

SATURDAY 04 APRIL 2026

SAT 00:00 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 clarinetist) 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.

SAT 00:30 Fragments in Time (b0075rn6)

Five years ago Christopher Morris found the torn, muddled 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.

SAT 01:00 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.

Starring Maureen O'Brien and Mick Ford.

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.

SAT 01:45 DCI Alma Blair (b0b7hk4w)

Dead Weight

5. The Slimming Club Killer Unmasked

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?

Can Detective Chief Inspector Alma Blair wrap up her investigation?

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.

SAT 02:00 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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 03:00 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.

SAT 03:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b095tsg6)

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

5. Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder

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. 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.

SAT 03:45 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 an OBE.

Written and concluded by Ronnie Corbett.

Producer: Steve Doherty.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:30 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.

SAT 05:00 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.

Starring Martin Jarvis and Eleanor Bron.

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.

SAT 05:45 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.

Read by Tara Lynne O'Neill.

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 BBC Radio 3. Her novel 'The Fire Starters' was published in 2019.

Actor Tara Lynne O'Neill is known for her role as Ma Mary in TV's 'Derry Girls'.

Producer: Michael Shannon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2018.

SAT 06:00 Rough Cider by Peter Lovesey (m002tpd9)

Set in the 1960s, Theo is a lecturer, who's forced to re-live his childhood memories of a gruesome murder.

Did he contribute to a miscarriage of justice...?

Critically-acclaimed author, Peter Lovesey's thriller, first published in 1986.

Starring Rob Edwards and Briony Glasco.

Dramatised by Michael Z Lewin.

Theo Rob Edwards

Alice Briony Glasco

Mr Lockwood Neville Jason

Mrs Lockwood Tina Gray

Barbara Oona Beeson

Harry Peter Whitman

Duke David Jarvis

Bernard Malcolm Ward

Sally Frances Jeater

Voss Don McCorkindale

Danny Lyndam Gregory

Dr Ott Gavin Muir

Young Theo William Wortley

Director: Matthew Walters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.

SAT 07:30 Wise Gals by Nathalia Holt (Omnibus)

(m002tpdc)

In the wake of the Second World War, four agents were critical in helping build a new organization we now know as the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The unsung story of the women who worked for the early American intelligence agency the OSS, where crucial decisions were made to recruit and turn spies.

Adelaide Hawkins, Mary Hutchinson, Eloise Page, and Elizabeth Sudmeier, called the "wise gals" by their male colleagues because of their sharp sense of humour and even quicker intelligence, were not the stereotypical femme fatale of spy novels.

They were smart, courageous, and ground-breaking agents at the top of their class, instrumental in both developing innovative tools for intelligence gathering - and insisting (in their own unique ways) that they receive the credit and pay their expertise deserved.

Through their friendship and shared sense of purpose, they rose to positions of power and were able to make real change in a traditionally "male, pale, and Yale" organisation. Wise Gals sheds a light on the untold history of the women whose daring foreign intrigues, domestic persistence, and fighting spirit have been and continue to be instrumental to US security.

Nathalia Holt's never-before-told story, first published in 2022. Omnibus of five episodes abridged by Polly Coles.

Read by Nicola Stuart-Hill.

Producer: Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2023.

SAT 08:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrmj)

4. The Future Is Tripe

"Fosdyke International is going into red cabbage, pigs' feet and maybe even pickled onions." Jos Fosdyke is feeling extra determined to conquer the world...

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

Rebecca Fosdyke Stephanie Turner

Victoria Fosdyke Miriam Margolyes

Tom Fosdyke David Threlfall

The Warder John Junkin

The King John Westbrook

Other parts played by:

Christopher Barr

Sally Grace

Douglas Blackwell

David English

Producer: Alan Nixon
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1983.
SAT 09:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b00f9y6d)
 Series 3
 Episode 1
 Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel stays in a haunted mansion. With Spike Milligan as The Mayor of Witchfield. Recreation of the Marx Brothers' lost shows charting the adventures of shady lawyer Waldorf T. Flywheel and his assistant, Emmanuel Ravelli.
 Originally broadcast with sponsors on America's NBC radio network in the 1930s. The scripts were rediscovered in 1988.
 Groucho Marx as Waldorf T. Flywheel Michael Roberts
 Chico Marx as Emmanuel Ravelli Frank Lazarus
 With:
 Lorelei King
 Graham Hoadly
 Special guest stars:
 Spike Milligan
 Dick Vosburgh
 Written by Nat Perrin and Arthur Sheekman.
 Adapted by Mark Brisenden.
 Lyrics by Dick Vosburgh and Frank Lazarus.
 Music arranged and conducted by David Firman.
 Producer: Dirk Maggs
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.
SAT 09:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000n4jj)
 Series 4
 Episode 6
 Desert island doings for the "Swiss Family Home" - and 'Hornerama' probes the press.
 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
 The precursor to 'Round The Home', 'Beyond Our Ken' hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 – featuring regulars like Cecil Snaith, Stanley Burkinshaw and Rodney and Charles.
 Producer: Jacques Brown
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1960.
SAT 10:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m001090l)
 3. Beyond
 Charting the horrors and the highs of becoming a mother, Jessica Fostekeew tackles coping with the new arrival.
 In the last 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 Mabey
 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 Rough Cider by Peter Lovesey (m002tpd9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 12:30 Wise Gals by Nathalia Holt (Omnibus) (m002tpdc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 13:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrmy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 14:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b00f9y6d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000n4jj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 15:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m001090l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 16:00 2025 by Mike Walker (b00hy94c)
 1. New Reality
 It's a future where our lives are ruled by computers and the possibility of artificial intelligence has become a reality.
 Starring Alphonsia Emmanuel, Mona Hammond and Daniela Nardini.
 Mike Walker's futuristic two-part sci-fi serial.
 Irena Alphonsia Emmanuel
 Olivia Mona Hammond

Dr Beth David Daniela Nardini
 Henry David Yip
 Anno Su-Lin Looi
 Praeger John Rowe
 Dr Finzey Alastair Danson
 Kate Rachel Atkins
 Capstick Gerard McDermott
 Terry Gupta Ravin J Ganatra
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.
SAT 17:00 Rough Cider by Peter Lovesey (m002tpd9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 18:30 Wise Gals by Nathalia Holt (Omnibus) (m002tpdc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 19:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrmy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 20:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b00f9y6d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000n4jj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m001090l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Craig Brown's Lost Diaries (b00vrssk)
 November and December
 Satirist Craig Brown dips into the private lives of public figures from the 1960s to the present day.
 November and December. As winter sets in, John Prescott, Germaine Greer and Nigella Lawson's thoughts turn to home.
 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 (b0113086)
 Series 2
 3. 'I'm a cherry childless and proud of it'
 "I'm childless and proud of it"
 "I'd like to be romantic but I have a voice that makes children cry"
 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
 Jenny Bridget Christie
 Keith Joe Wilkinson
 Written by Sarah Millican.
 Producer: Lianne Coop
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011
SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002v2cw)
 Carwyn Blayney 1/3
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Stephen Bailey speaks to comedian, actor and writer Carwyn Blayney.
SAT 23:00 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b044mc1g)
 Series 3
 Belief and Opinion
 Stephen K Amos sets out to compile an idiot's guide to belief and opinion.
 With assistance from some of the comedy circuit's best stand-ups:
 Wil Hodgson
 Gavin Webster
 Shazia Mirza
 Producer: Colin Anderson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.
SAT 23:30 Radio Active (b007k1zs)
 Series 5
 Wimbledon
 Anyone for tennis? Radio Active's exclusive 'live' coverage from Court 19.
 Radio Active is the one and only local national radio station.
 Starring:
 Helen Atkinson-Wood
 Angus Deayton
 Geoffrey Perkins
 Philip Pope
 Michael Fenton-Stevens
 Music by Philip Pope and Angus Deayton.
 Written by Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins with John Cantor, Moray Hunter, John Docherty and Jeremy Pascall.
 Producer: Jamie Rix
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1985.

