

**SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2026**

**SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b00rdrb)**

Series 9  
Bach's Goldberg Variations  
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. This includes:  
\* A neuroscientist from New York  
\* Pianist Angela Hewitt  
\* A father driving his family through the night in the Australian Outback  
\* A woman from Oregon whose life was transformed, perhaps even saved, by this music.  
Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.  
Producer: Sarah Conkey  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

**SAT 00:30 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?  
Original music by Stephen Coates  
Presented and produced by Cathy FitzGerald  
A White Stiletto production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2017.

**SAT 01:00 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.

**SAT 01:30 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.

**SAT 02:00 No Commitments (b007jmrD)**

Series 1  
Cracks In The Varnish  
Roger is recovering, but not as fast as Victoria would have liked.  
Meanwhile, Charlotte's chances of having a successful relationship seem more remote than ever  
Simon Brett's sitcom about the lives and squabbles of three very different sisters.  
Anna .... Rosemary Leach  
Victoria .... Nicola Pagett  
Charlotte .... Celia Imlrie  
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.

**SAT 02:30 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.

**SAT 03:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001c65f)**

Series 12  
Newport  
Mark Steel continues his award-winning show travelling around the country visiting towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness.  
After thoroughly researching each town, he writes and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for a local audience.  
Mark is in 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.

**SAT 03:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b096jkgk)**

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4  
10. A Date  
Adrian goes on a date with Sharon Botts. He receives some life-changing news, and an urgent phone call from Bert Baxter.  
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.  
Abridged by Sara Davies.  
Concluded by Harry McEntire.  
Producer: Alexa Moore  
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.

**SAT 03:45 Little Grudges by Hattie Naylor (b01p7hey)**

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.

**SAT 04:00 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.

**SAT 04:30 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 Husseyin  
Ten series of this King Street Junior ran between 1985 and 1998.  
King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.  
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.  
**SAT 05:00 Drama on 4 (m00110r)**  
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 London's 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.  
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.  
Starring Stephen Hogan, Maggie Cronin and Joseph Ayre.  
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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 Isgar.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2021.  
**SAT 05:45 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's only when Aunty Flower sets eyes on Biira that there is lucidity in her eyes...  
Short story written by Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi.  
Read by Babirye Bukilwa.  
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.  
Producer: Elizabeth Allard  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2018.  
**SAT 06:00 Whodunnits (m002tzgy)**  
Inspector Purbright - Coffin Scarcely Used  
When the proprietor of the local newspaper meets his death in curious circumstances at the foot of an electricity pylon, Inspector Purbright is put on the case.  
His investigation unearths a whole series of bizarre events, in the seemingly sleepy little town of Flaxborough.  
Starring Peter Jeffrey as the witty and methodical Detective Inspector Purbright.  
The first of Colin Watson's Flaxborough Chronicles set in East Anglia - first published in 1958.  
Dramatised by Brian Wright.  
Detective Inspector Purbright .... Peter Jeffrey  
Chief Constable Chubb .... William Fox  
Detective Sergeant Love .... Sean Barrett  
Detective Constable Harper .... Michael Jenner  
Police Constable Wilkinson .... Mark Straker  
Rodney Gloss .... Danny Schiller  
Dr Hillyard .... Crawford Logan  
Jonas Bradlaw .... Mark Jones  
Mrs Carobleat .... Monica Grey  
George Lintz .... David Peart  
Detective Inspector Gibbons .... Jon Strickland  
Mrs Poole .... Hilda Schroder  
Mr Smith .... James Kerry  
Ben / Hotel Owner .... Kerry Francis  
Director: Gerry Jones  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1983.  
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Recovered archive from an off-air recording. With thanks to our friends at the Radio Circle.  
**SAT 07:30 Let Me Tell You What I Mean: A New Collection of Essays by Joan Didion (m002v2jf)**  
Eight essays selected from the 'Let Me Tell You What I Mean' essay collection.  
These offer a glimpse into the mind and process of the iconic and influential writer, Joan Didion.  
Mostly drawn from the earliest part of her five-decade career, the wide-ranging pieces in our selection include Didion writing about a Gamblers Anonymous meeting, a visit to San Simeon, and a reunion of WWII veterans in Las Vegas, and about topics ranging from Nancy Reagan to Robert Mapplethorpe.  
Here are subjects Didion has long written about – the press, politics, California, women, the act of writing, and her own self-

doubt.  
Omnibus of five episodes abridged by Richard Hamilton.  
Read by Laurel Lefkow.  
Joan Didion began her career in the 1950s after she won an essay contest sponsored by Vogue magazine.  
She came to prominence with a series of feature articles in Life magazine and The Saturday Evening Post that explored postwar America followed by celebrated novels 'Play It as It Lays' and 'A Book of Common Prayer'. Focusing on California and the chaos of the 1960s, Didion successfully established herself as an advocate of New Journalism.  
Didion died in 2021, aged 87 - the same year that this collection was published.  
Producer: Lorna Newman  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2023.  
**SAT 08:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrqp)**  
5. The Clouds of War  
Newly knighted Sir Josiah Fosdyke's family life and tripe empire, are shattered by the outbreak of war.  
A classic tale of struggle, power, personalities and tripe.  
Bill Tidy and John Junkin's 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  
Tom Fosdyke ..... David Threlfall  
Roger Ditchley ..... Christian Rodska  
Albert Fosdyke ..... Enn Reitel  
Von Richtofen ..... Larry Lamb  
Other parts played by  
Trevor Cooper  
Nick Maloney  
Nick Revell  
Arthur Smith  
David Timson  
Producer: Alan Nixon  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1983.  
**SAT 09:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0089jcz)**  
Series 3  
Episode 2  
An escaped murderer is after the shady lawyer Waldorf T. Flywheel.  
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  
Vincent Marzello  
Written by Nat Perrin and Arthur Sheekman.  
Adapted by Mark Brisenden.  
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 (m000ncxl)**  
Series 4  
Episode 7  
Kenneth Horne pays a visit to the Tower of London – and Homerama investigates crime.  
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 Horne', '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 December 1960.  
**SAT 10:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000twkq)**  
1. Great Gardens: Gertrude Jekyll  
The great gardener, Gertrude Jekyll, once said:  
"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust."  
Through her fascination with colour, cottage gardens and experimentation, it has been said she "changed the face of England more than any save the Creator and perhaps Capability Brown".  
In the first of three programmes, Penelope Keith explores Miss Jekyll's own 10-acre garden – the enchanting Munstead Wood in Surrey.  
Penelope discusses Gertrude's influence and changing horticultural fashions with broadcaster and author, James Wong, author Catherine Horwood and Munstead Wood's head gardener, Annabel Watts  
Penelope also unearths some horticultural wisdoms and delights

