Bred production for BBC Radio 4

MON 09:30 Hybrid (m000y1xt)

1. The Skin We're In

Simon Watt is on a quest to improve the human body, with a little help from our animal cousins.

In each episode, the evolutionary biologist, comedian, and aspiring Dr Frankenstein turns his imaginary scalpel on a different human organ.

He wonders if we wouldn't be better off with something slightly different – the eyes of a chameleon for example, or the guts of a vulture?

Our skin is the largest organ in our body, a soft, squashy bed-sheet sprinkled with hair follicles, sweat-glands and freckles.

Not to mention all the cool scars. It's sensitive, flexible and waterproof - not bad. But it's also pretty fragile.

Ashley Seifert from the University of Kentucky wonders if we might be better with the skin of the African Spiny Mouse.

These incredible critters can lose huge patches of their skin, but then miraculously regenerate it all. Grow it back from scratch, like Wolverine, without a scar in sight. Handy!

But perhaps our skin could be helping us be more sneaky instead?

Roger Hanlon, Marine Biologist from the Woods Hole Lab in Massachusetts has a suggestion: the light-show skin of the Common European Cuttlefish. This crafty cephalopod can transform in the blink of an eye to match pretty much any background you can think of; surely the most impressive feat of camouflage in the animal kingdom.

Meanwhile radio-pharmacist Ekaterina Dadachova in Saskatchewan introduces Simon to a truly extraordinary fungus.

It might not be much to look at, but this microscopic black mould uses the melanin in its skin to derive energy from deadly radiation - you'll find it growing in the destroyed reactors at Chernobyl where it consumes radiation at levels that would kill anything else.

Would we take the trade?

Producer: Emily Knight

A BBC Audio Bristol production for Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2021.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002td5j)

Holy Week - Jesus Comes To Jerusalem as King

A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.

Theme: Holy Week - Jesus Comes To Jerusalem as King

Presenter: Steve Williams

Reading: John 12 12-16

Music:

Ride on, ride on in majesty (Winchester New)- Daily Service Singers

There is a green hill (Chilcott)- Daily Service Singers

My song is love unknown (Love unknown)- Daily Service Singers

MON 10:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b071h07x)

Series 6

Slumdog Millionaire

Somewhere between Bollywood and Hollywood, 'Slumdog Millionaire' captured the heart of the world, and 8 Oscars in 2009.

Paul Gambaccini tells the gripping story of the low budget independent production that got lucky.

He talks to some of those central to its creation, from Vikas Swarup, the Indian Diplomat who wrote the original novel, co-director Loveleen Tandel, who helped persuade the studios to let the child actors speak Hindi, and Resul Pookerty, whose magical soundscape of India won him an Oscar and changed his life for ever.

It's a film which took a city, a child of the slums, and a game show – and turned it into a star-crossed romance; a film which snuck past the infamous Foreign Language category and into the mainstream Best Picture category at the 81st Academy Awards - despite being at least 20% Hindi.

Winning 8 Oscars, the film had no star actors, but a cast of millions - the city of Mumbai. The real star name was Danny Boyle, a director who, according to screen writer Simon Beaufoy, discovered in Mumbai a city 'like the inside of his head' - vibrant, frenetic, dazzling, and full of extremes.

It nearly went straight to DVD, but rose again to take Oscar after Oscar, from under the noses of studio films.

Paul Smith of Celador Productions, describes how his company, who invented the game show, "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire", got lucky a second time - winning a Best Picture Oscar.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.

MON 10:30 The Life Sub-Aquatic (b04fzc7m)

Marine biologist and avid scuba diver, Helen Scales, explores the human obsession with inhabiting the depths and meets aquanauts who want to go down and stay down.

From Jules Verne to Jacques Cousteau, the dream of a life sub-aquatic has endured. But could it ever become a reality?

At the moment, there is one place on Earth where you can live deep underwater for weeks at a time: The Aquarius Reef Base, a research station run by Florida International University which sits on the seabed some 20 metres down.

As Helen discovers herself on a short visit to Aquarius, this is paradise for marine scientists who can wave goodbye to the surface and conduct experiments in situ, 24/7.

It also hosts astronauts who use the unique conditions to train for life on the International Space Station as well as voyages deeper into space.

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Helen talks to Commander Chris Hadfield (recently made famous through his rendition of Space Oddity) about his time testing space suits for NASA and meeting sharks face to face on night time sorties.

Aquarius stands alone today but the dream of working – and living – under the sea has a rich history that began years before we ever stepped foot on the surface of the moon.

It was undersea pioneer Jacques Cousteau, co-inventor of the Aqua-Lung, who captured the world's imagination when he created the Conshelf underwater village in the Red Sea.

This was followed by the US Navy's Sea Lab and NASA's own 'Tekite' house (built in 1969 by General Electric and described by inhabitant Sylvia Earle as looking like a giant kitchen appliance).

Interest from philanthropists, corporations and even individuals is keeping alive the dream of life as an aquanaut.

Helen meets Lloyd Godson, a young Australian adventurer who is working on his third project - BioSub 3 - a submerged habitat powered by sustainable energy.

As Helen discovers, there's a long way to go to meet the many challenges this hostile environment throws up - not least how our bodies and our brains cope with the pressure and confined conditions that come with living underwater.

Producer: Helen Scales

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.

MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b00943r6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7ddjv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

MON 12:00 Control Group Six (b007529q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jnxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Boswell's Lives (b05415pv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095qv24)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y5x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b011tzt5)

Series 60

Episode 5

Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition.

With:

Paul Merton

Graham Norton

Josie Lawrence

Jenny Éclair

Subjects include: How To Make Small Talk At Parties, Smoothies, Internet Dating, Plankton, Creepy Houses, Leaving on a High, My Favourite Shoes, Dog Lovers, The Pharaohs, Crackers and A Back Rub

Created by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

MON 14:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076j10)

Episode 3

With Henry suffering from a surfeit of mothers-in-law, perhaps his luck will change with Jane Seymour?

Jonathan Coy stars as Henry VIII

An unreliable history, created and written in six parts by Barry Grossman.

Henry VIII Jonathan Coy

Thomas Cromwell Milton Johns

The Chronicler Alfred Burke

Jane Seymour Jasmin Hyde

Lady Margaret Eve Matheson

Sir John John Webb

Antonio Jonathan Kydd

Music by Jim Parker.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.

MON 15:00 Mrs Mabb by Susanna Clarke (b009fwpk)

The audacious Venetia must win back the charismatic Captain Fox from the amazing Mrs Mabb.

She needs her wits about her when she takes on her love rival, for Mrs Mabb inhabits a surreal world of malign magic.

Susanna Clarke's magical short story, first published in 1998. Starring Emma Fielding, Jasmine Hyde and Bertie Carvel.

Beguiling dramatisation by Judith Adams.

Narrator/Mrs Mabb/Mrs Purvis Emma Fielding

Venetia Jasmine Hyde

Fanny Lucy Akhurst

Captain Fox Bertie Carvel

Mr Hawkins/Mr Grout Philip Fox

Lucas/John Purvis Sam Pamphilon

Marje Poppy Friar

Nan Millie Binks

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

MON 15:45 Short Works (m001q11y)

Joan Loves Ice Cream by Tara West

On the day of her wedding, Joan's adult children struggle to accept her decision to remarry.

Read by Julia Dearden.

An original short story commissioned by BBC Radio 4 from

Northern Irish writer Tara West.

Tara West is a novelist and Creative Writing Lecturer at Queen's University Belfast.

She is the author of novels *Fodder* and *Poets Are Eaten as a Delicacy* in Japan as well as the memoir *The Upside of Down*. She has short stories published in *The Glass Shore* and *Female Lines*. She was part of BBC Writersroom Belfast Voices 2020/21. She won an RTÉ Storyland commission for her first drama 'The Good Christian Women's Writing Group' for which she was nominated for the Royal Television Society's Debut Writer Award.

Producer: Michael Shannon

A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2023.