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 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]
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SUN 02:30 Wise Gals by Nathalia Holt (Omnibus) (m002tpdc)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]
SUN 04:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000n4jj)
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SUN 05:00 Motherhood: Bump, Birth and Beyond (m001090l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002tplg)
 Oscar Winners 3
 Jenny Beavan
 Costumer designer Jenny Beavan is castaway by Lauren Laverne.
 Jenny has won three Oscars for her costumes for the films Room with a View, Mad Max: Fury Road and Cruella, and has received nine further Academy Award nominations.
 She was born in London, and her parents were both professional musicians who encouraged her to paint, draw and learn a musical instrument.
 After studying theatre design, she was invited at the age of just 21 to create the sets for a production of Carmen at the Royal Opera House, conducted by Sir Georg Solti. She also worked on the costumes, which eventually led to her current career.
 Her credits now include more than 60 films and television series, including a long collaboration with the Merchant Ivory team, on titles such as Howards End and Remains of the Day, as well as Room with a View.
 Her costumes range from precise period recreations, in films such as The King's Speech, to the post-apocalyptic world of Mad Max and the extravagant 1970s-inspired gowns for Emma Stone and Emma Thompson in Cruella.
 Along with her Oscars, Jenny has also won four BAFTAs and two Primetime Emmy awards.
 She was appointed a OBE in 2017.
 DISC ONE: Endure from Bach's St Matthew Passion. Performed by Hans Peter Blochwitz and the Chapelle Royale Orchestra, conducted by Philippe Herreweghe
 DISC TWO: The Stately Homes of England - Noël Coward
 DISC THREE: Bizet: Carmen / Act 2 - "La fleur que tu m'avais jetée" (The flower you threw at me) Performed by Plácido Domingo and London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Sir Georg Solti
 DISC FOUR: O Mio Babbino Caro. Composed by Giacomo Puccini and performed by Kiri Te Kanawa and The London Philharmonic Orchestra
 DISC FIVE: Scream - Caitlin Albery Beavan and Jim Bell
 DISC SIX: Parking Fines - Joe Lycett from his That's the Way, A-Ha, A-Ha tour
 DISC SEVEN: I Will Survive - Gloria Gaynor
 DISC EIGHT: Radamisto, HWV 12, Act 2: "Ombra cara di mia sposa" (Radamisto) (Beloved shadow of my bride) Composed by George Frideric Handel, performed by Emöke Baráth and Ensemble Artaserse, conducted by Philippe Jaroussky
 BOOK CHOICE: The Complete Novels of Jane Austen
 LUXURY ITEM: A cello
 CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Endure from Bach's St Matthew Passion. Performed by Hans Peter Blochwitz and the Chapelle Royale Orchestra, conducted by Philippe Herreweghe
 Presenter: Lauren Laverne
 Producer: Sarah Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2023.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lyx6f)
 Series 1
 The Serpent's Stare
 Underground animals are very different to the animals that spend their life on the surface.
 They are a different shape, their senses are tuned in a very different way and they manifestly come from a different world. Does this explain the stare of the snake?
 Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.
 Sir David has been awarded the Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George, for his services to TV, broadcasting and conservation.
 Producer: Julian Hector
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002tplj)
 The Psalms
 Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects The Psalms read by Oscar-winning actor Jeremy Irons.
 **And Daljit reads from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month: The House of Broken Things by Kim Moore.
 Some of the most beautiful poetry in the Bible is in the Book of Psalms. Jeremy Irons reads from the King James Version.
 The Psalms show a whole range of human emotions. Here we find hymns, laments and songs of thanksgiving.
 In this programme, Jeremy Irons reads the first psalms in the

book, between Psalm 1 and Psalm 29, including one of the most well known of all, Psalm 23, as well as one of the longest, Psalm 18.

Produced by Susan Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

SUN 07:30 The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4 (b096nyvg)

Episode 1

It's 1981 and the year starts inauspiciously for Adrian Mole. A new girl called Pandora joins his class. Read by Harry McEntire.

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

Read by Harry McEntire. 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.

A fresh serialisation made in the year that Adrian Mole himself turned 50.

Omnibus of the first five of ten parts abridged by Sara Davies.

Producer: Alexa Moore

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

SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002tpll)

Mark Heap

Actor Mark Heap chooses 'Were You There?' by Tennessee Ernie Ford and 'L'Ascension' composed by Olivier Messiaen.

SUN 08:50 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (Omnibus) (m000qcf9)

One of Britain's best loved comedy stars looks back over his life and showbiz times.

Omnibus of five programmes written and read by Ronnie Corbett.

Born in Edinburgh, Ronnie recalls early life with his determined parents.

After school, Ronnie wants to be an actor - and it's National Service which leads him to meet others with similar aspirations...

Producer: Steve Doherty.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2000.

SUN 10:00 Instant Sunshine (b007qtrm)

From 12th April 1985

Entertainment in words and music to help you beat the weather. Humorous songs performed by the comedy musical cabaret group.

Performed by:

David Barlow

Peter Christie

Miles Kington

Alan Maryon-Davis

Special guests: Father's Footsteps

Producer: Richard Edis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1985.

SUN 10:30 Jim the Great (b011f57l)

Series 2

The Turn of the Tide

The King needs to entertain the peasants, what about a lecture on ecology?

Historical regal romp starring Jimmy Edwards.

King Jim Jimmy Edwards

The Chancellor Julian Orchard

Queen Esmerelda Joan Sanderson

King Canute Chris Emmett

With:

John Baddeley

Written by Andrew Palmer.

After a successful pilot, Jim the Great ran for two series on BBC Radio 2 between 1976 - 1979.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1979.

SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002tplg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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SUN 16:00 The Coma by Alex Garland (b007jtwc)

5. Stimulus

Fear of never waking up turns to fear of waking up, as Carl starts to stir from his coma.

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. Concluded by Tom Goodman-Hill.

Producer: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in December 2004.

SUN 16:30 The Slide (m000tk8)

6. Time Limit

As the mysterious mud encroaches even further, the new town of Redlow is declared a Disaster Area and a complete evacuation is underway.

Now even local MP Hugh Deverill is feeling the effects...

Starring Roger Delgado and Maurice Denham.

Victor Pemberton's sci-fi mystery serial.

Hugh Deverill, MP Maurice Denham

Josef Gomez Roger Delgado

Inspector Baxter Geoffrey Matthews

Pilot Anthony Jackson

Ground Control Brian Hewlett

Sergeant Johnson Wilfred Babbage

Professor Lippert Allan McClelland

Dr Ken Richards David Spenser

Professor Landers Rolf Lefebvre

Margaret Griffiths, MP Joan Matheson

Anna Deverill Marion Mathie

RAF Corporal Anthony Hall

Mrs Luke Noel Hood

Special Effects: The BBC Radiophonic Workshop

Producer: John Tydemann

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1966.

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SUN 22:00 Detective Sergeant Nick Mohammed (b03bdsyt)

Series 2

Security

DS Nick Mohammed is asked to provide additional security for a major event.

Sitcom written and performed by Nick Mohammed.

Longsuffering constables Colin and Anna aid and abet him in everything he does.

With:

Anna Crilly

Colin Houl

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

Will Andrews

Script Editor: Johnny Sweet

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2013.

SUN 22:30 Weak at the Top (b00tjnmq)

Series 2

Values

Marketing maestro John Weak tries to solve the meeting room crisis with some challenging seduction...

Randy, devious, sexist and workshy, John Weak puts the man into management - in Guy Browning's sitcom.

Starring Alexander Armstrong as marketing maestro and "totty" magnet John Weak.

Hayley Clare Perkins

Sir Marcus Geoffrey Whitehead

Bill Peters Ron Cook

Tim Ewan Bailey

Giles Stephen Critchlow

Sam Adjoa Andoh

Music: David Pickvance

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

SUN 23:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b09fy5xg)

Series 12

How Did I Do?

Whilst trying to track down his delivery of cat food Ed discovers a whole new world of employment opportunities when he meets Dominic, a 'PTP', or 'Paid to Populate', who is working on a development site.

They quickly join forces to start a new delivery company and Ed is introduced to a new climate where freebies are distributed in lieu of salaries and continuing employment lies in the fate of the Customer Satisfaction survey.

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas.

Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas

Olive Stephanie Cole

Maggie Monica Dolan

Dominic Tyger Drew-Honey

Pearl Brigit Forsyth

Frank Simon Greenall

Man Simon Greenall

Jaz Philip Jackson

Cliff Geoffrey Whitehead

Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Stan Geoffrey Whitehead

Himself Petroc Trelawny

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 (b00j0h9n)

Series 2

Sandi Toksvig

Sandi Toksvig tries on high heels for the first time, samples a Pot Noodle - and attempts to view the world wearing a pair of stilts.

Series in which Marcus Brigstocke invites celebrities to try new experiences.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009

MONDAY 06 APRIL 2026

MON 00:00 The Coma by Alex Garland (b007jtwc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 The Slide (m000tk8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002tplg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lyx6f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002tplj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4 (b096nyvg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002tpll)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 High Hopes by Ronnie Corbett (Omnibus) (m000qcf9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Instant Sunshine (b007qtrm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Jim the Great (b011f57l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b00th9yk)

Julie Enfield Investigates: Terminus

1. Corpse

A horrifically mutilated corpse is found on the railway track near the terminus

DS Julie Enfield's hardest job is to try and identify the victim. Imelda Staunton stars as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield Atmospheric five-part detective thriller written by Nick Fisher.

DS Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton

DCI Michael Stanley Nicholas Farrell

DS Kevin Richards Charles Simpson

Terminus Dominic Letts

Dad Geoffrey Matthews

Jim Stevens David Jarvis

Sarah Maggie McCarthy

Victim Paul Panting

Train Driver John Evitts

Passenger Rachel Atkins

Police Constable Tom Bevan

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1994.

MON 06:30 The Great Impersonation (m000mc27)

1. Old Friends Meet

Early in 1914, two men meet in the wilds of German East Africa - one is a German, the other an Englishman.

Both men are roughly the same age, both share a similar background and each man looks almost identical to the other.