from the BBC sound archive:  
\* GREAT GARDENS - Gertrude Jekyll meets Chris Serle - BBC Radio 4 - 1984  
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions and first broadcast in February 2014.  
**SAT 11:00 Whodunnits (m002tzgy)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SAT 12:30 Let Me Tell You What I Mean: A New Collection of Essays by Joan Didion (Omnibus) (m002v2jf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SAT 13:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrqp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**SAT 14:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0089jcz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000ncxl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**SAT 15:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000twkq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SAT 16:00 2025 by Mike Walker (b00j0hbm)**  
2. Access  
Olivia and Irena take a step closer to gaining access to illegal genetic engineering. But who can they trust?  
Starring Alphonsia Emmanuel, Mona Hammond and Daniela Nardini.  
The conclusion of 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  
The Shopkeeper ..... Ravin J Ganatra  
Director: Sally Avens  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1998.  
**SAT 17:00 Whodunnits (m002tzgy)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SAT 18:30 Let Me Tell You What I Mean: A New Collection of Essays by Joan Didion (Omnibus) (m002v2jf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SAT 19:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrqp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**SAT 20:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0089jcz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000ncxl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**SAT 21:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000twkq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SAT 22:00 The Absolutely Radio Show (b068sp4g)**  
Series 1  
Episode 1  
Cast members of Channel 4's hugely popular TV sketch show Absolutely reunite.  
They're revisiting some much-loved sketch characters, with some newcomers too.  
Starring:  
Pete Baikie  
Morwenna Banks  
Moray Hunter  
Gordon Kennedy  
John Sparkes  
This opening episode features The Stoneybridge Town Council attempting to adapt to today's technology, Denzil and Gwynedd discussing Gwynedd's plan to enter the Miss Swansea competition, The Little Girl's very personal take on Divorce and Calum Gilhooley getting some customer feedback of his own.  
Plus sketches about Facebook's downside, the dangers of watching TV in middle age, vague War memories from people who were almost there and the perils of having to look after your own, ageing parents.  
In 2013, the group got back together for Radio 4's Sketchorama: Absolutely Special, which won a BBC Audio Drama Award in the Best Live Scripted Comedy category.  
Producers: Gus Beattie and Gordon Kennedy  
A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2015.  
**SAT 22:30 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b011d6rf)**  
Series 2  
4. 'It's me or the dog'  
"It's me or the dog!"  
"My phobias are out of control but I'm too scared to even admit it"  
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 Pratt  
Terry ..... Simon Daye  
Laura ..... Margaret Cabourn-Smith  
Barry ..... Harry Peacock

John ..... Tim Key  
Written by Sarah Millican.  
Producer: Lianne Coop  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011  
**SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002vd73)**  
Paul Greenberg 1/3  
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner speaks to Canadian comic, writer and actor Paul Greenberg  
**SAT 23:00 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b044w2t8)**  
Series 3  
Coming of Age  
Stephen K Amos sets out to compile an idiot's guide to coming of age.  
With assistance from some of the comedy circuit's best stand-ups:  
Mae Martin  
Travis Jay  
Dan Antopolski  
Additional material by Christine Rose and Hugh Sington.  
Producer: Colin Anderson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.  
**SAT 23:30 Radio Active (b007jqbg)**  
Series 5  
Nuclear Debate  
Do you spend sleepless nights worrying about what will happen to you after yet another nuclear debate?  
Are you concerned that it will mean an end to all civilised behaviour?  
Well it probably will.  
Mike Channel chairs a special Radio Active debate.  
Are the studio audience for or against the annihilation of the planet?  
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, Angus Deayton and Richard Curtis.  
Written by Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins with John Canter, Richard Curtis and Jeremy Pascall.  
Producer: Jamie Rix  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1985.

## SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2026

**SUN 00:00 2025 by Mike Walker (b00j0hbm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 01:00 Whodunnits (m002tzgy)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 02:30 Let Me Tell You What I Mean: A New Collection of Essays by Joan Didion (Omnibus) (m002v2jf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]  
**SUN 03:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrqp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Saturday]  
**SUN 04:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b0089jcz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 04:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000ncxl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]  
**SUN 05:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000twkq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002tzn7)**  
Sporting Champions  
Richard Dunwoody MBE  
Jockey Richard Dunwoody is castaway by Sue Lawley.  
"I've fallen off more than 600 times".  
Richard has been champion jockey three times and won the Grand National twice in 1984 and 1986.  
His father George was a horse-trainer, as was his maternal-grandfather Dick Thrale.  
He rode out in Newmarket as a schoolboy and after leaving college in Cheltenham served his apprenticeship with former leading jump jockey Paul Kelleway then master trainer Tim Forster.  
Richard went on to be one of sport's greatest legends.  
He dominated the jump racing scene in the 1980s and 1990s – and was awarded the MBE in 1993.  
DISC ONE: The Saw Doctors - Clare Island  
DISC TWO: David Bowie - Life On Mars?  
DISC THREE: Ultravox - Vienna  
DISC FOUR: Puccini's Nessun dorma - Luciano Pavarotti and The London Philharmonic Orchestra  
DISC FIVE: Queen & David Bowie - Under Pressure  
DISC SIX: Fleetwood Mac - The Chain  
DISC SEVEN: Champions Theme - Philharmonia Orchestra, conducted by Carl Davies  
DISC EIGHT: Garth Brooks - The Dance  
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: The Saw Doctors - Clare Island  
BOOK CHOICE: The Lord of the Rings - J R R Tolkien  
LUXURY CHOICE: An endless supply of ice-cream  
Producer Angie Nehring  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.  
**SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00j1nlf)**  
Series 1  
Bowerbirds

One of the most extraordinary structures in the animal world is constructed by a Bower Bird.  
Sir David tells the life story of the Vogelkopf Bower Bird, the one that raises the bar higher than the rest.

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

**SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002tznb)**

Tongue and Talk: The Dialect Poets - East Lincolnshire  
Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Tongue and Talk: The Dialect Poets - East Lincolnshire exploring poetry from the county.

Alan Mumby, Chairman of Far Welter'd, the East Lincolnshire Dialect Society, explores dialect poetry written and spoken in his native county.

The Society's name has Danish roots, referring to a sheep that's fallen on its back and is struggling to recover - and Alan asks whether Lincolnshire dialect, so rarely featured in today's media, is in similar distress.