MON 16:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b071h07x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:30 The Life Sub-Aquatic (b04fzc7m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

MON 17:00 Whodunnits (b00943r6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 17:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7ddjv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

MON 18:00 Control Group Six (b007529q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jnxm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 19:00 Boswell's Lives (b05415pv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095qv24)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y5x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b011tzl5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

MON 20:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076j10)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

MON 21:00 Mrs Mabb by Susanna Clarke (b009fwpk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

MON 21:45 Short Works (m001q11y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

MON 22:00 Unspeakeable (m0021f3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 22:30 Listen Against (b00txhld)

Series 3

Episode 4

A disaster on the island from *Desert Island Discs*, and BBC presenters go commercial.

Another week's worth of radio and TV that never happened.

Presenters:

Alice Arnold

Jon Holmes

Featuring:

James Bachman

Stephen Critchlow

Sarah Hadland

David Mara.

Written by Jon Holmes, Sam Bryant, Gareth Gwynn, Carl Carter, James Kettle, Jason Hazeley, Joel Morris, Matt Berry, Jonathan Harvey, Jon Luke Roberts, Jon Hunter and Matt Charlton.

Producers: Sam Bryant & Jon Holmes

Made by the BBC on behalf of the BBC for the BBC and first broadcast by BBC Radio 4 on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

MON 23:00 The Naked Week (m002t2lb)

Series 4

Who ya gonna call...? (Clue: It's Donald Trump)

The team tackle Trump's tirades, and very much give the BBC's incoming Director General a problematic in-tray.

From *The Skewer's* Jon Holmes and host Andrew Hunter Murray comes *The Naked Week*, a fresh way of dressing the week's news in the altogether and parading it around for everyone to laugh at.

With award-winning writers and a crack team of contemporary satirists - and recorded in front of a live audience - *The Naked Week* delivers a topical news-nude straight to your ears.

Written by:

Jon Holmes

Katie Sayer

Gareth Ceredig

James Kettle

Jason Hazeley

Additional Material:

Karl Minns

Sophie Dickson

Darren Phillips

Joe Topping

Kevin Smith

Investigation team:

Cat Neilan

Becky Pinnington

Emily Channon

Guests: Cariad Lloyd, Simon Munday.

Production Team: Tony Churnside, Jerry Peal, David Riffkin.

Production Coordinator: Molly Punshon

Assistant Producer: Katie Sayer

Executive Producer: Philip Abrams

Produced and Directed by Jon Holmes

An unusual production for BBC Radio 4

MON 23:30 Rob Newman (b08n2wcs)

Rob Newman's *Neuropolis*

When You're Snarling

One of Britain's finest comedians, Rob Newman, is our guide on a unique audio odyssey of the brain, taking in everything from love and guilt to robot co-workers and the unlikely importance of prehistoric trousers.

It's a witty, fact-packed series mixing stand-up and sketches, challenging notions of neuroscience with a new theory that's equal parts enlightening and hilarious.

Rob offers an alternative to some of the more bizarre claims in modern popular science, as well as rejigging theories of our brains in light of what we know about nature, artificial intelligence and Belinda Carlisle.

Created by the award-winning team behind Robert Newman's *Entirely Accurate Encyclopaedia of Evolution*.

Written by and starring Rob Newman.

Co-starring:

Claire Price

Richard McCabe

Producer: Jon Harvey

Executive Producer: Richard Wilson

A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.

TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2026

TUE 00:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b071h07x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 The Life Sub-Aquatic (b04fzc7m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (b00943r6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7ddjv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Control Group Six (b007529q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jnxm)

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TUE 03:00 Boswell's Lives (b05415pv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095qv24)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y5x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b011tzl5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076j10)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Mrs Mabb by Susanna Clarke (b009fwpk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:45 Short Works (m001q11y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b00947vh)

Mrs Bradley - The Mystery of a Butcher's Shop

2. The Bones of the Matter

Rupert Settleigh is missing and a headless corpse has been found jointed in the butcher's shop.

Rupert's cousin 'Jimsey' is under suspicion, but Mrs Lestrangle Bradley has other ideas...

Conclusion of Gladys Mitchell's story of mayhem and murder.

Starring Mary Wimbush.

Dramatised by Elizabeth Proud.

Mrs Lestrangle Bradley Mary Wimbush

Aubrey Harringay Richard Pearce

James Redsey Christopher Scoular

Vicar of Wandles David King

Felicity Broome Teresa Gallagher

George William Savile Terence Edmond

Cleaver Wright Christopher Scott

Dr Barnes Peter Penry-Jones

Margery Barnes Jane Whittenshaw

Inspector Grindy Charles Millham

Superintendent Bidwell Norman Bird

Mary Kate Maloney Sunny Ormonde

Lulu Hirst Petra Markham

Director: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.

TUE 06:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7f4m3)

Dead Weight

2. Doughnuts

Who would want to kill Jean Cranberry and why?

Detective Chief Inspector Alma Blair and Crime Scene

Manager Jo Black set out to discover what coated the doughnuts

that appear to have asphyxiated the victim.

Could Jean's diabetes have played a part in her death?

Trying to lose weight really can be murder!

Starring Julie Hesmondhalgh.

Created by Val McDermid.

Written by Shelley Silas.

DCI Alma Blair Julie Hesmondhalgh

CSM Jo Black Jane Hazlegrove

DS Jason Trotter John Hollingworth

Narrator / JP Jonathan Keeble

Assistant CSM Mo Nitin Kundra

Sue Fulwood / Jean Cranberry / Blanche Rogers Helen Kay

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Director: Justine Potter

A Savvy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.

TUE 07:00 Flying the Flag (b00b5r1h)

Series 2

Political Flu

The political climate in the People's Republic is milder than it used to be.

But political sickness can still strike unexpectedly, and earthworm tables are not always the answer...

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Eastern Bloc embassy sitcom written by Alex Shearer.

HM Ambassador Mackenzie Dinsdale Landen

William Frost Peter Acree

Helen Waterson Moir Leslie

Colonel Surikov Christopher Benjamin

Nesterov Peter Craze

Brodsky Paul Gregory

US Ambassador Stephen Greif

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1988.

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (m002td7g)

Series 10

The Chinese Legs

When Neddie Seagoon of Wales finds out that his birthplace was further afield - World War III breaks out.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

First billed as *Crazy People*, ten series of *The Goon Show* were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

This episode is via the BBC Radio Collection - commercially released.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Produced by John Brownell

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1960.

TUE 08:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b083r1jj)

An Engagement with Mr Hogarth

A young painter named William Hogarth has been employed to paint Edinburgh Society beauty Ishbel.

Science whizz Alison is making potions for her brother Robert. Hogarth finds inspiration, but Alison faces ruin unless Marjory and Kennedy can save the day.

Public and private morality come under the spotlight in Lucy Porter's 18th Century sitcom.

William Hogarth Gus Brown

Ishbel Caroline Deyga

Alison Jessica Hardwick

Robert Simon Donaldson

Marjory Samara MacLaren

Kennedy Gordon Kennedy

Music by Aly Macrae

Director: Marilyn Imrie

Producer: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2016.

TUE 08:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095rs07)

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4

2. The Postal Delivery

Adrian receives one Valentine's card in the post, and a letter from the BBC.

His parents announce that they are splitting up.

Sue Townsend's hilarious and heart-breaking chronicle of a teenager growing up in the Midlands in the 1980s.

It's 1981 and Margaret Thatcher is in power; Britain is at war in the Falklands and teenagers are growing up in a world without mobile phones or computer games.

While his parents are downstairs, drinking, smoking and arguing about their failing marriage, Adrian is upstairs in his bedroom listening to ABBA, reading great works of literature, writing poems, and penning letters to the BBC.

Abridged by Sara Davies.

Read by Harry McEntire.

Producer: Alexa Moore

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2017.

TUE 08:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y6j)

2. London

Ronnie's first tentative steps into the world of show business fail to set the world alight...

He courts his wife Anne and they marry - and many parts follow on his climb up the ladder to success.

One of Britain's best loved comedy stars relates his life and times.

Written and read by Ronnie Corbett.

Producer: Steve Doherty.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.