This similarity gives Leopold von Ragastein a perfect opportunity...

Starring David Robb.

E Phillips Oppenheim's mystery thriller - first published in 1920.

Dramatised in five parts by Barry Campbell.

Sir Everard Drominey / Leopold von Ragastein David Robb

Dr Schmidt Phillip Manikum

Mangan William Eedle

Princess Eiderstrom Narissa Knights

Seaman William Hope

Duchess of Worcester Anne Jameson

Duke of Worcester Garard Green

Capt Bartram Graham Pountney

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1985.

MON 07:00 Control Group Six (b00752h5)

Series 1

Episode 2

In the single bars of the Company dream town, Dr Heaven continues his search for love. And for Frank. Though not simultaneously.

Unless Frank is the girl in yellow

A bizarre four-part comedy - half sketch show and half psychological thriller.

Control Group Six is a company town, like any other with a high murder-rate. But only one man possesses the experience, the post-Jungian insight and the gullibility to enter such a dangerous environment - Dr Heaven, company psychologist. Written and performed by Richard Bean, Andrew Clifford and Clive Coleman.

With:
Geraldine Fitzgerald
Mandy Knight
Producer: Colin Swash
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.
MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jp0x)
Series 2
The King Was in His Counting House
When Captain Mainwaring's bank gets bombed in Walmington-on-Sea, his Home Guard platoon must guard all the money. The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon.

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's 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
Shirley Wendy Richard
Announcer John Snagge
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.
MON 08:00 Boswell's Lives (b0547ntj)
Series 1
Boswell's Life of Pinter
James Boswell attempts to write the biography of Harold Pinter but finds himself the victim of a betrayal.
Jon Canter's sitcom sees Dr Johnson's celebrated biographer, James Boswell pursue other legends to immortalise.
James Boswell Miles Jupp
Harold Pinter Harry Enfield
Director: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.
MON 08:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b096h79w)
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4
6. The School Trip
Class Four D go on a school trip to the British Museum. Plus Adrian has his tonsils out.
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4 is the first book in the Adrian Mole series of comedic-fiction.

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.
Abridged in ten parts by Sara Davies.
Read by Harry McEntire.
Producer: Alexa Moore
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.
MON 08:45 Little Grudges by Hattie Naylor (b01p6wvs)
1. Goings-On in the Cafe
Prunella Scales and Hannah Gordon star in this sparkling comedy by Hattie Naylor, inspired by the experiences of listeners to BBC Radio 4..
Everyone loves Bonnie's cafe for the chintz, the coffee and her comforting presence - as well as her uncanny knack of knowing what's wrong.
But every single one of them has a secret grudge against someone.
Even Bonnie, who has a special talent for listening.
Comedy drama written in five parts by Hattie Naylor.
Bonnie Prunella Scales
Ellie ... Hannah Gordon
Tom Tom Glenister
Fiona Katharine Rogers
Sissy Eleanor Crooks
Beth Sally Orrock
Stacey Sarah Thom
Jim Robert Blythe
Director: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.
MON 09:00 Unspeakable (m002tthr)
Series 3
3. Pains, Trains and Forgetfulness
This episode we hear Nish Kumar's word for people who forget movies, Harriet Kemsley's description for when an accident happens to you and nobody sees it, and Ivo Graham's word for the most horrible place to sit on a train.
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: Ivo Graham, Harriet Kemsley and Nish Kumar
Created by Joe Varley
Writers: Matt Crosby and James Farmer
Recorded by Jerry Peal
Producer: Jon Harvey
Executive Producers: Joe Varley and Akash Lockmun
A Brown Bred production for BBC Radio 4
MON 09:30 Growing Solo (m001yhhy)
One Million Calories
Max Cotton is leaving behind the weekly shop, supermarkets and the modern world.
Instead, he's about to discover whether he can grow and produce 100% of his food on a smallholding near Glastonbury. His only import for a year is salt.
With his challenge planted, the retired political journalist is making preparations.
He needs to produce more than one million calories to survive. Why is he doing this?
What has inspired him, and how much food does one person need for a year?
Max is helped and ridiculed in equal measure by his family. We hear from them, from Guy Singh Watson, the founder of Riverford, and Max's farming friend Tommy Allen.
And we're introduced to the star of this series - Max's cow, Brenda.
Producer: Tessa Browne
A Good Egg production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2024.
MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002tprf)
Easter Encounters - Easter Monday
A service for Easter Monday from St Ann's Church, Manchester led by Rev Adam Robertson, with music provided by the Choir of St Ann's, directed by Robin Shakespeare with organist James Hume.
Reading: John 20. 11-18
Music:
Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn)
Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (Stanford)
Thine be the glory (Maccabeus)
MON 10:00 Musical Games (b00dls3m)
Series 1
Rosanne Cash
Tom Morton meets the daughter of country legend Johnny Cash.
Series searching for the true story behind some of our best-loved musicians.
Producer: Deirdre Waldie
First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in October 2008.
MON 10:30 Stone Age Sound (b007635r)
The Passage Grave at Newgrange in Ireland - built around 5,000 years ago - is one of the most well-preserved Neolithic sites of its kind.
Archaeologist Aaron Watson and acoustics expert Dave Keating visit the site and conduct a series of tests to try to determine how Neolithic man might have experienced such a monument through sound.
Presented by Joanna Pinnock.
Producer: Sheena Duncan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.
MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b00th9yk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 11:30 The Great Impersonation (m000mc27)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 12:00 Control Group Six (b00752h5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jp0x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 13:00 Boswell's Lives (b0547ntj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 13:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b096h79w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:45 Little Grudges by Hattie Naylor (b01p6wvs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 14:00 Just a Minute (m00016bx)
Series 60
Episode 6
Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition.
With:
Paul Merton
Stephen Fry
Sue Perkins
Fi Glover
Subjects include:
The Best Way to Greet Someone
Loyalty Cards
Crawling
My Musical Abilities
Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia
What You Can Find In My Local Library
Making Up Your Wedding Vows
The American Dream
The Worst Way To Greet Someone
Georgian Architecture

Offending People
Created by Ian Messier.
Producer: Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.
MON 14:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076j4t)
Episode 4
Venturing away from home for the first time, Anne of Cleves comes to England.
Henry thinks he has a demure and compliant wife, but he reckons without Mrs Loew.
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
Anne of Cleves Sasha Pick
Mrs Loew Aletta Lawson
Court Fool Chris Emmett
Hans Holbein/Sir Richard Peter Van Dissel
Music by Jim Parker.
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.
MON 15:00 Drama on 4 (b08hnlxw)
The Ferryhill Philosophers by Michael Chaplin
Moral Status and the Golden Boy
A young boy is grievously injured in a cycling accident. His parents face the terrible decision of whether to leave him on a life-support machine indefinitely - or to switch it off?
Ex-Durham miner Joe and a University philosopher Hermione are an unlikely duo who, together, bring human compassion and philosophy to bear in facing up to some of life's hardest dilemmas.
Starring Alun Armstrong and Deborah Findlay.
The boy's mother asks Joe to help her husband face up to the decision - and tells Joe something which changes everything...
Joe Snowball Alun Armstrong
Hermione Pink Deborah Findlay
Isabel Gina McKee
Gordon Deka Walmsley
Director: Marilyn Imrie
A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2017.
MON 15:45 Snowdrops by Leslie Norris (m0002lyn)
Amidst the fragility of life, a six-year old boy eagerly anticipates the first snowdrops of spring...
Gareth Armstrong reads Leslie Norris's short story.
Producer: Caroline Sarrl
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.
MON 16:00 Musical Games (b00dls3m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:30 Stone Age Sound (b007635r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
MON 17:00 Whodunnits (b00th9yk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:30 The Great Impersonation (m000mc27)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 18:00 Control Group Six (b00752h5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jp0x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 Boswell's Lives (b0547ntj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b096h79w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 Little Grudges by Hattie Naylor (b01p6wvs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 Just a Minute (m00016bx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076j4t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 Drama on 4 (b08hnlxw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 21:45 Snowdrops by Leslie Norris (m0002lyn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]
MON 22:00 Unspeakable (m002tthr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 22:30 Damien Slash (m000mkvd)
The Damien Slash Mixtape (Series 3)
Episode 1
Multi-character YouTube star Damien Slash is back for a third round of zeitgeisty sketches in this new fast-paced, one-man sketch comedy show.
From the surreal and satirical, this phonic smorgasbord takes us from a Lockdown Tate Modern to SAS Survival Training to a meditation tape from a very special POTUS...
Written by and starring Damien Slash (aka Daniel Barker).
Additional Material from Tom Savage.
Guest starring Natasia Demetriou.
Producer: Benjamin Sutton
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2020.
MON 22:45 Tarot: Soundbleed (m00108c3)
Episode 1
The brainchild of multi-award winning sketch supergroup Tarot, uniting Gein's Family Giftshop and Goose, alongside stand-up and writer Kiri Pritchard-McLean.