Travelling to the tiny hamlet of Somersby, he visits the birthplace of the county's most famous poet, Alfred Lord Tennyson, whose little-known dialect poetry reveals his cherished memories of the villagers who he grew up with. Many members of Far Welter'd are themselves poets - like Wolds farmer Andy Robinson (aka Billy Woldsworth) and George Danby, who farms on the Fens. Alan talks to them about their writing and how dialect varies throughout the area. While enthusiastic 'yeller-belly' Rod Stones discusses the influence of his Danish ancestors on the dialect he speaks today, and Maureen Sutton, Lincolnshire's Poet Laureate, explores the changing perceptions of dialect in our modern world.

Presented by Alan Mumby

Produced by Catherine Harvey and Iain Mackness

A Made in Manchester production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2020.

**SUN 07:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (Omnibus) (b097m45s)**

Episode 2

Class 4D go on a school trip to the British Museum.

Adrian has his tonsils out.

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

Omnibus of last five of ten parts abridged by Sara Davies.

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.

Producer: Alexa Moore

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

**SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002tznd)**

Claire Foy

Claire Foy is an actor who's enjoyed great success playing two queens, one of whom enjoyed a significantly longer reign than the other, as Anne Boleyn and Queen Elizabeth II.

And stars in the film adaptation of Helen Macdonald's memoir, H is for Hawk.

Inherited: When You Were Sweet 16 by Perry Como

Passing on: Blöðberg by Sigur Rós

Producers: Ben Mitchell and Anna Bailey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2026.

**SUN 08:50 Little Grudges by Hattie Naylor (Omnibus) (m002tzng)**

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. Even Bonnie.

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

Omnibus of five episodes.

Bonnie...Prunella Scales

Ellie...Hannah Gordon

Tom...Tom Glenister

Fiona...Katharine Rogers

Sissy...Eleanor Crooks

Stacey...Sarah Thom

Jim...Robert Blythe

Written by Hattie Naylor.

Director: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012

**SUN 10:00 Instant Sunshine (b007jxgk)**

From 17th December 1986

Humorous songs performed by the comedy musical cabaret

quartet attempting to be reasonably together again.

Instant Sunshine are:

David Barlow

Peter Christie

Miles Kington

Alan Maryon-Davis

With special guests:

The Cambridge Buskers.

Producer: David Rayvern Allen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1986.

**SUN 10:30 Jim the Great (b011kvms)**

Series 2

Oh, Claudius!

After losing his Kingdom, King Jim is now a grumpy galley slave rowing to Rome.

A historical regal romp starring Jimmy Edwards.

Written by Andrew Palmer.

King Jim .... Jimmy Edwards

Queen Esmerelda .... Joan Sanderson

The Chancellor .... Julian Orchard

Claudius .... Jack Watson

With:

John Graham

James Taylor

John Baddeley

Following a successful pilot, 'Jim The Great' ran for three series on BBC Radio 2 between 1976 and 1979.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1979.

**SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002tzn7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SUN 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00j1nf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

**SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m002tznb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**SUN 12:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (Omnibus) (b097m45s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**SUN 13:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002tznd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

**SUN 13:50 Little Grudges by Hattie Naylor (Omnibus) (m002tzng)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

**SUN 15:00 Instant Sunshine (b007jxgk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SUN 15:30 Jim the Great (b011kvms)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**SUN 16:00 Terry Pratchett (b010ms71)**

Night Watch

1. Confrontation

Living in the past is hard. Dying in the past is incredibly easy.

Commander Sam Vimes of the City Watch falls through time and arrives in the city of his youth.

Terry Pratchett's Discworld novel.

Dramatised in five parts by Robin Brooks.

Sam Vimes ... Philip Jackson

Young Sam ... Carl Prekopp

Carcer ... Paul Ritter

Fred Colon ... Sam Dale

Jocasta Wiggs ... Clare Corbett

Sergeant Knock ... Matt Addis

Dr Lawn ... Ben Onwukwe

Willikins ... Peter Marinker

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

**SUN 16:30 The Slide (m000t2f)**

7. Out of the Darkness

Lives and buildings have been endangered by the relentless slide

of mud in the new town of Redlow.

Residents have succumbed to its remorseless power.

Unless Professor Gomez finds the solution it is possible that the whole world could be destroyed....

Starring Roger Delgado and Maurice Denham.

Gripping conclusion of Victor Pemberton's vintage sci-fi serial.

Hugh Deverill, MP .... Maurice Denham

Professor Josef Gomez .... Roger Delgado

Inspector Baxter.... Geoffrey Matthews

Sgt Johnson .... Wilfred Barrage

Dr Ken Richards .... David Spenser

Professor Lippert .... Allan McClelland

Professor Landers .... Rolf Lefebvre

Anna Deverill .... Marion Mathie

RAF Corporal .... Anthony Hall

Margaret Griffiths, MP .... Joan Matheson

TV Interviewer .... Henry Stamper

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 Revolting People (b007jrjg)**

Series 1

Storm Clouds

The year is 1770 and Baltimore shopkeeper, Samuel Olyphant has much to worry about.

Sitcom set just before the American War of Independence.

Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.

Samuel Olyphant .... Jay Tarses

Sergeant McGurk .... Andy Hamilton

Mary Olyphant .... Sophie Thompson

Captain Brimshaw .... James Fleet

Ezekiel Spriggs .... Hugh Dennis

Cora Olyphant .... Felicity Montagu

Joshua Olyphant .... Tony Maudsley

Mrs Arbutnot .... Susie Blake

Announcer/Other .... Michael Fenton Stevens

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2000.

**SUN 22:30 Weak at the Top (b001wzng)**

Series 2

Otters

John Weak turns Smokehouse as green as the Jolly Green Giant, while saving Sir Marcus from an eco-Nazi who insists on paper underwear.

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

Ted ..... Kim Wall

Rebecca ..... Colleen Prendergast

Music: David Pickvance

Producer: Jonquil Panting

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

**SUN 23:00 Ed Reardon's Week (b09gg8tr)**

Series 12

A Different Direction

All is going well for Ed.

He has a regular income from his column in 'Your Motorhome' magazine which has the added bonus of also providing him with comfortable accommodation, and he is more than happy with his new agent, Maggie.

Determined to make the best of this seismic shift in his circumstances, Ed resolves to put his relationship with Maggie on a more permanent footing by introducing her to his children.

Written by Andrew Nickolds and Christopher Douglas.