TUE 09:00 Wing It (m002119s)

Series 2

4. Under A Cover

Cariad Lloyd, Thomas Mayo, Emma Sidi, and Alexander

Jeremy join host Alasdair Beckett-King for more improv comedy chaos. Featuring love at the turkey farm, a harrowing

snowfall fight, and a screaming toilet.

"No Script. No Prep. No Clue."

Presented by Alasdair Beckett-King

Devised by Sam Holmes

Producer: Sam Holmes

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Production Co-ordinator: Katie Baum

Sound Editor: Chris Maclean

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4

TUE 09:30 Hybrid (m000y6j4)

2. Eye to Eye

Simon Watt continues his quest to improve the human body, with a little help from our animal cousins.

In each episode, the evolutionary biologist, comedian, and aspiring Dr Frankenstein turns his imaginary scalpel on a different human organ.

He wonders if we wouldn't be better off with something slightly different – the skin of a cuttlefish for example, or the guts of a vulture!

Our eyes are our window on the world - sunsets and rainbows would be nothing without them.

But both sunsets AND rainbows would look a lot more impressive through the eyes of the Peacock Mantis Shrimp.

Amanda Franklin from the University of Melbourne explains that this small stomatopod has the most complex eye in the animal kingdom; they don't just see more colours than us, they also see polarised light better than any other animal on earth.

If colour's not your thing, how about seeing a long way?

Graham Martin, Emeritus Professor of Avian Sensory Science at the University of Birmingham introduces us to the king of visual acuity: the Eagle.

To spot your prey over vast distances, AND snatch that prey up with pinpoint accuracy, you need astonishing long-range and short-range vision, and Eagles have both. They have two fovea, one for long distance scanning, one for up close grabbing, and can switch elegantly between the two.

"Keep an eye on it", we say. Just one eye. As if that's possible. Well for the Common Chameleon that's no bother at all. The rapidly swivelling gun-turrets of the chameleon's eyes move independently, processing two separate views of the world at the same time.

Useful for keeping track of bugs you might like to eat. Or your wayward children. Hadas Keter-Katz from the University of Haifa breaks it down.

Producer: Emily Knight

A BBC Audio Bristol production for Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2021.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002td7j)

Holy Week - Jesus Predicts His Death

A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.

Theme: Holy Week - Jesus Predicts His Death

Presenter: Angel Morgan

Reading: John 12 20-29

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000nc27)

Johny Pitts & Charlotte Proudman

Writer Johny Pitts and barrister Dr Charlotte Proudman join Harriett to discuss their favourite books by Claude McKay, CA MacKinnon and Mary Gaitskill

Romance in Marseilles by Claude McKay

Pub: Penguin

Butterfly Politics by Catharine A MacKinnon

Pub: Belknap Press

This is Pleasure by Mary Gaitskill

Pub: Serpents Tail

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.

TUE 10:30 Fowles in Dorset (b00x7frz)

Best-selling author John Fowles was one of the most acclaimed British novelists of the 20th century.

But he had another job, as curator of the Lyme Regis Museum. Chris Ledgard explores the relationship the writer had with the Dorset town, the setting for his most famous work 'The French Lieutenant's Woman'.

Chris reveals how John carried out a series of taped interviews piecing together Lyme's oral history.

Contributors:

Ken Gollop

John Fowles

Louise Curtis

Jo Draper

Ivy Caddy

Liz-Anne Bowden

Barbara Austin

Jean Wellings

Sarah Fowles

Cecil Langford

Fred Britton

Elsie Clark

Charles Drazin

Producer: Chris Ledgard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

TUE 11:00 Whodunnits (b00947vh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 11:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7f4m3)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 13:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095rs07)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y6j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

TUE 14:00 Genius (b008m9jv)

Series 2

Brian Sewell

A cure for jet lag and a horse bike?

Dave Gorman asks art critic Brian Sewell to choose the public's best loopy idea.

Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

TUE 14:30 Mum's on the Run (b00tjf58)

Episode 2

Volunteering to do the Crocodile Walk into school to get brownie points with the other mothers, is not Jen's idea of fun in torrential rain.

A quiet parents' evening becomes a farcical attempt by Jen and ex-husband Keith to recreate the execution of Charles I. Mum's on the Run is a modern-day twist on the single-family situation. It follows the hectic life ("What life?") of single mum, Jen.

Starring Ronni Ancona.

Mother of two, Master of none - Jen seems to spend most of her time as an unpaid chauffeur to a 15 year-old teenage existentialist son, Toby, and a tonally challenged recorder-practising 11 year-old daughter, Felicity

She must also cope with her jazz musician ex-husband, the fiercely competitive and annoying downstairs neighbour and a huge crush on her son's history teacher.

Written by Alexis Zegerman.

Jen Ronni Ancona

Mr Rigby John Gordon Sinclair

Shelly Alexis Zegerman

Vivienne/ Shania's Mum Christine Kavanagh

Keith Kevin Eldon

Felicity Amy Dabrowa

Toby Alexander Heath

Karina Amaya Rowlands

Connor Pip Woolley

Shania Matilda Palmer

David Mischa Goodman

Adam Caleb Hughes

Producer Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

TUE 15:00 Drama on 4 (m0018837)

Life Rights by Nicholas Meiklejohn

Two estranged friends - now in their early 40s - are reunited.

One's been stuck in the small Scottish town where they grew up, having grudgingly taken over his family's moribund business.

The other found modest and fleeting success as an indie filmmaker.

When the filmmaker shows up with an unusual request, it sparks contradictory memories of the past.

Nicholas Meiklejohn's drama is about the fragility of memory, ambition, familial expectations, and the frustrations of looming middle age.

Jack Robert Jack

Danny Sandy Grierson

Director Gaynor Macfarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2022.

TUE 15:45 Short Works (m001rynz)

Pwca's Garden by Carys Shannon

Gwen is 82. Life should be quieter these days... but the Pwca has started visiting again.

An original short story by Carys Shannon, commissioned by BBC Radio 4.

Carys Shannon is a Welsh writer whose work was shortlisted for the 2022 Rhys Davies Prize. Her debut novel Truth Like Water was published in 2025.

Writer: Carys Shannon

Reader: Sharon Morgan

Producer: John Norton

A BBC Audio Drama Wales Production for Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2023.

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TUE 21:45 Short Works (m001rynz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

TUE 22:00 Wing It (m002t19s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b01p1plb)

Series 3

Episode 2

The embarrassing auntie gets hip, and some curious memories of the British Raj.

Starring:

Sanjeev Bhaskar

Kulvinder Ghir

Meera Syal

Nina Wadia

Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to 1998, later transferring to TV on BBC TWO from 1998 to 2001.

Written by Richard Pinto, Sharat Sardana, Meera Syal, Sanjeev Bhaskar and Sanjeev Kohli.

Script Editor: Sharat Sardana

Producer: Anil Gupta.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

TUE 23:00 My Teenage Diary (m000j22s)

Series 9

Dame Jenni Murray

**** 4 Extra remembers Dame Jenni Murray who died recently at the age of 75. She hosted BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour for more than three decades.

Rufus Hound presents more honest, intimate and hilarious interviews, with famous guests reading from their genuine teenage diaries.

This time Rufus talks to journalist and broadcaster, Dame Jenni Murray about her years as a schoolgirl in Barnsley.

Her diaries open with the bombshell that her mum and dad will be relocating to India, at which point the young Jenni moves in with her grandparents.

Free of her mother's disciplinary ways, she experiments with makeup and miniskirts, and sings Joan Baez songs at the local folk club.

This diary is a true snapshot of life in 1960s Britain, complete with a meeting with a Beatle!

Producer: Harriet Jaime

A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.

TUE 23:30 Chain Reaction (b01m6crv)

Series 8

Caitlin Moran talks to Jennifer Saunders

The journalist and the comic actress in the talk tag show where the guest is the next interviewer.

Caitlin Moran chats to her comedy hero, Jennifer Saunders.

They talk shoes, Bananarama and women in comedy.

Recorded with an audience, the interviews focus on the life, career and the passions of the interviewee, but often prove to be as revealing about the interviewer.