In August 2019, Tarot were the fifth best-reviewed act in Edinburgh, the fourth-best show of the year according to The List, and the best show of the year according to Chortle. The Guardian called it 'bark-out-loud funny', and The Telegraph called it 'hilarious'.

Throughout their richly sound-scaped first series, Soundbleed harnesses the group's inventive writing, rapid gag rate and fine ear for character.

In this first episode, we hear an unrelaxing meditation session, a disaster at a joust and, worst of all, someone gets a guitar out at a party.

Written and performed by:

Adam Drake
Edward Easton
Kath Hughes

Ben Rowse
Kiri Pritchard-McLean.
Producer: Hayley Sterling

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2021.

MON 23:00 The Naked Week (m0021bty)
Series 4

Jesus Christ Superstarmer, and Dark Satanic Mills
The team pile in on Mills and the Moon. (Mills and Moon sounds like a series of romantic novels. Just to manage your expectations, that's not where we're going with this). Also, just in time for Easter, the world premiere of Jesus Christ Superstarmer.

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
Helen Brooks
Sophie Dickson
Molly Punshon
Cooper Mahwinny Swerty

Joe Topping
Kevin Smith
Investigation team:

Cat Neilan
Becky Pinnington
Emily Channon

Guests: Rosie Holt, Space Lawyer Heather Allansdottir.

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 (b08nq5x9)

Rob Newman's Neuropolis

Robot New Man (or Attack of the Killer Sci-Fi)

Rob Newman is our guide on a unique audio odyssey of the brain.

He's 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 May 2017.

TUESDAY 07 APRIL 2026

TUE 00:00 Musical Genes (b00ds13m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 Stone Age Sound (b007635r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (b00th9yk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 The Great Impersonation (m000mc27)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Control Group Six (b00752h5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jp0x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 Boswell's Lives (b0547ntj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b096h79w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:45 Little Grudges by Hattie Naylor (b01p6wvs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (m00016bx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076j4t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Drama on 4 (b08hnlxw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:45 Snowdrops by Leslie Norris (m0002lyn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b007wvwz)

Julie Enfield Investigates: Terminus

2. Busker

The "Lucky Charm" murders mount up.

Shelley, the Irish busker, is under suspicion for the murders, but DS Richards is convinced she's "a nice kid".

Imelda Staunton stars as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield

Atmospheric detective thriller written by Nick Fisher.

DS Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton

DCI Michael Stanley Nicholas Farrell

DS Kevin Richards Charles Simpson

Terminus Dominic Letts

Dad Geoffrey Matthews

Timothy Lynham Neville Jason

Shelley Elaine Claxton

Mrs Winterton Tina Grey

Sarah Maggie McCarthy

Station Announcer David Jarvis

Bag Lady Margaret John

Producer: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1994.

TUE 06:30 The Great Impersonation (m000m9yd)

2. The Homecoming

A chance meeting of two former 'lookalike' schoolfriends in

German East Africa, results in the death of one of them.

The other returns to England, under the name of Sir Everard

Dominey.

On this espionage mission, he aims to take up a powerful

position in society, as the country moved towards inevitable

conflict with Germany.

Starring David Robb.

E Phillips Oppenheim's mystery thriller - first published in

1920.

Dramatised by Barry Campbell.

Sir Everard Dominey / Leopold von Ragastein David Robb

Seaman William Hope

Prince Temiloff Tim Meats

Princess Temiloff Angela Phillips

Princess Eiderstrom Narlssa Knights

Mangan William Eedle

Middleton Paul Nicholson

Mrs Marston Gwen Cherrell

Parkins Howard Hoffmann

Lady Dominey Melinda Walker

Director: Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1985.

TUE 07:00 Flying the Flag (b007jxh2)

Series 2

A Taste of Democracy

It's British week in the People's Republic!

The best of Great Britain is on display - amongst other things, a

double-decker bus, of course, and a clog dancing

demonstration.

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Eastern Bloc embassy sitcom written by Alex Shearer.

HM Ambassador Mackenzie Dinsdale Landen

William Frost Peter Acre

Helen Waterson Moir Leslie

Colonel Surikov Christopher Benjamin

Frank Burton, MP Alan Dudley

Gerald Calder-Brown, MP Richard Tate

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1988.

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (m002tpls)

Series 10

Robin's Post

1901. Will Lord Seagoon survive holding a masked ball at his

ancestral home?

Ground-breaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike

Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: John Brownell

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1960.

TUE 08:00 The Fair Intellectual Club (b084d9zy)

A Fling with Mr Franklin

A young American inventor named Ben Franklin ends up in

Edinburgh. The young ladies of a secret scholarly society are

seduced by his exciting talk of the New World and his

intellectual prowess.

An elopement is on the cards as Marjory is set to be torn from the wrinkly arms of her fiancé. Will the girls leave their beloved Scotland?

Sparks fly and electricity abounds in the final episode of Lucy

Porter's 18th Century Sitcom.

Ishbel Caroline Deyga

Alison Jessica Hardwick

Robert Simon Donaldson

Marjory Samara MacLaren

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 (b096hczg)

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

7. The Nativity Play

The untraditional school nativity play, From Manger to Star,

gets a mixed reception.

Friends Bert and Queenie come round for Christmas dinner.

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13¾ is the first book in the

Adrian Mole series of comedic-fiction.

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 October

2017.

TUE 08:45 Little Grudges by Hattie Naylor (b01p70p2)

2. The Pixies Won't Keep Quiet

Prunella Scales and Hannah Gordon star in this sparkling

comedy by Hattie Naylor, inspired by the experiences of

listeners to Radio 4.

Everyone loves Bonnie's cafe for the chintz, the coffee and her

comforting presence; her uncanny knack of knowing what's

wrong. But every single one of them has a secret grudge against

someone.

Sissy has met her lover's wife, Fiona has a shock for Shirley and

Bonnie is bothered by pixies.

Written by Hattie Naylor.

Bonnie Prunella Scales

Ellie ... Hannah Gordon

Tom Tom Glenister

Fiona Katharine Rogers

Sissy Eleanor Crooks

Beth Sally Orrock

Stacey Sarah Thom

Jim Robert Blythe

Director: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.

TUE 09:00 Zoe Lyons: Now What? (m002tblb)

When she hit 50, the comedian Zoe Lyons had something of a

midlife crisis which resulted in her living alone with nothing but

a sports car and a pull-up bar. Now 54, she's out the other side

but can't help looking around at her life, her career, and the

state of the world and thinking "Now What?"

We all know that the best way to deal with any crisis is to have a

cuppa and a good natter about it so now she's asking "Now

What?" on Radio 4. In this episode Zoe explores careers and

what it means to be a success in your chosen path.

Mixing interviews with stand-up comedy, Zoe seeks the advice

of some of her comedy colleagues - some slightly older, some

younger, some her age - including Helen Lederer, Jenny Eclair,

Amelia Hamilton and Kerry Godliman. Can Zoe reconnect with

her career motivation - or at least discover where it's lurking?

Or should she give it all up and just drive around in her lovely

little campervan?

Presenter: Zoe Lyons

Producer: Laura Grimshaw

Live Sound: Jerry Peal

Post-Production Sound: Tony Churnside

Executive Producers: Jon Holmes and Carrie Rose

An unusual production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 09:30 Growing Solo (m001yj15)

The Harvest

Max Cotton, a retired political journalist, leaves behind the

weekly shop, supermarkets and the modern world to find out if

he can grow and produce 100% of his food on a smallholding

near Glastonbury. His only import for a year is salt.

This second episode gets off to a bad start as getting the wheat

in is hampered by badgers and a pre-Stone Age harvesting

system. Max explores making bread from the wheat he's grown,

discusses having a house cow and making cheese, and deals

with the shock of going without tea and coffee.

Presenter: Max Cotton

Producer: Tessa Browne

A Good Egg production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

April 2024.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002tplv)

Easter Encounters - Jesus has risen

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Easter Encounters - Jesus has risen

Presenter: Molly Boot

Reading: Luke 24 1-12

Music:

Today (Lucy Walker) - St Martin's Voices

In Christ Alone - Keith & Kristyn Getty

Praise to the holiest in the height - Daily Service Singers

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000n181)

Mark Radcliffe & Patricia Cumper

Broadcaster Mark Radcliffe and playwright Patricia Cumper

join Harriett Gilbert to nominate their favourite book by Toni Morrison, Elizabeth Strout and Helene Hanff. From 2020.

Beloved by Toni Morrison

Publisher: Vintage

Olive, Again by Elizabeth Strout

Publisher: Viking

84 Charing Cross Road by Helen Hanff

Publisher: Virago

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2020.

TUE 10:30 Inside the Elephant Mind (b00qxgzv)

Elephants are clever but science is only now beginning to reveal

just how smart they really are. Andrew Luck-Baker joins

British and Kenyan researchers on the East African savannah

who are revealing the depths of the elephant mind with the help

of a huge loudspeaker in the back of a Land Rover.

By playing different sound recordings - of elephants, lions and

people - at elephant family groups, scientists are probing the

sophistication of their memory and pachyderm numerical skills.