Ed Reardon ..... Christopher Douglas

Olive ..... Stephanie Cole

Eli ..... Lisa Coleman

Maggie ..... Monica Dolan

Pearl ..... Brigit Forsyth

Jaz ..... Philip Jackson

Ping ..... Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Jake ..... Sam Pamphillon

Stan ..... Geoffrey Whitehead

Producer: Dawn Ellis

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

**SUN 23:30 Paperback Hell (m000ndr5)**

Series 3

You Suck Bush

Six chapters, by six different authors.

All of them imaginary. All of them straight out of the bestseller charts.

None of them very good.

Chapter 1 of "You Suck Bush": an autobiographical account of radical campaigning film maker Chuck Morris's trip to the Hay-on-Wye literary festival.

Written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.

Starring:

Michael Brandon

Michael Fenton Stevens

Mel Hudson

Alex Lowe

Dan Tetsell

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

**SUN 23:45 Bunk Bed (m001nvzp)**

Series 10

Episode 1

The semi-delirious nighttime talk show returns. Special guests include British Arts colossus Sir Richard Eyre, and a return of comic heroes Kathy Burke and Jane Horrocks.

Kathy Burke muses on anger, dribbling during massages, the art of writing and finding a twinkly partner.

'Bunk Bed is funny, strange, enchanting, and beautifully put

together.' - The Observer

'Bunk Bed is beloved by broadsheet critics, but don't let that put you off...' - Metro

Producer: Peter Curran

A Foghorn production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July

2023.

**MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026**

**MON 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b010ns71)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

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**MON 05:00 Instant Sunshine (b007jxgk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

**MON 05:30 Jim the Great (b011kvms)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

**MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b00x7fb5)**

A Charles Paris Mystery: A Series Of Murders

The actor-cum-sleuth is working in the role of a policeman on a TV detective series, where tensions run high on the set.

Things turn deadly when an actress is found dead.

Is it an accident?

Bill Nighy stars as actor-cum-sleuth, Charles Paris.

Simon Brett's novel is dramatised by Jeremy Front.

Charles Paris .... Bill Nighy

Pat .... Lloyd Hutchinson

Frances .... Suzanne Burden

Rick .... Stephen Hogan

Russell .... Benjamin Whitrow

Lisa Stokes/WPC ..... Helen Longworth

Les Merchant .... Jeremy Swift

Jamie Shehan .... Ben Crowe

Tony .... Freddy White

Maurice .... Jon Glover

Winifred .... Richenda Carey

Joanne .... Alice Hart

Louisa .... Joanna McCallum

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004

**MON 07:00 Control Group Six (b00752n7)**

Series 1

Episode 3

Agent Beatrice is Dr Heaven's girl of his dreams, but will she stick around long enough for him?

A bizarre 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 (b007jp3q)**

Series 2

When Did You Last See Your Money?

Corporal Jones loses £500 raised to provide a new canteen for the servicemen.

The platoon tries to jog his memory.

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

Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's 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

Mr Blewitt .... Timothy Bateson

Announcer .... John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1975.

**MON 08:00 Boswell's Lives (b05vhp4)**

Series 1

Boswell's Life of Johnson

James Boswell attempts to write a biography of another famous

Johnson - Boris - when he is Mayor of London.

But he finds him a fiendish opponent especially on the whiff-whaff table.

Jon Canter's sitcom sees Dr Johnson's celebrated biographer,

James Boswell pursue other legends to immortalise.

James Boswell .... Miles Jupp

Boris Johnson ..... Alistair McGowan

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.

**MON 08:30 Goon Abroad by Sir Harry Secombe (b0147g9m)**

## 1. Childhood Memories

One of Britain's best-loved entertainers recalls his Swansea childhood and why a raffle was one of his greatest disappointments.

Autobiography of comedian and singer Sir Harry Secombe, first published in 1982.

He rose to prominence on BBC radio with his work on The Goon Show.

Abridged in five parts by Elizabeth Proud.

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1983.

**MON 08:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05rnx7m)**

1. To Those who Appreciate Wisteria and Sunshine

While at their Shaftesbury Avenue club on a rainy February day in London, Rosie and Lottie discover they've been reading the same advertisement in The Times newspaper:

"To Those who Appreciate Wisteria and Sunshine. Small mediaeval Italian Castle on the shores of the Mediterranean to be let furnished for the month of April."

Can they seize this opportunity and escape to the sunny Italian Riviera or is it just an impossible dream?

High above the bay on the Italian Riviera stands San Salvatore, a mediaeval castle.

Also beckoned to this haven are Mrs Fisher and Lady Caroline Dester.

Each woman craves escape.

Lulled by the Mediterranean spirit, they gradually shed their skins and discover a harmony each of them has longed for.

Elizabeth von Arnim's novel, first published in 1922.

Dramatised in five parts by Vivienne Allen.

Narrated by Jenny Funnell.

Lotty Wilkins .... Pippa Nixon

Rose Arbutnotn .... Lyndsey Marshall

Lady Caroline 'Scrap' .... Rhiannon Neads

Mrs Fisher .... Joanna Monro

Mellersh .... Stephen Critchley

Domenico .... Chris Pavlo

Briggs .... Neet Mohan

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015

**MON 09:00 Unspeakable (m002tpnk)**

Series 3

4. Awkwardly, Anecdotally, Indecisively

This episode we hear Hugh Dennis's word for decision fatigue, Katy Wix's coinage for when you find yourself stuck telling a story in public to break an awkward silence, and Jess

Fostekew's word for that nuggety squashed sock you find stuck inside a duvet cover.

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: Hugh Dennis, Jess Fostekew and Katy Wix

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 Classified Britain (m0007bc2)**

Series 2

Edinburgh Evening Courant 14 April 1827

James Naughtie finds the heartbeat of history in the front page

small ads of old UK newspapers.

The classified ads of the Edinburgh Evening Courant of April the 14th 1827 reveal the importance of the port of Leith - with direct passenger routes to Elsinore and St Petersburg.

Plus a public lecture intended to debunk Phrenology - the idea that an individual's character can be determined from the shape

of their skull, and Walter Scott, Europe's most prolific author, hoping to stay out of the new Bridewell debtor's prison.

Front page news is a relatively late addition to the newspaper business.

For most of their first couple of centuries, British newspapers carried classified ads rather than news on their front page. They

transformed the hustle and bustle of the marketplace into newsprint, so you could take it home or to the inn to pore over at your leisure.

James travels the country discovering how these front page ads give us a snapshot of time and place.

He explores how they weave national and local life together - the heartbeat of history rolling daily or weekly off the presses.

Producer: John Forsyth

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2019.

**MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002tzsr)**

James 1- Trials and Temptations

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

Theme: James 1 - Trials and Temptations

Presenter: Tim Gee

Reading: James 1:2-8

Music:

Blessed Quietness - Smithsonian Folkways

Seeds of war - Paulette Meier

Aint gonna let nobody turn me around - Sweet Honey in the

Rock, James Horner, Michael Fisher

**MON 10:00 Musical Genes (b00dyknn)**

Series 1

Phil Cunningham

Tom Morton meets the brother of the late Scottish folk music legend John Cunningham.

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 The Surgeon Of Crowthorne (b00758bl)**

A tale of murder, madness and lexicography.

True story about Dr William Chester Minor - a mentally ill American surgeon.

He posted scholarly contributions illustrating the way words were used - to the New English Dictionary (later Oxford English Dictionary) from his rooms in Broadmoor.

Readings by:

John Rowe

Brian Parr

Producer: Jill Waters

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

**MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b00x7fb5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jp3q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**MON 13:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05rnx7m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b013214n)**

Series 61

From 08/08/2011

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

With:

Paul Merton

Tony Hawks

Sheila Hancock

Graham Norton

Subjects include: My Personal Assistant, Tale of Two Cities, Making a Difficult Decision, Ventriloquism, The Speaking

Clock, Sending Postcards, Barn Dances, Achieving Longevity and Eavesdropping

Created by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.

**MON 14:30 The Six Mothers-in-Law of Henry VIII (b0076j87)**

Episode 5

Henry VIII's fifth wife Catherine Howard, was an ambitious girl with a 'reputation' and a Duchess as her adviser.

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

Catherine Howard ..... Helen Longworth

Duchess Agnes ..... Marcia Warren

William of Winchelsea ..... Geoffrey McGivern

Simon of Southwark ..... Gyuri Sarossi

Music by Jim Parker.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.

**MON 15:00 Drama on 4 (b09k8v3t)**

Intelligence by Sarah Wooley

During the Second World War, the young Muriel Spark worked in the British 'Black Propaganda' Department of MI6.

Her job was to produce what she called 'a tangled mixture of damaging lies, flattering and plausible truths'.

Starring Jessica Hardwick.

Drama written by Sarah Wooley, based on Muriel Spark's war-time work.

Muriel Spark ..... Jessica Hardwick

Sefton Delmer ..... Stuart McQuarrie

Marcelle/Nurse ..... Luciane McEvoy

Erich/Officer ..... Finn den Hertog

Betty ..... Francesca Dymond

Crips/Hans/Engineer ..... Robin Laing

Director: Gaynor Macfarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018

**MON 15:45 Bang-Bang You're Dead by Muriel Spark (m002tzt)**

Sybil's friends begin to see her in a new light, when they watch film footage, peppered with hippos, poets and shooting affairs, taken during her time in Africa.

Written by Muriel Spark, first published in 1958.

Dramatised by Gowan Calder

Hostess .... Adjoa Andoh

Sybil .... Emma Currie

Barry / Ted .... Mark McDonnell

Desiree .... Lucy Paterson

David .... Nick Underwood  
Produced by David Ian Neville  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.  
**MON 16:00 Musical Genes (b00dyknnm)**  
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**MON 16:30 The Surgeon Of Crowthorne (b00758bl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]  
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**MON 22:00 Unspeakable (m002tpnk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**MON 22:30 Damien Slash (m000mr70)**  
The Damien Slash Mixtape. Series 3  
Episode 2  
Multi-character YouTube star Damien Slash with more zeitgeisty sketches in this fast-paced, one-man sketch comedy show.  
In this episode, Xavier Landing makes new revelations and everyone's favourite hyper-masculine podcast host Jimmy Swoon has a new sponsor.  
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 (m0010gyk)**  
Episode 2  
Tarot: Soundbleed is the brainchild of a multi-award winning sketch supergroup, which unites Gein's Family Giftshop and Goose, alongside stand-up and writer Kiri Pritchard-McLean.  
In August 2019, Tarot were the 5th 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.  
Throughout their richly soundscaped first series, Soundbleed harnesses the group's inventive writing, rapid gag rate and fine ear for character.  
In this episode, we hear a new way to memorise the planets, the least professional audio description of all time and someone eavesdropping on a long-haul flight.  
Written and performed by:  
Adam Drake  
Edward Easton  
Kath Hughes  
Ben Rowse  
Kiri Pritchard-McLean  
Produced by Hayley Sterling.  
A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2021.  
**MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002vd76)**  
Paul Greenberg 2/3  
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats again to Canadian comic, writer and actor Paul Greenberg  
**MON 23:00 The Naked Week (m002tqm0)**  
Series 4  
Swearing, Steeplechase and Strikes  
Following Trump's tirade, The Naked Week team bleep the hell out of the bleeping news, swear at a steeplechase, and stage a walk out.  
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  
Jane Fae  
Molly Punshon

Darren Phillips  
Kevin Smith  
Investigation team:  
Cat Neilan  
Becky Pinnington  
Guest Correspondent: Katie Norris  
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 (b08pf09g)**  
Rob Newman's Neuropolis  
Skull and Bonece  
One of Britain's finest comedians, Rob Newman, is our guide on a unique audio odyssey of the brain, taking in everything from love and guilt to robot co-workers and the unlikely importance of prehistoric trousers.  
It's a witty, fact-packed series mixing stand-up and sketches, challenging notions of neuroscience with a new theory that's equal parts enlightening and hilarious.  
Rob offers an alternative to some of the more bizarre claims in modern popular science, as well as rejigging theories of our brains in light of what we know about nature, artificial intelligence and Belinda Carlisle.  
Created by the award-winning team behind Robert Newman's Entirely Accurate Encyclopaedia of Evolution.  
Written by and starring Rob Newman.  
Co-starring:  
Claire Price  
Richard McCabe  
Producer: Jon Harvey  
Executive Producer: Richard Wilson  
A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2017.