Producer: Carl Cooper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

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WED 05:00 Drama on 4 (m0018837)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

WED 05:45 Short Works (m001rynz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 RD Wingfield (m002td7t)

Death of the Insured

'Isn't it just my rotten lousy luck. If you know you've only got a short time to live, at least you should be able to live it up in the time that's left to you.'

Detective agency owner Bill Croll is given a terminal diagnosis - and also gets a new case to investigate.

Julia Heston's husband left their house six days ago, but hasn't been seen since.
Can Bill - who's also in dire financial straits - help to track him down?

Starring John Hollis.

Written by RD Wingfield.

Croll John Hollis

Thorpe Jeffrey Segal

Julia Heston Eva Haddon

Martin Christopher Bidmead

Betty Shirley Dixon

Doctor / Inspector Garard Green

Hopkins / Sergeant David Neal

Gladys Kathleen Helme

Director: Harry Catlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1976.

WED 06:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b77psb)

Dead Weight

3. The Investigation Continues

The team feel no closer to discovering who would want to kill Jean Cranberry and why, when Jason delivers a shocking announcement.

Meanwhile, DCI Alma Blair is about to discover that Jo has not been truthful about where she's been - and it looks like there is a parasite at large.

Created by Val McDermid and written by Shelley Silas

Starring Julie Hesmondhalgh.

Created by Val McDermid.

Written by Shelley Silas.

DCI Alma Blair Julie Hesmondhalgh

CSM Jo Black Jane Hazlegrove

DS Jason Trotter John Hollingworth

Narrator / JP Jonathan Keeble

Assistant CSM Mo Nitin Kundra

Sue Fulwood / Jean Cranberry / Blanche Rogers Helen Kay

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Director: Justice Potter

A Savvy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.

WED 07:00 After Henry (b007jmkj)

Series 1

Moving

Her daughter wants to move out.

Her mother wants to move in.

Should widow Sarah just sell up and move?

Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women.

Struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband, the trio never quite manage to see eye to eye.

Sarah Prunella Scales

Eleanor Joan Sanderson

Russell Benjamin Whitrow

Clare Gerry Cowper

Janie Marion Bailey

Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1985.

WED 07:30 The Missing Hancocks (m0009zcs)

Series 4

The Diamond Ring

This is a recreation of a classic episode missing from series 1 either wiped or lost from the archive.

The Lad finds a diamond ring, but when Moira gets it into her head that marriage is in the air, Hancock is forced to turn to Sid for help.

The first modern sitcom, Hancock's Half Hour made stars of Tony Hancock, Sid James and Kenneth Williams. It also launched Ray Galton and Alan Simpson as one of the most successful comedy-writing partnerships in history.

But 20 episodes of the show were missing from the BBC archives.

Now, after four highly successful series, the final batch of those episodes have been lovingly re-recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC Radio Theatre.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson

Tony Hancock Kevin McNally

Bill Kerr Kevin Eldon

Kenneth Williams Robin Sebastian

Sid James Simon Greenall

Moira.....Margaret Cabourn-Smith

The classic score re-recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Levon Parikian.

Produced by Neil Pearson & Hayley Sterling.

'The Diamond Ring' was originally broadcast on the 9th November 1954.

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2019.

WED 08:00 What Does the K Stand For? (b08bb33b)

Series 3

Working for a Living

Stephen takes his first steps into working life.

Stephen K Amos stars in this sitcom about growing up black, gay and funny in 1980s south London.

Written by Jonathan Harvey with Stephen K Amos.

With

Ellen Thomas

Laurie Kynaston

Frances Barber

Bola Okun

Emerald Crankson

Karen Bartke

David Sterne

Producer: Paul Sheehan

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2017.

WED 08:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b09575v)

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4

Episode 3

Sue Townsend's hilarious and heart breaking chronicle of a teenager growing up in the Midlands in the 1980s. A brand new serialisation, read by Harry McEntire, in the year that Adrian Mole himself turns 50.

It's 1981 and Margaret Thatcher is in power, Britain is at war in the Falklands and teenagers are growing up in a world without mobile phones or computer games. While his parents are downstairs, drinking, smoking and arguing about their failing marriage, Adrian is upstairs in his bedroom listening to Abba, reading great works of literature, writing poems, and penning letters to the BBC.

Despite the many challenges that life throws at him - including regular beatings from the school bully, unrequited love, raging hormones, a severe case of acne and numerous rejection letters - Adrian soldiers on bravely and wins a place in our hearts with his charming naïveté.

Reader: Harry McEntire

Abridger: Sara Davies

Producer: Alexa Moore

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 08:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y70)

3. The Two Ronnies

A technical breakdown at the BAFTA awards leads to Ronnie Corbett pairing up for the first time with Ronnie Barker.

This was for the spark for their huge success performing as The Two Ronnies.

One of Britain's best loved comedy stars tells their story.

Written and read by Ronnie Corbett.

Producer: Steve Doherty.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.

WED 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002t1jb)

Live from the UK

S2 E5: It's Raining Pineapple Chunks

Angela Barnes traverses the country once again to the best comedy clubs in the country, bringing you the funniest stand ups around.

So if you want to know why you shouldn't buy your dad a Gwyneth Paltrow candle, what a Belfast grandad thinks of Rupal's Drag Race, and when you should intervene with bad parenting, then this is the programme for you.

In this episode, you can hear;

William Thompson at the Empire Music Hall in Belfast

Eleri Morgan at the Swansea Grand

Ruairi Woods at the Empire Music Hall in Belfast

Phil Ellis at the Hot Water Comedy Club in Liverpool

Additional Material by Ruth Husko

Recorded by David Thomas and Davy Neil

Sound design by David Thomas

Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman

Executive Producer: Pete Strauss

Produced by Gwyn Rhys Davies. A BBC Studios Audio Production for Radio 4.

WED 09:30 Hybrid (m000yvcn)

3. A Change of Heart

Evolutionary biologist, comedian, and aspiring Dr Frankenstein Simon Watt is on a quest to improve the human body, with a little help from our animal cousins.

In each episode he turns his imaginary scalpel on a different human organ and wonders if we wouldn't be better off with something slightly different - the eyes of a chameleon for example, or the guts of a vulture!

Our heart is our life force, beating out the rhythm to our days 40-100 times every minute, for as long as we live. But it's also fragile; cardiovascular disease has been the no. 1 killer of humans since the middle of the 20th century. And it's all the fault of FAT. Thea Bechshoft from Polar Bears International introduces us to the fluffy white giants of the arctic, who eat nothing but fat, all summer long, and suffer none of our heart-ache from doing so. The secret is all in their genes.

If you reach old age without your coronary arteries clogging up with fat, you might suffer instead from cardiac fibrosis, a kind of hardening of the muscle of the heart. Holly Shiels from the University of Manchester takes us a mile and a half beneath the surface of the North Sea, to meet an ancient titan who simply doesn't get age-related fibrosis. It's the Greenland Shark. They live to extraordinary ages too - up to 500 years old.

For our final stop on the cardiac carousel, Colleen Farmer from the University of Utah takes us deep inside the four-chambered heart of the Crocodile. It's very similar to our own, except for one small and fascinating valve. It allows the humble croc to control where its blood goes, bi-passing the lungs if necessary. Simon wonders what uses we might fund for a crocodilian 'cardiac shunt' of our own.

Producer: Emily Knight

A BBC Audio Bristol production for Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2021.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002td7w)

Holy Week - Jesus Arrested

A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Holy Week - Jesus Arrested

Presenter: Father Paschal Uche

Reading: John 18 1-9

Music:

Allegrì - Miserere - St Paul's Cathedral Choir

O love - Laura Wright & Daily Service Singers

WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b05jbcf7)

Remembering Sue Townsend, Aged 68 3/4

"Went out to feed the pig, and saw Townsend being driven along the lane, in her vulgar purple Rolls Royce. She waved, I didn't wave back." @AdrianMole, Jan 19, 2012

In 1970, Sue Townsend was a single mother of three with three jobs. While her children were asleep she secretly wrote semi-autobiographical prose and poetry, which she showed no-one.