They are also testing whether elephants can distinguish between

different human languages. Anecdotes suggest they can.

Another team of British researchers have been using urine

samples and smelly clothes in experiments to probe the agility

of elephant grey matter.

All this has been taking place on the plains of Amboseli

National Park in Kenya, in the shadow of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Amboseli is home to the world's longest running study of a

single elephant population. Started by journalist-turned-

biologist Cynthia Moss almost forty years ago, the study is a

continuing record of every facet of the lives of every elephant

living there. Cynthia Moss says the Amboseli data is 'gold' for

visiting animal psychologists.

It turns out that that elephants are more intelligent than humans

in some respects. For example, elephants have a much better

short-term working memory than we do and out-perform people

on at least one numerical skill. But why might they need to

distinguish between the English language and the language of

the local Masaai people? And what does this research tell us

about the evolution of animal intelligence in general?

Produced and presented by Andrew Luck-Baker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

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TUE 14:00 Genius (b008gh91)

Series 2

Chris Addison

Buying socks in threes and happy chickens?

Dave Gorman asks comedian Chris Addison 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 (b00tmtjb)

Episode 3

When Jen starts trying to date again, things are bound to go

awry.

She manages to get involved in a complicated online mix up

which involves the neighbours and the kids' teacher...

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

Shelley Alexis Zegerman

Vivienne Christine Kavanagh

Felicity Amy Dabrowa

Toby Alexander Heath

Radio DJ/Waiter Lloyd Thomas

Adam Caleb Hughes

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

TUE 15:00 Drama on 4 (b08hpbx3)

The Ferryhill Philosophers by Michael Chaplin

Political Obligations and the Occasional Toke

Drama written by Michael Chaplin about an unlikely duo, an ex-

miner and a senior lecturer wrestling with philosophical

dilemmas.

Joe is forced to uncover his neighbours' illicit activities and

confront old betrayals from the 1984 miner's strike as he

clashes with a police officer and his own daughter. Hermione

forces them all to find a way forward.

Alun Armstrong and Deborah Findlay star as the ex-Durham

miner and the University philosopher who together bring human

compassion and philosophy to bear in facing up to some of

life's hardest dilemmas.

Joe Snowball Alun Armstrong

Hermione Pink Deborah Findlay

Lucy Snowball Lauren Kellegher

Brian Christopher Connel

Kev/ Police Sergeant Dean Logan

Mark/Stewy Dean Bone

Director: Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast

in March 2017.

TUE 15:45 The Kingfisher by Leslie Norris (b0b2mr0b)

"So you're 14," James' father said. "Always a sad anniversary

for men of our family. When they reach this age, they're

thought old enough to bear a terrible knowledge."

A short story from the prize-winning Welsh poet and writer

Leslie Norris.

Read by Laurence Allan

Produced by Caroline Sarll

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

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TUE 22:00 Zoe Lyons: Now What? (m002tblb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b01p4sgr)

Series 3

Episode 3

The Kapoor's tee off on the golf course, and the Delhi students

take a train trip to Southend-on-Sea.

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 Editors: Sharat Sardana and Richard Pinto

Producer: Anil Gupta.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002v2d2)

Carwyn Blayney 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week.

The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Stephen

Bailey chats again to comedian, actor and writer Carwyn

Blayney.

TUE 23:00 My Teenage Diary (m000j812)

Series 9

Olly Mann

Rufus Hound with more honest, intimate and hilarious

interviews, with famous guests reading from their genuine

teenage diaries.

This time Rufus talks to podcaster Olly Mann about his teenage

diaries.

He finds out about boarding school life, Olly's Bar Mitzvah, and

his love of the Australian soap Neighbours.

Producer: Harriet Jaie

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

2020.

TUE 23:30 Forty Nights in the Wildebeest (b007k0hh)

Episode 1

Dan and Nick: The Wildebeest Years proved to be a success as

their debut comedy series.

Dan Freedman and Nick Romero return for a second run in

which they're pushing the pun count beyond the pain threshold.

Including:

Buffet the Vampire Salad

Dr Seuss and the Darleks

Tarbuk, Lord of the Jungle.

Music is performed by the Gents.

Producers: Julian Mayers & Jayne Gibson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

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WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jxr3)

Julie Enfield Investigates: Terminus

3. Playing Games

Timothy Lineham, MP, is the 'Lucky Charm' killer's third

victim.

A drugs or terrorist connection seems likely.

Events take a bizarre turn for Detective Superintendent Julie

Enfield.

Starring Imelda Staunton.

Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.

DS Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton

DCI Michael Stanley Nicholas Farrell

DS

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
Terry Leo Dolan
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 May 1985.
WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jxyr)
Series 1
The Idol
Feeling tired of the Lad's big-headedness, Bill and Moira decide it's time to teach him a lesson.
Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.
Starring Tony Hancock.
With:
Moira Lister
Bill Kerr
Sidney James
Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.
Music recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.
Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1954.
WED 08:00 What Does the K Stand For? (b08c0rr5)
Series 3
The Riot
The Amos household are caught up in the Britton riot.
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
Bola Okun
Emerald Crankson
Karen Bartke
David Sterne
Producer: Paul Sheehan
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2017.
WED 08:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b096j4m4)
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4
Episode 8
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 Little Grudges by Hattie Naylor (b01p71wj)
3. An Old Flame
Prunella Scales and Hannah Gordon star in this sparkling comedy by Hattie Naylor, inspired by the experiences of listeners to Radio Four.
Everyone loves Bonnie's cafe for the chintz, the coffee and her comforting presence; her uncanny knack of knowing what's wrong. But every single one of them has a secret grudge against someone.
Ellie learns the extraordinary truth about an old flame and loses her temper.
Written by Hattie Naylor.
Bonnie Prunella Scales
Ellie Hannah Gordon
Tom Tom Glenister
Fiona Katharine Rogers
Sissy Eleanor Crooks
Beth Sally Orrock
Stacey Sarah Thom
Jim Robert Blythe
Director: Mary Ward-Lowery
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.
WED 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m001t93g)
Scott Bennett: Stuff
Before becoming an award-winning comedian Scott Bennett was an award-winning product designer, a career he gave up to avoid workplace pressure and constant scrutiny. In his time, Scott has designed everything from water cans and hydraulic lifting systems to storage boxes and, in one instance, a flat-pack

bondage cage.
As a former product designer, Scott now feels guilty about the part he's played in how consumerism impacts the world we live in. He asks whether it's possible to live a simple life when our lives are filled with so much, and probably too much, stuff.
In this bespoke show recorded at The Stand in Newcastle, Scott takes aim at the mindfulness industry, smart technology, aspirational lifestyles, product packaging and, his new bugbear, paper straws.
Written and performed by Scott Bennett.
On-location recording by Mark Burrows.
Sound editing by Kevin Bailey.
Producer: Kurt Brookes
A Made In Manchester production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2023.
WED 09:30 Growing Solo (m001yh20)
Winter Solstice Feast
Max Cotton, a retired political journalist, leaves behind the weekly shop, supermarkets and the modern world to find out if he can grow and produce 100% of his food on a smallholding near Glastonbury. His only import for a year is salt.
In this episode, Max gets to grips with the grisly process of turning his farm animals into meat, and he has to come to terms with a disastrous potato harvest that could threaten the viability of the project. Max and his neighbours also gather in grapes for winemaking, and we learn how best to pluck a Christmas turkey.
Presenter: Max Cotton
Producer: Tessa Browne
A Good Egg production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2024.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002tprd)
Easter Encounters - On the Road to Emmaus
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Easter Encounters - On the Road to Emmaus
Presenter: David Waters
Reading: Luke 24 13-16, 28-25
Music:
I heard the voice of Jesus say - Erin Bode
Abide with me - The Spirituals and the BBC Concert Orchestra
Great is thy faithfulness - Carrie Underwood and CeCe Winans
WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b0456t45)
Sentimental Journey
Gyles Brandreth (who's related to George R. Sims, the author of 'Christmas Day in the Workhouse') surveys the history of sentimentality from Charles Dickens to Princess Diana and from Agincourt to the internet - and wonders whether to sneer or cheer.
Tear-jerking contributors from the archives include Beverly Nichols, Godfrey Winn, Patience Strong and Hughie Greene. New readings are by Simon Russell Beale and Jenny Seagrove, who contribute their own opinions about the sentimentality of Shakespeare and Noel Coward.
Producer: Peter Everett
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
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WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (m000drtb)
Series 4
Graham Greene
James Walton's literary quiz with Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Jonathan Myerson and Jane Thynne.
Author of the week: Graham Greene
Reader: Becky Hindley
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.
WED 14:30 Alison and Maud (b007k377)
Series 2
Beds in the East Are Soft
It's not a guest but Daddy who's not keen on a mattress.
Is a sneaky swap the answer?
Starring Denise Coffey and Miriam Margolyes.
The return of Sue Limb's Bed and Breakfast sitcom about sisters Alison and Maud and their guests at the Abbeyfield Guest House in Norwich.
Alison Denise Coffey
Maud Miriam Margolyes
Father Joss Ackland
Mr Mullett Chris Emmett
Bernard Geoffrey Whitehead
Producer: Jonathan James-Moore.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.
WED 15:00 Drama on 4 (b09vzyd9)
The Ferryhill Philosophers by Michael Chaplin
Thought Experiments and A Little Scrap of a Thing
Drama written by Michael Chaplin about an unlikely duo, an ex-