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**TUE 06:00 The Toff (b007jr60)**  
The Toff and the Runaway Bride  
1. Honeymoon for One  
Barbara Lawn is about to marry the Toff's old chum, Major Guy Lessing - against her father's wishes - in a gripping tale of blackmail and murder.  
Terence Alexander stars as the Toff - upper-class amateur sleuth, the Honourable Richard Rollison.  
John Creasey's detective novel was first published in 1959.  
Dramatised in six-parts by Roy Lomax.  
The Toff ..... Terence Alexander  
Jolly ..... Robert Dornig  
Barbara Lessing ..... Rosalind Shanks  
Aunt Gloria ..... Peggy Ann Wood  
Holy Joe ..... David Graham  
Maggie ..... Frances Jeater  
Major Guy Lessing ..... Alan Cuthbertson  
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson  
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in June 1975.  
**TUE 06:30 The Bounce Back by Berkely Mather (m0021946)**  
1. Returned Without Thanks  
Civil engineering explosives specialist Paul Fenton hatches an extreme plan to bring to an end his marriage.  
This will allow him to start a new life with his mistress.  
Will his skills and meticulous preparation pay dividends?  
Starring Hector Ross.  
First in a series of Berkely Mather's plays based on the theme of retribution.  
Paul Fenton .... Hector Ross  
Chrylla .... Hilda Schroder

Sir George Hartnell .... Walter Fitzgerald  
Christine Hartnell .... Patricia Gallimore  
Gethin .... Michael McClain  
Brown .... Lewis Stringer  
Cateby .... Wilfred Babbage  
Butler .... Arthur Lawrence  
Manager of Jewellers .... Geoffrey Matthews  
Club Waiter .... Nigel Green  
Phone Operator .... Ursula Hirst  
Berkely Mather was a prolific British author who wrote for radio and TV - including 'Z Cars' and 'The Avengers' - plus a film credit for 'Dr No.'  
Producer: Martyn C Webster  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1967.  
**TUE 07:00 Flying the Flag (b007jxj2)**  
Series 2  
Submarine Diplomacy  
Telexes are arriving from London; awkward questions are being asked in the House; the spirit of the Armada is in dire peril of reasserting itself.  
All in a day's overwork for the British Ambassador and his staff.  
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  
Captain Warner .... David Goodland  
US Ambassador .... Stephen Greif  
Producer: Pete Atkin  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1988.  
**TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b00kjh64)**  
Series 10  
The Silver Doubleloons  
Neddie Seagoon must plunder a sunken Spanish galleon.  
Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.  
Starring:  
Spike Milligan  
Peter Sellers  
Harry Secombe.  
First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.  
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 It's a Fair Cop (m001xw54)**  
Series 8  
1. Bounty Hunter  
Former Humberdale police detective Alfie Moore turns bounty hunter and goes on the hunt for a wanted man (an infamous bike thief).  
Join Alfie and his audience of sworn-in deputies as they decide how to get their man in another real life case.  
Written and presented by Alfie Moore.  
Script Editor: Will Ing  
Producer: Sam Holmes  
A BBC Studios Audio production, first broadcast in April 2024.  
**TUE 08:30 Goon Abroad by Sir Harry Secombe (b014b98y)**  
2. Holidays  
The Goon Show star recalls his travels, tummy troubles and an unfortunate series of events at sea.  
Autobiography of much-loved comedian and singer Sir Harry Secombe.  
Abridged by Elizabeth Proud.  
Producer: Enyd Williams  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1983.  
**TUE 08:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05s2x2f)**  
2. Arrival In Italy  
Having arrived at their mediaeval castle San Salvatore in darkness, Lotty and Rose wake up to the radiance of April in Italy.  
A chance advertisement in The Times, addressed to 'Those who Appreciate Wisteria and Sunshine' is the impetus for a revelatory month for four very different women.  
High above the bay on the Italian Riviera stands San Salvatore, a mediaeval castle. Beckoned to this haven are Lotty, Rose, Mrs Fisher and Lady Caroline Dester, each craving escape.  
Lulled by the Mediterranean spirit, they gradually shed their skins and discover a harmony each of them has longed for.  
Elizabeth von Arnim's novel is dramatised by Vivienne Allen  
Lotty Wilkins .... Pippa Nixon  
Rose Arbutnot .... Lyndsey Marshall  
Lady Caroline 'Scrap' .... Rhiannon Needs  
Mrs Fisher .... Joanna Monro  
Mellersh .... Stephen Critchley  
Domenico .... Chris Pavlo  
Briggs ... Neet Mohan  
Narrator .... Jenny Funnell  
Director: Tracey Neale  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015  
**TUE 09:00 Nature Table (m002tpq6)**  
Series 5  
1: Puffins, Armadillos and the Badass Tongue-Eating Louse

In this first episode of a new series, puffins' super beaks and the badass Tongue-eating water louse wow and stupefy the team. 'Sue Perkins' Nature Table - possibly the funniest "natural science" series, ever.' Pick of the Week, The Telegraph

For this new series of Sue Perkins' ARIA-winning 'Show and Tell' wildlife comedy, Team Nature Table is joined by special guests: comedian Amy Gledhill, zoologist Lucy Cooke and entomologist Professor Karim Vahed of Buglife.

This episode's varied subjects include: Puffins and their disposable beaks, Snails' love darts, intrepid Armadillos and the fiendishly parasitic Tongue-eating louse.

Nature Table has a simple clear brief: to positively celebrate our planet's wonderfully wild (and funny) flora and fauna in a fun accessible way... whilst at the same time having a giggle.

Hosted by: Sue Perkins

Guests: Amy Gledhill, Lucy Cooke & Professor Karim Vahed.

Written by: Jon Hunter and Jenny Laville.

Additional material by: Jade Gebbie.

Researcher: Catherine Beazley

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Sound Editor: Jerry Peal

Music by: Ben Mirin

Production Coordinator: Sarah Nicholls & Caroline Barlow

Producer: Simon Nicholls

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

**TUE 09:30 Classified Britain (m0007khr)**

Series 2

Hampshire Advertiser, 9 August 1856

James Naughtie unearths the heartbeat of history from another newspaper front page of classified ads.

The Hampshire Advertiser of Saturday August 9th 1856.

Trustees are advertising for survivors and dependents of those who died when the troopship, HMS Birkenhead, went down and introduced "women and children first" into the culture.

Steam is replacing sail at sea, there's back breaking labour in the fields and an ad for corsets reveals unexpected aspects of lacing.

Front page news is a relatively late addition to the newspaper business. For most of their first couple of centuries, British newspapers carried classified ads rather than news on their front page.

They transformed the hustle and bustle of the marketplace into newsprint, so you could take it home or to the inn to pore over at your leisure.

James Naughtie travels the country discovering how these front page ads give us a snapshot of time and place.

He explores how they weave national and local life together - the heartbeat of history rolling daily or weekly off the presses.

Producer: John Forsyth

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2019.

**TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002v16j)**

James 2 - Faith and deeds

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

Theme: James 2 - Faith and Deeds

Presenter: Lyndall Bywater

Reading: James 2:14-18

Music:

By Faith - Stuart Townend

Total Praise - Donnie McLurkin (Richard Smallwood)

Make me a channel of your peace - Aled Jones

**TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000nv0d)**

Jonathan Safran Foer & Daliso Chaponda

Writer Jonathan Safran Foer and comedian Daliso Chaponda join Harriett Gilbert to discuss favourite books by Natalia Ginzburg, Richard Brautigan, Orson Scott Card.