In 1980, a young actor asked Sue Townsend if she had anything he could use in an audition for 'Huckleberry Finn' - she gave him some handwritten entries of a diary of Nigel Mole

By 1990 Sue Townsend had become the bestselling author of the 1980's in terms of individual books - out-stripping Jeffrey Archer, Jackie Collins and Barbara Taylor Bradford

Sue Townsend died in 2014. Her legacy of one of the country's greatest comic writers is explored through her own interviews and through her many works (from her 1979 play 'Womberang' to her 2012 bestselling novel 'The Woman Who Went To Bed For A Year'). Excerpts include unpublished and previously unperformed TV soap, 'The Spinney'

Also on hand are: her first and last publishers, Geoffrey Strachan and Louise Moore; theatre director and co-writer Carole Hayman; friend and agent Jane Villiers; and the man who since 1978 stood by her but consistently shunned her

limelight, her husband - the normally silent Colin Broadway Presented by Pearce Quigley, the most recent Adrian Mole on the BBC - the "representative voice from Middle England" who in 2007 was commissioned to present a feature on Tony Blair's ten years as prime minister.

Producer: Paul Kobrak

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.

WED 11:00 RD Wingfield (m002td7t)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (m000djsj)

Series 4

William Wordsworth

James Walton's literary quiz, with Sebastian Faulks, John

Walsh, Tracey Macleod and Gary Younge.

Author of the week: William Wordsworth

Reader: Becky Hindley

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

WED 14:30 Turf Wars (b00zsjj)

The Accidental Head

Beth just wants what's best for her 11 year old son.

So that means a solid secondary education at the kind of school that recognises his genius, as well as his aptitude for baroque music. A school like Folgate.

But when the family is edged out of its catchment area, a battle begins.

Beth takes on the might of the council with a mixture of community action, ancient by-laws - and sheep...

Written by Jeremy Front.

Beth Katherine Parkinson

Jake Darren Boyd

Ruth Emma Fryer

Journalist ... Alex Tregear

Helen ... Sally Orrock

John Hughes ... Brian Bowles

Director: James Robinson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

WED 15:00 A Confirmed Bachelor by Arthur Schnitzler (m0006mlg)

After his sister's death, a middle-aged German doctor considers relinquishing his bachelor status, when he meets two very different women.

Written by Arthur Schnitzler and dramatised by Vanessa Rosenthal.

Emil Graesler Keith Drinkel

Sabine Schleheim Cathy Sara

Katharina Rebner Jo Rafferty

Frau Sommer Oona Beeson

Bohlinger Robert Lister

Frau Grumer Sunny Ormonde

Frau Schleheim Marian Kemmer

Karl Schleheim Richard da Costa

Fanny Sommer Elizabeth Wofford

Director: Peter Leslie Wild

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2000.

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WED 21:00 A Confirmed Bachelor by Arthur Schnitzler (m0006mlq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

WED 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m00211jb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

WED 22:30 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b008khpv)

Series 2

Episode 1

The fastest show on-air is back!

28 performers have just 60 seconds in which to entertain the audience in this traditional variety show, featuring established stand-ups, and some newer talent

The whole thing is presided over by John Humphrys, who sits at the side of the stage with a stopwatch, ready to cut the microphone when the time is up.

And hey - if there's an act you don't like, well, there's another one along in 55 seconds or so...

Jeremy Limb

Des Clarke

Penny Broadhurst

Arnab Chanda

John Sessions

Christina Martin

Gavin Osborn

Aaron Counter

G-Force

James Kettle

Paula Wilcox

James Branch

Pegabovine

Dave Cohen

Jarlath Regan

Dutch Elm Conservatoire

Jeff Innocent

Katherine Jakeways

Carl Donnelly

Stephen Grant

Mara Carlyle

Stephen K Amos

Barry Davies

Jeff Green

Shappi Khorsandi

Martin Jarvis

The Puppini Sisters

Stewart Lee

Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2007.

WED 23:00 Felicity Ward - Appisodes (m000kqp2)

Series 2

Procrastination

Comedy series in which stand-up Felicity Ward uses phone apps to help her cope with modern life.

Keen to be more productive, Felicity heads to the App Store and buys "If You Don't Task, You Don't Get" (voiced by Sindhu Vee). Will Felicity conquer her procrastination or will the app conquer her?

Written and performed by Felicity Ward.

Script Editor: Gareth Gwynn

Producer: Adnan Ahmed

A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020.

WED 23:15 Jamie MacDonald: Life on the Blink (m0011rl1)

Series 2

Kermit the Nob

Jamie MacDonald is a Glaswegian stand-up comedian who found himself rapidly going blind in his teens.

Jamie examines pre-conceptions about disability, challenges stereotypes, and takes a hilarious trip down memory lane to see how far things have come.

In this episode, Jamie shares stories of his time at school and the teachers that had a big influence on him, particularly when learning French. He also crystallises his experience of strangers asking the most ignorant questions about his sight.

Producer: Julia Sutherland

A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2023.

WED 23:30 4 Stands Up (b00f4pxp)

Series 2

Episode 1

Welsh comic Rhod Gilbert invites old hands and fresh faces on

the comedy circuit to perform.

Featuring character pieces, double acts and sketches.

With:

Russell Kane

Wilson Dixon

Stephen K Amos

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

THURSDAY 02 APRIL 2026

THU 00:00 Archive on 4 (b05jbcf7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 RD Wingfield (m002td7t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7fpsb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 After Henry (b007jmkj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 The Missing Hancock's (m0009zcs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 What Does the K Stand For? (b08bb33b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

THU 03:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095t75v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y70)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 The Write Stuff (m000djsp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Turf Wars (b00zsjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 A Confirmed Bachelor by Arthur Schnitzler (m0006mlq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Whodunnits (m002td82)

Obsession by Ted Willis

Denise Dubois admits to murdering Marcel de Bonnard in his office. An open-and-shut case?

Felix Brache, the examining magistrate for the Perpignan region of France, does not assume so and summons Madame

Dubois for questioning.

Written by Ted Willis

Denise DuBois Annette Crosbie

Felix Brache Richard Pasco

Wardress Sonia Fraser

Gendarme James Bryce

Director Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1983.

THU 06:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7hf7y)

Dead Weight

4. Slime

Val McDermid's crime series proves that losing weight is murderous.

Jo and Alma really need to talk. There's something slimy lurking at the heart of this murder and Mo has no stomach for it.

Created by Val McDermid and written by Shelley Silas

CAST:

DCI Alma Blair Julie Hesmondhalgh

CSM Jo Black Jane Hazlegrove

DS Jason Trotter John Hollingworth

Narrator / JP Jonathan Keeble

Assistant CSM Mo Nitin Kundra

Sue Fulwood / Jean Cranberry / Blanche Rogers Helen May

Other parts played by members of the cast.

Director: Justine Potter

A Savvy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.

THU 07:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k2d0)

A Study in Starlets

Clever sleuth Melcroft Dupont gets his comeuppance, but

Inspector Chalker's on the case.

Starring Fulton Mackay, Francis Matthews, Roy Hudd and

Hugh Paddick.

Star-packed curious and macabre comedy series set in a very

exclusive London club.

Written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.

Sergeant Dupont Fulton Mackay

Melcroft Dupont Francis Matthews

Music Hall Acts Roy Hudd

Lionel Oboe Hugh Paddick

Constable Bull Jon Glover

Green Royce Mills

Inspector Peter Howell

Girl Karen Ascoe

Producer: Paul Spencer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.

THU 07:30 The Burkiss Way (m002td84)

Eric Pode of Croydon's Easter Special

Eric Pode of Croydon's Easter Special. Apparently....

Also featuring exploding athletes and a new TV quiz for smart

alecs.

Cult comedy sketch show starring:

Chris Emmett

Fred Harris

Nigel Rees

Jo Kendall

With Peter Jones (as himself).

Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1979.

THU 08:00 All Those Women (b087ts6z)

Series 2

Episode 3

An unexpected death leads all four of the family to consider what's really important, as well as giving David a chance to spend some quality time (of sorts) with Maggie - much to Hetty's disapproval.