miner and a senior lecturer wrestling with philosophical dilemmas.
Joe's daughter Lucy is pregnant and heading for University. Her Mum, her Dad, the baby's father and grandmother all have differing opinions - but why does philosopher Hermione stay silent?
Lucy must decide what to do, while Hermione gives her and Joe warm support, good advice - and a startling revelation.
Alun Armstrong and Deborah Findlay star as the ex-Durham miner and the University philosopher who together bring human compassion and philosophy to bear in facing up to some of life's hardest dilemmas.
Joe Snowball Alun Armstrong
Hermione Pink Deborah Findlay
Lucy Snowball Lauren Kellegher
Peter Smith Dean Bone
Gloria Philippa Watson
Gillian Smith Tracy Gillman
Director: Marilyn Imrie
A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2017.
WED 15:45 Blackberries by Leslie Norris (m002tprh)
"On Sunday, we'll go for a walk. Just you and I. We'll be men together."
A young boy and his father go blackberry-picking in the woods. But the day ends in sadness and a realisation.
Short story written by Leslie Norris and read by Andy Rivers.
Producer: Caroline Sarll
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1993.
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WED 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002tbq7)
Live from the UK
S2 E6: Live Comedy Day
It's the first ever Live Comedy Day, and Live From the UK brings a special, extended episode to the Radio 4 listener.
Angela Barnes is back at the comedy club where she did her first ever gig, the Brighton Komedia. She did a comedy course with comedy guru Jill Edwards, so catches up with her to chat about starting out, and grassroots comedy.
We also tour to all 4 nations of the UK, bringing you insights on a night tour of Edinburgh Zoo, useless stuff you learn in school, nans playing rugby and the dystopian world of fast food restaurants.
Throughout the show, some of the UK's best loved comedians will also pop up to tell you about their first ever gig.
In this episode, you can hear:
Christopher Macarthur-Boyd at the Monkey Barrel in Edinburgh
Emer Maguire at the Empire Music Hall, Belfast
Carwyn Blayney at the Swansea Grand
Seann Walsh at Komedia Brighton
Additional Material by Ruth Husko
Recorded by David Thomas, Sean Kerwin 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 22:45 The Malthy Collection (b00mvr2w)
Series 3
Episode 6
Walter continues to be suspicious of his wife's attempts at reconciliation.
The Crumb-Loosely' long-distance relationship steers towards the rocks.
Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt.
David Nobbs' sitcom about a small art museum staffed by eccentrics and obsessives.
Rod Millet Julian Rhind-Tutt
Walter Brindle Geoffrey Palmer
Prunella Edgecombe Rachel Atkins
Susie Malthy Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Julian Crumb-Loosely Ben Wilbond
Wilf Arbutnot Geoff McGovern
Eva Tattle Juklia Deakin
Des Wainwright Michael Smiley

Stelios Constantinopoulos Chris Pavlo
Gloria Brindle Helen Atkinson-Wood
Vicar Stephen K Amos
Producer: Colin Anderson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.
WED 23:15 Jamie MacDonald: Life on the Blink (m001lyrz)
Series 2
Toxic Role Model
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 confronts stereotypes head on, from his disability to his national identity. He realises that he's in a position of privilege and has been deemed a role model by others - and it's not a position he relishes.
Producer: Julia Sutherland
A Dabster production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2023.
WED 23:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007jqcl)
Series 2
Richard Whiteley
John hopes TV's Richard Whiteley will host a special Shuttleworth edition of Countdown with wife Mary acting as Carol Vorderman.
But only after Richard's helped with the washing up!
The semi-detached world of aspiring singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth direct from his front room in Sheffield.
With:
John Otway
Jo Enright
Written and performed by Graham Fellows.
Additional material by Martin Willis.
Producer: Dawn Ellis.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000

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THU 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jxsf)
Julie Enfield Investigates: Terminus
4. Fury
Now that her friend, DS Kevin Richards, has been found murdered, Enfield is full of extra anger.
Atmospheric thriller written by Nick Fisher.
Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.
DS Julie Enfield Imelda Staunton
DCI Michael Stanley Nicholas Farrell
Terminus Dominic Letts
Dad Geoffrey Matthews
Shelley Elaine Claxton
Sarah Maggie McCarthy
Tim Johnson Paul Panting
Stan Rickman Peter Whitman
Di Teresa Gallagher
Station Announcer David Jarvis
Producer: Richard Wortley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1994.
THU 06:30 The Great Impersonation (m000mdp7)
4. The Messenger
Things start to unravel for spy Leopold von Ragastein as he battles to keep two women happy.
News arrives from Africa...
Starring David Robb.
E Phillips Oppenheim's mystery thriller - first published in 1920.
Dramatised by Barry Campbell.
Sir Everard Dominey / Leopold von Ragastein David Robb
Lady Dominey Melinda Walker
Nurse/Duchess Anne Jameson
Parkins/Pelham Howard Hoffman
Dr Harrison Garard Green

Heggs/Ludwig Miller Mark Straker
Middleton Paul Nicholson
Prince Terniloff Tim Meats
Seaman William Hope
Princess Eiderstrom Nariissa Knights
Director: Brian Miller
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1985.
THU 07:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007jnlh)
The Turn of the Knob
Miss Primrose shares a gruesome story of her time as governess at a country mansion.
Starring Miranda Richardson, Martin Jarvis, Rosemary Leach, Brenda Blethyn and Roy Hudd.
Star-packed curious and macabre comedy series set in a very exclusive London club.
Written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.
Miss Primrose Miranda Richardson
Mr Wright Martin Jarvis
Mrs Stark Rosemary Leach
Ruth Brenda Blethyn
Mr Stark Hugh Lloyd
Sorpessa Roy Hudd
Queenie Rachel Gurney
Green Royce Mills
Laurence Phil Nice
Producer: Paul Spencer.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.
THU 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7fr)
Series 2
Commemorate Jubilees the Burkiss Way
A comedy celebration of the Queen's 25 years on the throne.
The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living is radio's limited edition correspondence course.
With mock-hide instruction from:
With short comedic instruction from:
Jo Kendall
Nigel Rees
Chris Emmett
Fred Harris
Embossed scrollwork script from Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.
A genuine leatherette production by Simon Brett (a gift you will treasure for always)
Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1977.
THU 08:00 All Those Women (b088jj62)
Series 2
Episode 4
Layla and Stu are having their new baby Barclay christened and have asked Maggie to be the godmother. She's thrilled. Jen's 'completely fine' with that.
Add in a newly released prison penpal, some impulsive behaviour, and a free bar and inevitably it's not a party that runs very smoothly...
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
Stuart Nick Underwood
Layla Katie Redford
Kenneth Sam Dale
Rosie Catriona McFarlane
Producer: Alexandra Smith
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2017.
THU 08:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b096jb2c)
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4
Episode 9
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 naiveté.
Reader: Harry McEntire
Abridger: Sara Davies
Producer: Alexa Moore
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4
THU 08:45 Little Grudges by Hattie Naylor (b01p7dd1)
4. Miss Lonely Heart
Prunella Scales and Hannah Gordon star in this sparkling comedy by Hattie Naylor, inspired by the experiences of