The Little Virtues by Natalia Ginzburg

Translator: Dick Davis

Publisher: Daunt Books

Sombrero Fallout by Richard Brautigan

Publisher: Canongate

Seventh Son by Orson Scott Card

Publisher: Tor Books

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2020.

**TUE 10:30 Death Masks: The Undying Face (b0939wgs)**

Sculptor and musician Nick Reynolds has revived the art of creating death masks.

Coming across Oliver Cromwell's death mask on a school trip to Warwick Castle, Nick instantly became fascinated with the idea that you can stare at the actual facial features of a historical person.

He now owns the death masks of many famous people from Ned Kelly and Napoleon to Ken Russell and Ronnie Biggs.

They decorate every wall in his flat, but he views them not as a macabre way of remembering the dead but as "a kind of time machine".

In recent years, Nick has turned his artistic talents towards producing death masks and his portfolio includes the masks of William Rees-Mogg, Peter O'Toole and Sebastian Horsley.

Their nearest and dearest give their different reactions to the 'undying face' of the person they have lost.

Nick also visits London's Highgate Cemetery to discuss our attitude to death and describes the death masks which adorn the gravestones of his father and of impresario Malcolm McLaren.

Contributors:

\* Jacob Rees-Mogg MP

\* Kate O'Toole – actress and daughter of Peter O'Toole

\* Rachel Campbell Johnston – Chief Art Critic for The Times

\* Dr Ian Dungavell - Chief Executive at Friends of Highgate Cemetery Trust

Photograph by Rankin of Nick Reynolds holding his father's death mask

Music: Woke Up This Morning performed by Alabama 3 (Nick Reynolds on harmonica) Recorded by Visual Hybrid

Producer: Helen Lee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

**TUE 11:00 The Toff (b007jr60)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 11:30 The Bounce Back by Berkely Mather (m0021946)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 12:00 Flying the Flag (b007jxj2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

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**TUE 13:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05s2x2f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**TUE 14:00 Genius (b008jdz)**

Series 2

Sid Waddell

Perforated bread and counselling with a twist.

Dave Gorman asks Darts commentator Sid Waddell 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 October 2006.

**TUE 14:30 Mum's on the Run (b00tpt3n)**

Episode 4

Jen has trouble with mice, cats and the local constabulary.

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 unpaid chauffeur to 15-year-old existentialist son Toby, and a tonally challenged recorder-playing 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

Policeman ..... Tony Bell

Police Radio ..... Sam Dale

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

**TUE 15:00 Drama on 4 (m0003tc1)**

The Ferryhill Philosphers by Michael Chaplin

Psychological Continuity and the Waterfall of Self

Drama written by Michael Chaplin about an unlikely duo, an ex-miner and a senior lecturer wrestling with philosophical and moral dilemmas.

Joe and Hermione reassess their friendship as Joe welcomes a first grandchild and Hermione supports him in facing a family crisis, and together they say farewell to her father.

Alun Armstrong and Deborah Findlay star as the ex-miner and Durham University philosopher facing life's big questions together.

Joe Snowball .... Alun Armstrong

Hermione Pink .... Deborah Findlay

Rachel .... Tracy Gillman

George .... Geoffrey Palmer

Archie .... David Holt

Director: Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey Production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.

**TUE 15:45 Anita and Me by Meera Syal (b007jxxt)**

1. Telling Fibs

12-year-old Meena Kumar is an Asian girl living a fairly uneventful life in the Black Country village of Tollington near Wolverhampton in the 1970s - surrounded by her loving, if slightly eccentric, Punjabi family.

But then one day she meets Anita Rutter.....

Actress and comedy writer Meera Syal reads her first novel - abridged in ten parts by Doreen Estall.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

**TUE 16:00 A Good Read (m000nv0d)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:30 Death Masks: The Undying Face (b0939wgs)**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 19:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05s2x2f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**TUE 20:00 Genius (b008jdz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**TUE 20:30 Mum's on the Run (b00tpt3n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**TUE 21:00 Drama on 4 (m0003tc1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**TUE 21:45 Anita and Me by Meera Syal (b007jxxt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**TUE 22:00 Nature Table (m002tpg6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b01p98gy)**

Series 3

Episode 4

Alternative therapies in ER, and it's Bhangraman to the rescue.

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 23:00 My Teenage Diary (m000jg9x)**

Series 9

Jan Ravens

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

In this episode, Rufus picks the lock on the diaries of comedian and impressionist Jan Ravens.

He's finding out about teenage crushes, slow dances and new year's resolutions.

Producer: Harriet Jaime

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

**TUE 23:30 Forty Nights in the Wildebeest (b008gdc)**

Episode 2

Dan Freedman and Nick Romero push the pun count beyond the pain threshold.

Recorded at the Edinburgh Festival.

Including:

An American guide to 'Scotchland'

A song about Roger's Thesaurus

Sherlock Holmes handles a case in which a man is attacked with a large fruit. Cue pun.

Music is performed by the Gents.

Producers: Julian Mayers & Jayne Gibson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

**WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026**

**WED 00:00 A Good Read (m000nv0d)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:30 Death Masks: The Undying Face (b0939wgs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:00 The Toff (b007jr60)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:00 Flying the Flag (b007jxj2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:30 The Goon Show (b00kjh64)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001xws4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:30 Goon Abroad by Sir Harry Secombe (b014b98y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05s2x2f)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 Genius (b008jdz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:30 Mum's on the Run (b00tpt3n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:00 Drama on 4 (m0003tc1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:45 Anita and Me by Meera Syal (b007jxxt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 The Toff (b007jr60)**

The Toff and the Runaway Bride  
2. The Finger of Suspicion  
After bride Barbara's disappearance, the Honourable Richard Rollison faces more mystery - on the trail of Major Guy Lessing's first wife...