Comedy series by Katherine Jakeways about four generations of women living under one roof.

All Those Women explores familial relationships, ageing, marriages - it's about life and love and things not turning out quite the way that you'd expected them to.

Join Hetty, Maggie, Jen and Emily as they struggle to resolve their own problems, and support one another.

Hetty Marcia Warren

Maggie Lesley Manville

Jen Sinead Matthews

Emily Lucy Hutchinson

David Denis Lill

Vicar Catriona McFarlane

Carol Alison Belbin

Producer: Alexandra Smith

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2017.

THU 08:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095tjw8)

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4

4. The Kiss

Sue Townsend's hilarious and heart-breaking chronicle of a teenager growing up in the Midlands in the 1980s.

It's 1981 and Margaret Thatcher is in power; Britain is at war in the Falklands and teenagers are growing up in a world without mobile phones or computer games. While his parents are downstairs, drinking, smoking and arguing about their failing marriage, Adrian is upstairs in his bedroom listening to ABBA, reading great works of literature, writing poems, and penning letters to the BBC.

Pandora organises a sock protest at school, Barry Kent gets a dose of his own medicine, and Adrian finally gets to experience his first passionate kiss.

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4 is the first book in the Adrian Mole series of comedic fiction.

Reader: Harry McEntire

Abridger: Sara Davies

Producer: Alexa Moore

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

September 2017.

THU 08:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y7r)

4. Golf

Pantomime and a surprise guest for Ronnie Corbett.

And he recalls his experience and the long-term effects of living with Labyrinthitis.

One of Britain's best loved comedy stars relates his life and times.

Written and read by Ronnie Corbett.

Producer: Steve Doherty.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.

THU 09:00 The Matt Forde Focus Group (m002t2w2)

Series 2

The Politics of The Tribe

We like to think we vote with our heads. But what if we've always voted with our tribe? Top political comedian Matt Forde convenes his Focus Group in front of a live theatre audience with a razor-sharp panel — former Conservative adviser Salma Shah, ex-SNP MP and broadcaster John Nicolson, and stand-up comedian Pierre Novellie — to ask whether tribal loyalty is the secret engine of political life. From parties haemorrhaging members to rivals, to the flag-wrapped contradictions of nationalist politics, to the question of whether multicultural Britain is importing conflicts it never signed up for, this is an episode about belonging, identity - and the ridiculous places both can lead

Written and performed by Matt Forde

Additional writing from Karl Minns, Ruth Husko and Richard

Garvin

Producer: Richard Garvin

Co Producer: Daisy Knight

Broadcast Assistant: Ocean Holder

Sound Design: David Thomas

Editor Chris Maclean

An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4

THU 09:30 Hybrid (m000ykp0)

4. Gut Feeling

Evolutionary biologist, comedian, and aspiring Dr Frankenstein Simon Watt is on a quest to improve the human body, with a little help from our animal cousins.

In each episode he turns his imaginary scalpel on a different human organ and wonders if we wouldn't be better off with something slightly different — the eyes of a chameleon for example, or the heart of a Greenland Shark!

Our bodies are essentially a long squishy tube, with a mouth at one end, and an anus at the other. Everything else is mere detail. What we put in that tube can make the difference between a life of good health, and a night locked in the bathroom. Dr Mads Bertelsen from Copenhagen Zoo introduces us to a creature that can digest things that would kill us; the culture. Eating rotting meat's nothing, when you have stomach acid the

strength of a car battery.
If meat's not your thing, you might want to switch out your digestive tract with that of a herbivore. A ruminant. Or to be more precise, a cow. Dr Cate Williams from Aberystwyth University imagines what we could do if we had a 'rumen', the unique organ that gives these massive, docile 'foregut fermenters' the ability to break down the toughest plant matter with no problem. For them, it's all about the microbes. Millions of them.

And if all this digestion sounds a bit too much like hard work, why not take a leaf out of the book of a Saccoglossa, a leaf-life, photosynthetic sea-slug who's mastered the art of photosynthesis. Christopher Howe from the University of Cambridge explains how they do it, via a gut system which has evolved the ability to steal chloroplasts, the photosynthetic cells from algae, and make them their own.

Producer: Emily Knight

A BBC Audio Bristol production for Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2021.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002td86)

Holy Week - Maundy Thursday

A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music, recorded in the Chapel of Bishophorpe Palace, York, with the Ebor Singers.

Theme: Holy Week - Maundy Thursday

Presenter: Ven Liz Hassall, Archdeacon of York

Reading: John 13.1-17, 31b-35)

Music:

A New Commandment (Richard Shephard)

An upper room (O Waly Waly)

Tantum ergo - de Severac

What wondrous love is this? (Wondrous Love)

THU 10:00 Great Lives (b08r1vbd)

Peter Williams of Jack Wills chooses Steve Jobs

Peter Williams - founder of British retail chain, Jack Wills - nominates Steve Jobs as his great life.

For Williams, despite the fact that Steve Jobs was an abrasive and difficult person, it was his ability to predict what people wanted.

It was his Apple products that have touched the lives of so many people worldwide and for Peter it's his gadgets that have changed our attitudes to technology.

To help Peter Williams make his case, he is joined by Luke Dornmehl, technology journalist and author of *The Apple Revolution*.

Presenter: Matthew Parris

Producer: Perminder Khatkar

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

THU 10:30 Mapping the Town (b0076hbm)

Portmeirion

It's 100 years since the village of Portmeirion opened in North Wales.

Julian Richards looks at the village created by Sir Clough William-Ellis in North Wales, accompanied by his descendants.

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

THU 11:00 Whodunnits (m002td82)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7hf7y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

THU 12:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k2d0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Burkiss Way (m002td84)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 All Those Women (b087ts6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095tjw8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y7r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 Who Goes There? (b064cy21)

Series 6

Episode 4

Martin Young chairs the biographical quiz show about the noteworthy and notorious.

Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis When and Fred Housego.

With guests:

Lynne Truss

Anthony Holden

Teams battle to prove that it's not what you know but who you know that counts.

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

THU 14:30 Ballylenon (b00yinc3)

Series 8

The Threat of Television

Television is coming. For once, the Churches unite in moral outrage.

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal in the 1960s.

Ballylenon, County Donegal. Pop. 1,999 was founded by St Lenon of Padua, when he fell into the river at this spot in 953. Ballylenon is situated on the shores of Lough Swilly with entrancing views of Muckish Mountain, in the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe. (Note: Ballylenon is a fictional name, but the other landmarks are identifiable.)

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Muriel McConkey Margaret D'Arcy

Vera McConkey Stella McCusker

Phonsie Doherty Gerard Murphy

Mrs Vivienne Hawthorne Aine McCartney

Rev. Samuel Hawthorne Dermot Crowley

Kevin 'Stumpy' Bonnar Gerard McSorley

Guard Gallagher Frankie McCafferty

Daniel O'Searcaigh James Greene

Monsignor McFadden Niall Cusack

Aubrey Frawley Chris McHallem

Polly Acton Joanna Munro

Eamonn Doyle Patrick Fitzsymons

Mr Boylan Derek Bailey

Pianist: Michael Harrison

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

THU 15:00 Drama on 4 (b00t6r8)

We Happened to Be Passing by David Nobbs

A quiet Saturday morning and Tony and Sal Hinchcliffe are tired after a week of work, now have time on their hands. Middle aged and middle class - they haven't had kids and still feel that emotional vacuum.

The doorbell rings. It is an American couple - Monty and Janey - a rather loud duo they stayed with in Delaware years ago. They said "If ever you happened to be passing..."

Jan and Hilda then appear - the Flemish Belgian couple from Bruges. They fed them some waterzooi (Flemish stew). In

gratitude, Sal and Tony said - "If ever you happened to be passing."

Finally, Pierre and Colette turn up, French Belgians who helped them in Namur when Sal was sick over a Saab because she had eaten some cloying Flemish stew. In gratitude they said - "If ever you happened to be passing."

So - polite Tony and Sal now have a full house. The Americans are loud and pompous and the Belgians loathe each other. But when Colette and Jan find themselves drawn to one another, the ensuing, messy crisis precipitates a reassessment of all the couples' pattern of a behaviour.