listeners to Radio Four.
Everyone loves Bonnie's cafe for the chintz, the coffee and her comforting presence; her uncanny knack of knowing what's wrong. But every single one of them has a secret grudge against someone.
Bonnie shouts at everyone after throwing Miss Lonely Heart out of her cafe. Tom finds out what's got under her skin.
Written by Hattie Naylor.
Bonnie Prunella Scales
Ellie ... Hannah Gordon
Tom Tom Glenister
Fiona Katharine Rogers
Sissy Eleanor Crooks
Beth Sally Orrock
Stacey Sarah Thom
Jim Robert Blythe
Director: Mary Ward-Lowery
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.
THU 09:00 The Matt Forde Focus Group (m002tc0p)
Series 2
4. The Politics of Utopia
We like to think politics is about pragmatism. But what if it's always really been about utopia? Top political comedian Matt Forde convenes his Focus Group in front of a live theatre audience with a sharp and varied panel — journalist and broadcaster Jo Coburn, former Cabinet minister Michael Gove and comedian Ahir Shah - to ask whether the dream of a perfect society is the secret engine of political life.
From new towns built from scratch with names designed to start arguments, to a Home Secretary who wants the eyes of the state on every citizen at all times, and why we're still working five days a week when Keynes promised us we'd be living a life of leisure and writing poetry by now — this is an episode about vision and ambition, and the considerable gap between the two.
Written and presented by Matt Forde
With additional Material from Karl Minns, Ruth Husko and Richard Garvin
Produced by Richard Garvin
Sound Design and Edit: David Thomas
Executive Producers: Jon Thoday and Richard Allen Turner
An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4
THU 09:30 Growing Solo (m001yjb9)
Hungry Gap
Max Cotton, a retired political journalist, leaves behind the weekly shop, supermarkets and the modern world to find out if he can grow and produce 100% of his food on a smallholding near Glastonbury. His only import for a year is salt.
In this episode, life on the farm starts getting hard as the reality of seasonal food production in England begins to bite. Early spring is the hardest time to produce fresh vegetables - it's called the hungry gap. We hear how Max is trying to bridge that gap. The irony is that the news has been full of stories about shortages in supermarkets while Max is living off swedes, milk and rationed potatoes.
Max discovers dairy is his new staple in food self-sufficiency and tries his hand at butter making.
Presenter: Max Cotton
Producer: Tessa Browne
A Good Egg production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4.
THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002ndp)
Easter Encounters - Jesus appears to Thomas
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Easter Encounters - Jesus appears to Thomas
Presenter: Richard Littledale
Reading: John 20:24-29
THU 10:00 Great Lives (m0001hwt)
Russell Kane on Evelyn Waugh
Comedian Russell Kane nominates the novelist Evelyn Waugh. One of the greatest prose stylists of 20th century literature, not to mention one of the funniest, novelist Waugh also has a reputation for being a snob, a bully, and a dyed-in-the-wool reactionary.
How much of this was a self-parodying pose, and how much the underlying truth?
Russell is supported by literary critic Ann Pasternak Slater.
Both are unabashed Waugh fans.
Russell calls him "a ninja master of banter", but series presenter Matthew Parris says he can't stand him...
Producer: Jolyon Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.
THU 10:30 The Unconscious Life of Bombs (b09hr40v)
Historian and psychoanalyst Daniel Pick of Birkbeck College, University of London tells the story of how aerial bombardment - from Zeppelins to B52s, from H-Bombs to drones - has made the unconscious mind a field of battle.
Daniel explores how, in the shadow of the First World War, Freud turned his analytical eye from desire to the 'death drive', and how psychoanalysts probed what might happen if another war came.
Would survivors of mass aerial bombardment hold up psychically, or would they collapse into infantile panic? Or would they become uncontrollably aggressive?
And why do humans come to be so aggressive in the first place? When the war - and the bombers - did come to Britain, it appeared that survivors were much more stoical and defiant than had been expected.
But, as Daniel discovers, brave faces concealed a great deal of

psychological damage.
With historian Lyndsey Stonebridge, he visits the Wellcome Library to see - courtesy of the Melanie Klein Trust - the case notes of the psychoanalyst Melanie Klein on her analysis of a troubled ten year old boy, 'Richard'.
What do Klein's notes, and Richard's extraordinary drawings, reveal about his attitude to being bombed?
Daniel examines how, with the advent of the Cold War and the distinct possibility that bombs and missiles could destroy civilisation, technocrats trying to plan for the end of the world coped with staring into the abyss.
Finally, Daniel shows how a radical new turn in aerial bombardment opens up this field anew. Nuclear weapons can destroy the planet; but what does it do to the mind to live under the threat of 'surgical' attack by unmanned drones?
With: Derek Gregory, Peter Hennessy, Dagmar Herzog, Richard Overy, Lyndsey Stonebridge
Producer: Phil Tinline
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2017.
THU 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jxsf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 11:30 The Great Impersonation (m000mdp7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 12:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007jnlh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 12:30 The Burksiss Way (b00jr7fr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 13:00 All Those Women (b088jj62)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 13:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b096jb2c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:45 Little Grudges by Hattie Naylor (b01p7dd1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
THU 14:00 Who Goes There? (b0076b0c)
Series 6
Episode 5
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:
Claire Rayne
David Aaronovitch
Producer: Elizabeth Freestone
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.
THU 14:30 HR (b01bb7jh)
Series 3
Naked
The return of 60-something chums Peter and Sam who are both enjoying a comfortable retirement.
Until, that is, they get a chilly warning about an imminent danger to their pensions.
Will they soon be joining the army of dispossessed older folk?
Starring Jonathan Pryce and Nicholas le Prevost.
Series three of Nigel Williams' comedy.
Peter Jonathan Pryce
Sam Nicholas le Prevost
Man James Lailay
Director: Peter Kavanagh.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.
THU 15:00 Drama on 4 (b09w0g06)
The Ferryhill Philosophers by Michael Chaplin
Minority Rights and The Hanging Gardens of Babylon
Drama written by Michael Chaplin about an unlikely duo, an ex-miner and a senior lecturer wrestling with philosophical dilemmas.
Joe's friend Jemal fights to stay in Ferryhill after his family's secret is revealed and neighbours turn against him.
Joe and Hermione work to mediate between some of the village community's prejudices against a way of life for Jemal and his family. Can Jemal win the villagers' hearts with his story?
Once again, ex-miner Joe Snowball and Durham philosophy lecturer Hermione Pink argue, console and confide in one another over the thinking behind one of life's big dilemmas.
Joe Snowball Alun Armstrong
Hermione Pink Deborah Findlay
Lucy Snowball Lauren Kellegher
Jamal Danny Sapani
Jimmy Kelly Christopher Connel
Gloria Philippa Wilson
Sesuna/ Salma Gbemisola Ikumelo
Director: Marilyn Imrie
A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2017.
THU 15:45 Sliding by Leslie Norris (m002tndr)
During a big winter freeze two boys, Randall and Bernard, are tempted to explore the frozen pond.
Written by Leslie Norris.
Read by Laurence Allan.
Producer: Alison Hindell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.
THU 16:00 Great Lives (m0001hwt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
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THU 21:00 Drama on 4 (b09w0g06)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
THU 21:45 Sliding by Leslie Norris (m002tndr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]
THU 22:00 The Matt Forde Focus Group (m002tc0p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 22:30 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m000f77v)
Series 3
Bubbles
Alex Edelman discusses the different bubbles he lives in and how he tries to break out of them.
With help from his "peer group" at the University of Arts London, he examines how living in bubbles defines us all, and how sometimes they need to be burst.
Written and presented by award-winning comedian, Alex Edelman.
With additional material from:
Alfie Brown
Rebecca Nicholson
David Burstein
Catherine Brinkworth
Kat Sadler
Producer: Sam Michell
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2020.
THU 23:00 At Home with the Snails (b007jn95)
Series 1
Episode 4
With 2000 snails in Alex's shed, there are fears that they will take over the village.
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
Colette Magall Domec
Producer: Jane Berthoud
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.
THU 23:30 The Pin (m0006drq)
Series 4
Home
Comedy from Ben and Alex, aka "The Pin", in a sketch-sitcom hybrid.
The award-winning sketch duo are forced to record their latest series in their flat and the boys are glad of the new creative freedom this opportunity presents, away from the "prying eyes of the BBC". Unfortunately, their creative freedom is short-lived, thanks to numerous intrusions from the boys' unlucky neighbour Maria, Ben's mother and an AirBnB lodger who's in town for a stag party.
Written and performed by Alex Owen and Ben Ashenden
With:
Pippa Haywood
Celeste Dring
Ed Easton
Jason Forbes
James McNicholas
Producer: Sam Michell
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2019.

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FRI 00:00 Great Lives (m0001hwt)
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FRI 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jxsf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
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FRI 04:00 Who Goes There? (b0076b0c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 HR (b01bb7jh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 Drama on 4 (b09w0g06)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:45 Sliding by Leslie Norris (m002tndr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jxtt)
Julie Enfield Investigates: Terminus
5. Clue
The "Lucky Charm" killer has claimed four lives.
DS Enfield is convinced the murderer is female.
Then someone sends her a photograph...
Starring Imelda Staunton as Detective Superintendent Julie Enfield.
Conclusion of Nick Fisher's atmospheric thriller.
Nicholas Farrell DCI Michael Stanley
Dominic Letts Terminus
Geoffrey Matthews Julie Enfield's Father
Maggie McCarthy Sarah
Elaine Claxton Shelley
Claire Russell Rachel
David Jarvis Station Announcer
Producer: Richard Wortley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1994.
FRI 06:30 The Great Impersonation (m000mdn8)
5. The Truth Revealed
The Kaiser's plans gather pace and the mystery of the black wood is revealed.
And at last it's time for the man supposed to be Sir Everard Dominey to reveal his true identity.
Is he Sir Everard, or the Prussian von Ragastein?
Conclusion of E Phillips Oppenheim's mystery thriller.
Starring David Robb.
Dramatised by Barry Campbell.
Sir Everard Dominey / Leopold von Ragastein David Robb
Prince Terniloff Tim Meats
Pelham/Parkins Howard Hoffmann
Lady Dominey Melinda Walker
Seaman William Hope
Williams Brian Gear
Mrs Marston Gwen Cherrell
Dr Harrison Garard Green
Middleton/Reynolds Paul Nicholson
Princess Eiderstrom Narissa Knights
Dr Schmidt Phillip Manikum
Director: Brian Miller
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1985.
FRI 07:00 No Commitments (b007jmrd)
Series 1
Cracks In The Varnish
Caring and sharing can be hard work for Victoria, who agrees to take Roger out to dinner.
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
Malcolm Robert Bathurst
Dr Radhurst Peter Penry-Jones
Georgio Nicholas Murchie
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 (b007k1r0)
Series 4
And Afterwards At
It's a big day for Harold. He's set to tie the knot! But Albert's not convinced.
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:
Pat Coombes
Patricia Hayes
Margot Boyd
Edward Kelsey
Sheila Grant
Martin Friend
Katherine Parr
Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1972.
FRI 08:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001c65f)
Series 12
Newport
Mark Steel visits the city of Newport in South Wales.
Mark Steel continues his travels with his award-winning show, 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 fifth episode Mark visits Newport in South Wales and uncovers some of the history and local stories and people.