A wonderfully perceptive comedy of manners and international relations by David Nobbs - writer of *The Fall and Rise of*

Reginald Perrin' and 'A Bit of a Do'

Tony.....James Nickerson

Monty..... Kerry Shale

Jan.....Malcolm Raeburn

Sal.....Olwen May

Hilda.....Maggie Fox

Janey.....Melissa Sinden

Collette.....Szlvi Naray-Davey

Pierre/Chef.....Hugo Chandor

Writer David Nobbs

Director Gary Brown

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.

THU 15:45 Short Works (m00088mp)

BBC National Short Story Award 2019

Open Day by Ben Markovits

In Ben Markovits' tale we follow a day in the life of Helen as she accompanies her son Michael to an open day, dreading when he will leave the nest for university.

And... who is Sadie?

Originally broadcast as one of a series of commissioned short stories to celebrate the 2019 BBC National Short Story Award.

Benjamin Markovits is a British-American writer, the author of twelve novels, among them a trilogy on the life of Lord Byron. His novel *You Don't Have To Live Like This* won the James

Tait Black Prize for Fiction in 2016.

Reader: Claire Skinner

Producer: Duncan Minshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2019.

THU 16:00 Great Lives (b08r1vbd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:30 Mapping the Town (b0076hbm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

THU 17:00 Whodunnits (m002td82)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 17:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7hf7y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

THU 18:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007k2d0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:30 The Burkiss Way (m002td84)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 19:00 All Those Women (b087ts6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095tjw8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y7r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 20:00 Who Goes There? (b064cy21)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

THU 20:30 Ballylenon (b00yinc3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

THU 21:00 Drama on 4 (b00t6r8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 21:45 Short Works (m00088mp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

THU 22:00 The Matt Forde Focus Group (m002t2w2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 22:30 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m000f07s)

Series 3

Cool

What is cool?

How can you be cool?

Award-winning comedian Alex Edelman examines the concept of "cool" - and why it's still important today.

Written and presented by Alex Edelman.

With help from his "peer group" at the University of West London.

Producer: Sam Michell

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2020.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002tr7v)

Olaf Falafel 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Iain Lee chats once more to comedian, writer and illustrator Olaf Falafel

THU 23:00 At Home with the Snails (b007k2xv)

Series 1

Episode 3

Beverley hears the patter of tiny feet.

George is aghast but then decides that maybe this unexpected event could be turned to his advantage - in a literary sense.

Alex loves the idea of a new brother or sister - but Miranda is not so keen to share her inheritance.

Will the Snails finally be usurped?

Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Gerard Foster.

Gerard Foster's comedy drama about a man with an unusual hobby.

George Geoffrey Palmer

Beverley Angela Thorne

Alex Gerard Foster

Rose Miranda Hart

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.

THU 23:30 Small Scenes (b04n33th)

Series 2

Episode 4

A visit to the Golden Woofers, Grimsby's number one dog show and a farmer genetically engineers some living sausages. Symphonious sketch show.

Starring:

Daniel Rigby

Sara Pascoe

Mike Wozniak

Cariad Lloyd

Henry Paker

Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike Wozniak.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

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FRI 05:00 Drama on 4 (b00t6r8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:45 Short Works (m00088mp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 The Fiend by Gerry Jones (m002tdr6)

Inwardly Mary is deeply disturbed, convinced someone is following her wherever she goes.

Matters come to a head when her ex-boyfriend suddenly reappears.

Written by Gerry Jones

Mary Maureen O'Brien

Philip Mick Ford

The Narrator John Rowe

Ann Carole Boyd

Sonya in Uncle Vanya.....Victoria Carling

Landlord/Director: Brian Hewlett

Director: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1987.

FRI 06:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7hk4w)

Dead Weight

5. The Slimming Club Killer Unmasked

Detective Chief Inspector Alma Blair wraps up her

investigation in the conclusion of Dead Weight, from Val

McDermid's 'Dead' crime series.

Will there be a sickening end for our Slimmers' Club killer?

Will Alma and Jo actually take their relationship to the next level? And what of baby Trotter?
Created by Val McDermid and written by Shelley Silas
CAST:
DCI Alma Blair Julie Hesmondhalgh
CSM Jo Black Jane Hazlegrove
DS Jason Trotter John Hollingworth
Narrator / JP Jonathan Keeble
Assistant CSM Mo Nitin Kundra
Sue Fulwood / Jean Cranberry / Blanche Rogers Helen Kay
Other parts played by members of the cast.
Director: Justine Potter
A Savvy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.
FRI 07:00 No Commitments (b007jv6f)
Series 1
A Nice Civilised Evening
Victoria's plans for a perfect dinner party go disastrously wrong. Simon Brett's sitcom about the lives and squabbles of three very different sisters.
Anna Rosemary Leach
Victoria Nicola Pagett
Charlotte Celia Imrie
Delia Maxine Audley
Roger Stephen Moore
Dr Fenton Benjamin Whitrow
Melvyn Ronald Herdman
Hilary (man) Mark Straker
Hilary (woman) Theresa Streatfeild
Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.
Producer: Paul Schlesinger
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1992.
FRI 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k1hd)
Series 4
The Colour Problem
Albert and Harold Steptoe argue over whether to buy a new TV or a car.
Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.
Classic sitcom about the lives of rag and bone men Albert Steptoe and his son Harold.
Written for BBC TV and adapted for BBC Radio by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.
Albert Wilfrid Brambell
Harold Harry H Corbett
With:
Jo Manning Wilson
William Bedle
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1972.
FRI 08:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001bykc)
Series 12
Salisbury
Mark Steel returns with his award-winning show that travels around the country visiting towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness. After thoroughly researching each town, Mark writes and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for a local audience.
In this episode Mark visits the cathedral city of Salisbury in the southeast of Wiltshire, and situated near the edge of Salisbury Plain.
Written and performed by Mark Steel.
Additional material by Pete Sinclair.
Producer: Carl Cooper
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2022.
FRI 08:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095tsg6)
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4
5. Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder
Sue Townsend's hilarious and heart-breaking chronicle of a teenager growing up in the Midlands in the 1980s.
It's 1981 and Margaret Thatcher is in power; Britain is at war in the Falklands and teenagers are growing up in a world without mobile phones or computer games. While his parents are downstairs, drinking, smoking and arguing about their failing marriage, Adrian is upstairs in his bedroom listening to ABBA, reading great works of literature, writing poems, and penning letters to the BBC.
A new family arrives in the street just in time to celebrate the royal wedding. Absence makes the heart grow fonder for Adrian and Pandora.
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13¾ is the first book in the Adrian Mole series of comedic fiction.
Reader: Harry McEntire
Abridger: Sara Davies
Producer: Alexa Moore
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2017.
FRI 08:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y8c)
5. Corporate Hospitality
Ronnie comes up from down under, and gets a second wind. One of Britain's best loved comedy stars recalls life after the Two Ronnies, with corporate gigs and OBES.
Written and concluded by Ronnie Corbett.
Producer: Steve Doherty.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.
FRI 09:00 'Whatever Next?' with Miles Jupp (m001cxbm)
Series 1
Episode 3
Miles Jupp and guests with whimsical sketches.