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 (b096jkgk)

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4
Episode 10

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

FRI 08:45 Little Grudges by Hattie Naylor (b01p7hcy)

5. Checking Out the Girlfriend

Prunella Scales and Hannah Gordon star in this sparkling comedy by Hattie Naylor, inspired by the experiences of listeners to Radio Four.

Everyone loves Bonnie's cafe for the chintz, the coffee and her comforting presence; her uncanny knack of knowing what's wrong. But every single one of them has a secret grudge against someone.

Tom finally plucks up the courage to invite his Dad's girlfriend to lunch.

Written by Hattie Naylor

Bonnie Prunella Scales

Ellie ... Hannah Gordon

Tom Tom Glenister

Stella Katharine Rogers

Sissy Eleanor Crooks

Beth Sally Orrock

Director: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.

FRI 09:00 'Whatever Next?' with Miles Jupp (m001d5kt)

Series 1

Episode 4

Miles Jupp and guests with whimsical sketches.

In this episode, an ending and a beginning. Not necessarily in that order.

Miles discovers a dark secret at the heart of the BBC Radio family, helps Seann Walsh launch his new podcast Are We Still Alive? and finally gets a guest spot on GB News.

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 Growing Solo (m001yj6n)

Year's End

Max Cotton, a retired political journalist, leaves behind the weekly shop, supermarkets and the modern world to find out if he can grow and produce 100% of his food on a smallholding near Glastonbury. His only import for a year is salt.

This is the final episode and marks the end of Max's food self-sufficient year. Did he make it? Did he cheat? Did he lose weight? Was it too hard to be fun? All these questions are answered as Max evaluates his experiment. This episode also explores some of the issues of trying to eat locally and seasonally.

Presenter: Max Cotton

Producer: Tessa Browne

A Good Egg production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2024.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002tqj9)

Easter from the Isle of Man

From the Isle of Man's Niarbyl Bay, today's Daily Service invites us to the water's edge to reflect on encounters with the risen Jesus. With readings from St John's Gospel, we hear how the disciples met Christ on the shore, and consider what it means to recognise God's presence in our own lives today.

Through music, including the traditional Manx melody "Arrane Ghelbee," and contributions from local voices, the service explores faith, doubt, and the courage to ask, "Is that you, God?" As the sound of sea and story intertwine, we're

encouraged to listen, to recognise, and to accept the invitation to "come and have breakfast" with Christ in the everyday moments of life.

Led by Judith Ley

with contributions from Pioneer Minister Alex Brown, Phil Gawne and Rev Dr Janet Corlett

Reading: John 21 1-6, 10-12

Music:

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult (St Andrew) - St Martin's Voices

Arrane Ghelbee (The Song of Dalby) - Charles Guard

Padjer Columb Killey (Prayer of St Columba) - Marlene Maska

& Dilys Sowrey Arr: Dr Fenella Bazin

Producer: Andrew Earis

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b00rdyrb)

Series 9

Bach's Goldberg Variations

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Bach wrote his Goldberg Variations for harpsichord in the

1740s, but today it's performed by pianists all over the world.

People describe the place these pieces have in their lives, including a neuroscientist from New York, pianist Angela Hewitt, a father driving his family through the night in the Australian Outback, and a woman from Oregon whose life was transformed, perhaps even saved, by this music.

Produced by Sarah Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

FRI 10:30 Little Shop of Colours (b092f90h)

What stories are hiding among the paints and pigments in an art supplies shop?

L Cornelissen & Son has been supplying artists since the 19th century. Based in a little shop near the British Museum, it's a Victorian throwback - all dark wood, high shelves and creaky floorboards. Jars of pigment 'glint like jewels in the semi-dark' (as Derek Jarman put it), full of vibrant powders with mysterious names and long, strange histories - Lapis Lazuli, Rose Madder, Naples Yellow, Potters Pink, Egyptian Blue, Caput Mortuum.

Cathy FitzGerald holes up in the shop for a week to hear its customers' stories. What are they buying? What are they making?

Presented and produced by Cathy FitzGerald

Original music by Stephen Coates

A White Stiletto production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2017.

FRI 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jxtt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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FRI 14:00 The Personality Test (b00mvs9s)

Series 2

Antony Worrall-Thompson

Celebrity chef and writer Antony Worrall-Thompson 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 (b00k8x8x)

Series 3

Flaming June

A weekend away in the country - and under canvas. Memories will be made of this.

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

Security Guard Stephen Critchlow

Wayne Matthew Protheroe

Amy Leah Verity-White

Iqbal Pax Baldwin

Karim Corinne Douglas

Terry Jafer Hussein

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 Drama on 4 (m001110r)

Mosley Must Fall by Martin McNamara

It's 1936, and as political unrest sweeps across Europe, the

spectre of fascism and antisemitism is looming over the East End.

One Irish family, living in Whitechapel, finds itself divided as Oswald Mosley and his fascist followers prepare to march through the heart of East London.

When the march descends on Cable Street, an area highly populated by the Jewish and Irish working class, loyalties are tested as two brothers fight to make their mark in a historic battle.

Written by Martin McNamara.

Liam McEnroe Stephen Hogan

Maureen McEnroe Maggie Cronin

Jim McEnroe Joseph Ayre

Dessie McEnroe Shaun Mason

Bernard Duffy Lloyd Hutchinson

Esther Cohen Grace Cooper Milton

Leon Saltzman Justice Ritchie

Directed by Anne Isgier.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2021.

FRI 15:45 Short Works (m0001p70)

My Sister Biira by Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi

Aunty Flower is dumped in an asylum but retrieved by her family and returned to Uganda. But it is when Aunty Flower sets eyes on Biira that there is lucidity in her eyes.

Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi is a Ugandan novelist and short story writer. In 2014, she won the Commonwealth Short Story Prize for her story, Let's Tell This Story Properly, and her debut novel, Kintu was published in 2018.

Read by Babirye Bukilwa

Written by Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi

Produced by Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.

FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b00rdyrb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

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FRI 20:00 The Personality Test (b00mvs9s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00k8x8x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Drama on 4 (m001110r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 21:45 Short Works (m0001p70)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

FRI 22:00 'Whatever Next?' with Miles Jupp (m001d5kt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 22:30 Josh Howie's Losing It (m0000m7q)

Series 2

The Visitor

Return of stand-up comic Josh Howie coming to terms with with the birth of his first child.

Josh and his wife Monique prepare for a visit from the health visitor - who Josh manages to get on the wrong side of, as only he can.

Sitcom starring Josh Howie and Pippa Evans.

Written by Josh Howie.

Josh Josh Howie

Monique Pippa Evans

With:

Kerry Godliman

Julian Deane

Jonathan Kemp

Producer: Ashley Blaker

A Black Hat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2018.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002v2d7)

Carwyn Blayney 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week,

the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Stephen Bailey chats once more to comedian, actor and writer Carwyn Blayney.

FRI 23:00 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (m0019btd)

Series 4

Mothers

When Mel unexpectedly turns up with a baby - and it turns out to be hers, Vicki is understandably somewhat put out.

Written by and starring Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.

With:

Martin Hyder

Dave Lamb

Jim North

Additional material by Richie Devlin, Jim North, Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell

Music by Richie Webb

Producer: Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio in August 2005.
FRI 23:30 The Show What You Wrote (b01r52xj)
Series 1
Sci-Fi and Fantasy
This is the sketch show series made up entirely from sketches sent in by the public.
We've picked the best sketches from thousands of submissions. Each show is based on different themes, from kitchen sink to historical drama.
This episode is all about science-fiction and fantasy!
Recorded in Manchester in front of a live audience
Starring:
John Thomson
Helen Moon
Fiona Clarke
Gavin Webster
With a special appearance by Gyles Brandreth.
Script Editor: Jon Hunter
Written by Jack Bernhardt, Elise Bramich, Peter Brush, Alex Buchanan, Simon Carter, Andy Flood, Robert Frimston & Edward Rowett, Gabby Hutchinson-Crouch, Peter Jump, Adam Perrott, Melissa Phillips, Eddie Robson, Paul Solomons, Jimmy Weeks & Jess Bunch, and Ash Williamson.
Producers: Carl Cooper & Alexandra Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2013.