In this episode, the Squire's Will... and Its Consequences.
Miles has a session with a professional life coach, looks back at the working-class career of working-class theatre writer, the working-class woman Brenda Munby and helps Seann Walsh launch his new podcast What's Your Favourite Roast Dinner?
Starring Miles Jupp.
With:
Vicki Pepperdine
Julia Davis
Seann Walsh
Jocelyn Jee Essien
Philip Fox
Justin Edwards
Dominique Moore
David Gower
Written by Miles Jupp & James Kettle.
Script edited by Graeme Garden.
Producer: Victoria Lloyd
A Random Entertainment Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2022.
FRI 09:30 Hybrid (m000yostl)
5. A Lungful
Evolutionary biologist, comedian, and aspiring Dr Frankenstein Simon Watt is on a quest to improve the human body, with a little help from our animal cousins.
In each episode he turns his imaginary scalpel on a different human organ and wonders if we wouldn't be better off with something slightly different – the eyes of a chameleon for example, or the guts of a vulture!
For our final episode, we're wondering how to improve those squishy, spongy sacks of air that keep us pumped up with oxygen - our lungs. First up is Colleen Farmer from the University of Utah, expert in all things crocodilian. Both crocs, and their sister-group, birds, have a unique unidirectional flow system in their lungs, powered by air sacs that keep the air moving. It allows them to breathe - HARD - without damaging the fragile capillaries which keep our blood topped up with O2. Breathing is one thing, but HOLDING your breath is another. Introducing the Cuvier's Beaked Whale, the champion cetacean breath-holder, with a record dive time of over three and a half hours. With specially designed cartilage that allows their lungs to squash completely flat, and myoglobin-packed muscles which can store an incredible amount of oxygen, everything is designed to keep them under for longer.
But perhaps lungs are over-rated after all. Surely there are other options out there? Why not ask a Painted Turtle - hibernating for months on end at the bottom of a frozen Canadian lake - their lungs are all but useless for half the year. Instead, they've developed an amazing breathing strategy. Forget talking out of your butt: these turtles breathe out of theirs! Suzie Simpson from the British Herpetological Society takes us through it.
Producer: Emily Knight
A BBC Audio Bristol production for Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2021.
FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002idr8)
Holy Week - Good Friday
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music, recorded in the Chapel of Bishopthorpe Palace, York, with The Ebor Singers.
Theme: Holy Week - Good Friday
Presenter: Archbishop Stephen Cottrell
Reading: John 19 17-30
Music:
Glory be to Jesus (Caswall) - Ebor Singers
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? - Bob Chilcott
Chorale 'Thy name is shining on me' (St John Passion) - J.S. Bach
When I survey the wondrous cross (Rockingham)
FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b00v1pk9)
Series 10
The Emperor
Beethoven's fifth and final piano concerto, The Emperor is majestic and moving in equal measure.
Richard McMahon plays extracts and discusses the virtuosic it demands.
Australian film producer, Hal McElroy, talks about using the Adagio (the second movement) to illustrate the classic 1970s film Picnic at Hanging Rock.
That was where Andrew Law – who was Chaplain at Malvern College - first heard the piece. He describes the Adagio as being 'one of those pieces of art which it is worth being alive to have heard'.
Concert pianist, James Rhodes, describes how The Emperor was central to his childhood and his developing love of Beethoven's piano music.
Music teacher and singer, Prue Hawthorne, recalls how her father (an amateur clarinettist) laboriously transcribed by hand the horn and clarinet sections of the first movement so they could play along with the record in their living room.
Also contributing is the renowned Beethoven biographer, John Suchet.
Concert pianist Richard McMahon has now retired as a teacher at the Royal Welsh School of Music and Drama.
Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.
Producer: Karen Gregor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.
FRI 10:30 Fragments in Time (b0075rn6)
Five years ago Christopher Morris found the torn, muddied

remains of a diary in a Sussex ditch.
Intrigued, he reassembled the pieces and discovered the daily account of a young British woman who was trapped in Vichy, France, in 1944.
But who was she and why was she there?
Producers: Christopher Morris and Martin Kurzik.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.
FRI 11:00 The Fiend by Gerry Jones (m002tdr6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 11:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7hk4w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
FRI 12:00 No Commitments (b007jv6f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k1hd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 13:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001bykc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 13:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095tsg6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y8c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
FRI 14:00 The Personality Test (b00mrc84)
Series 2
Adam Hart-Davis
Broadcaster, writer and science enthusiast Adam Hart-Davis quizzes a panel about himself.
With:
Sue Perkins
Will Smith
Robin Ince
Lucy Porter
Series with changing hosts who quiz the panel.
Script by Richard Turner and Simon Littlefield.
Devised and produced by Aled Evans.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.
FRI 14:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00k2qm8)
Series 3
Rumours
Unlike the rolling stone, school gossip at King Street is virtually guaranteed to gather moss...
School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge.
Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway
Mr Maxwell Michael Cochrane
Miss Featherstone Teresa Gallagher
Miss Reid Jacqueline Beatty
Mr Long Paul Copley
Mrs Khan Janice Acquah
Mrs Sampson Liza Sadovy
Ten series of this King Street Junior ran between 1985 and 1998.
King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.
FRI 15:00 Rendezvous by Ronald Frame (m002tdrb)
"Shall we start with a drink...? Waiter, two Bloody Marys and the you-know-what in the ice bucket..."
A rendezvous at a restaurant for an illicit lunch brings together a once-married couple.
Old memories, good and bad resurface, as they reflect on their current lives.
Bittersweet drama written by Ronald Frame.
Frank Martin Jarvis
Rachel Eleanor Bron
Fi Jane Asher
"Puffin" Sarah Badel
Producer: Patrick Rayner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1988.
FRI 15:45 Short Works (b0bclyhq)
Beans by Jan Carson
It's been weeks now, but the can of beans from the food bank still hasn't run out. Mum calls it a miracle. However seven-year-old Hannah can't take another meal of baked beans.
An original short story commissioned by BBC Radio 4 from the Northern Irish writer Jan Carson.
Jan Carson is a writer and arts programmer based in Belfast. The author of the collections 'Postcard Stories' and 'Children's Children', her work has also appeared in journals including 'Banshee', 'Harper's Bazaar' and 'The Honest Ulsterman' in addition to being read on BBC Radio 4 and Radio 3. Her novel 'The Fire Starters' was published in 2019.
Actor Tara Lynne O'Neill is known for her role in the television drama 'Derry Girls'.
Writer: Jan Carson
Reader: Tara Lynne O'Neill
Producer: Michael Shannon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.
FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b00v1pk9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
FRI 16:30 Fragments in Time (b0075rn6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
FRI 17:00 The Fiend by Gerry Jones (m002tdr6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 17:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7hk4w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
FRI 18:00 No Commitments (b007jv6f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k1hd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 19:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001bykc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095tsg6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:45 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (b0075y8c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 20:00 The Personality Test (b00mrc84)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00k2qm8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Rendezvous by Ronald Frame (m002tdrb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 21:45 Short Works (b0bclyhq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

FRI 22:00 'Whatever Next?' with Miles Jupp (m001cxbm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 22:30 Unnatural Acts (b00k2cfy)

Series 1

Ill Met By Moonlight

When Kit gets hurt and Caroline gets fit, the gang uncover an unhealthy conspiracy.

A sitcom about a happily-married pair of young people and their crazy friends.

Jeremy.....Jeremy Hardy

Kit..... Kit Hollerbach

Paul.....Paul B Davies

Caroline.... Caroline Leddy

Written by Jeremy Hardy, Kit Hollerbach, Paul B Davies,

Caroline Leddy, Peter Sinclair, Steve Punt.

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1987.

FRI 23:00 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (m00193kl)

Series 4

The Art Show

Mel has ambitions to become a conceptual artist - but then Vicki proves to be the muse for a previously unknown Saatchi brother

Starring Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.

With:

Martin Hyder

Lewis MacLeod

Jim North

Written by Rhodri Crooks and Paul Kerensa.

Additional material by Mel Hudson, Vicki Pepperdine and Jim North

Music by Richie Webb

Producer Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

FRI 23:30 Hal (b08nk59c)

Series 2

Actors

After a challenging few weeks, Hal tries to calm things down by hosting a dinner party with Sam to show off their new basement - with wholly unexpected results.

Hapless house husband Hal Cruttenden is still trying to cope with his mid-life crisis and doubting his every move.

Written by Hal Cruttenden and Dominic Holland.

Hal Hal Cruttenden

Sam Kerry Godliman

Penny Ronni Ancona

Linda Ronni Ancona

Pippa Abigail Cruttenden

Fergus Ed Byrne

Barry Gavin Webster

Oberon Arthur Hughes

Therapist Jonathan Kydd

Ian Jonathan Kydd

Ryan Jonathan Kydd

Josh Simon Greenall

Mahmoud Arian Nik

Producer: Paul Russell

An Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2017.