Terence Alexander stars as the Toff - upper-class amateur sleuth, the Honourable Richard Rollison.  
John Creasey's detective novel dramatised by Roy Lomax.  
The Toff ..... Terence Alexander  
Jolly ..... Robert Dornig  
Major Guy Lessing ..... Alan Cuthbertson  
Barbara Lessing ..... Rosalind Shanks  
Doctor ..... Dennis McCarthy  
Kevin Brennan ..... Robert Lawn  
Superintendent ..... Godfrey James  
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.  
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in June 1975.  
**WED 06:30 The Bounce Back by Berkely Mather (m002v13y)**  
2. Honesty's Best Fiddle  
In prison, suave confidence man Pawson asks his fellow prisoner Smudger to make enquiries about a new inmate, Harding. Why?  
Starring Henry Stamper.  
The second of Berkely Mather's dramas in The Bounce Back series, all based on the theme of retribution.  
Pawson, a confidence man .... Henry Stamper  
Smudger, his Sancho Panza .... Lewis Stringer  
Harding, a convict .... Geoffrey Matthews  
Smiler, another convict .... Anthony Hall  
The Duke of Ilmingshire .... Geoffrey Wincott  
Julie, a convict's wife .... Madi Hedd  
Det Chief Inspector Webster .... Wilfred Babbage  
Prison Doctor .... Nigel Graham  
Prison officers, convicts and others played by Antony Viccars, James Thomason and members of the BBC Drama Repertory Company  
Berkely Mather was a prolific British author who wrote for radio and TV - including 'Z Cars' and 'The Avengers' - plus a film credit for 'Dr No.'  
Producer: Martyn C Webster  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1967.  
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Recovered archive from an off-air recording. With warm thanks to our friends at the Radio Circle.  
**WED 07:00 After Henry (b007jmr5)**  
Series 1  
The Dinner Party  
Sarah plays hostess, Mother plays the martyr and daughter Clare holds a flat-warming party.  
Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women.  
Struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband, the trio never quite manage to see eye to eye.  
Sarah .... Prunella Scales  
Eleanor ..... Joan Sanderson  
Russell ..... Benjamin Whitrow  
Clare .... Gerry Cowper  
Leo Dolan .... Richard Davies  
Gwen ..... Ellen McIntosh  
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 (b007jygy)**  
Series 1  
The Boxing Champion  
When the Lad hits the gym, he knocks down a prize boxer completely by chance - which gives Sid an idea...  
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  
Kenneth Williams  
Paul Carpenter  
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? (b08csqyb)**  
Series 3  
Breaking Up Is Hard To Do  
Relationships in the Amos household are strained by a new arrival.  
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

Frances Barber  
Producer: Paul Sheehan.  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in February 2017.  
**WED 08:30 Goon Abroad by Sir Harry Secombe (b0148rvv)**  
3. Majorca  
The Goon Show star Sir Harry Secombe recalls his idyllic holiday home in Majorca and his not-so-idyllic command of Spanish.  
Autobiography of comedian and singer Sir Harry Secombe first published in 1982.  
Abridged by Elizabeth Proud.  
Producer: Enyd Williams  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1983.  
**WED 08:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05s33xj)**  
3. San Salvatore  
Lotty and Rose begin to bask in the delicate warmth and beautiful fragrance of San Salvatore, but Mrs Fisher is still finding things to try her patience and Scrap still wants to hide herself away.  
An advertisement in 'The Times, addressed to 'Those who Appreciate Wisteria and Sunshine' is the impetus for a revelatory month for four very different women. High above the bay on the Italian Riviera stands San Salvatore, a mediaeval castle. Beckoned to this haven are Lotty, Rose, Mrs Fisher and Lady Caroline Dester, each craving escape. Lulled by the Mediterranean spirit, they gradually shed their skins and discover a harmony each of them has longed for.  
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Rose Arbutnot .... Lyndsey Marshall  
Lady Caroline 'Scrap' .... Rhiannon Neads  
Mrs Fisher .... Joanna Monro  
Mellersh .... Stephen Critchley  
Francesca .... Jessica Turner  
Narrator .... Jenny Funnell  
Director: Tracey Neale  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015  
**WED 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002tpsn)**  
Amy Annette: I Survived the Noughties  
The Noughties are back. When award winning comedian Amy Annette first saw a visible thong re-emerging from the waistband of a cargo pant, she knew a Labour government was inevitable... And with Oasis back on the road, there can be no doubt.  
With the teenagers of the Noughties now in positions of power (politicians, teachers, coffee shop baristas), Amy undertakes a comic investigation - a Panoramahaha, if you will - into the decade which gave us girls magazines, ballet flats and Trimny and Susannah.  
We need someone to teach the next generation how to withstand the 00s lure of 'Nothing Tastes as Good As Skinny Feels'...  
Amy Annette is that woman.  
Written and performed by Amy Annette  
Script Editor: Sarah Campbell  
Produced and Directed by Lyndsay Fenner  
Sound: David Thomas  
A Mighty Bunny production for BBC Radio 4  
**WED 09:30 Classified Britain (m0007qyh)**  
Series 2  
Irish Times, Dublin Daily Express, The Freeman's Journal, April 1886  
James Naughtie finds the heartbeat of history in the front page small ads of old UK newspapers.  
One the eve of Gladstone's first Home Rule Bill, three Irish newspapers appeal to their respective readerships for support for the Protestant poor of Dublin or the destitute inhabitants of the west of Ireland.  
The Dublin Ladies Sanitary Association is tackling poverty in Dublin while the million and a half residents of Glasnevin cemetery tell their own stories.  
Front page news is a relatively late addition to the newspaper business. For most of their first couple of centuries, British newspapers carried classified ads rather than news on their front page. They transformed the hustle and bustle of the marketplace into newsprint, so you could take it home or to the inn to pore over at your leisure.  
James Naughtie travels the country discovering how these front page ads give us a snapshot of time and place, exploring how they weave national and local life together - the heartbeat of history rolling daily or weekly off the presses.  
Producer: John Forsyth  
A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2019.  
**WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002v142)**  
James 3 - Taming the tongue  
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
Theme: James 3 - Taming the Tongue  
Presenter: Stewart Rapley  
Reading: James 3:7-12  
Music:  
Lord your almighty word - Cantus Choro  
For the beauty of the earth - BBC Young Choristers Belinda & Natalie & BBC Philharmonic  
Dear Lord and Father of Mankind - Daily Service Singers  
**WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m000v75j)**  
A Night with Prince

US music critic and broadcaster Ann Powers presents a tribute to Prince, framed around a night she spent with the star in 2008. This was a night for hanging out in the singing star's Hollywood mansion in Beverly Park - a place with the European opulence of an upscale spa.  
And also for meeting his protegee and girlfriend Bria Valente, and for listening to tracks in Prince's limo, a local club - even his bedroom.  
Contributors include:  
\* Keyboard player, Doctor Fink  
\* Sound engineer, Susan Rogers  
\* Biographer Dan Piepenbring, who was working on Prince's memoir just before he died  
\* Kristin Scott Thomas, whose first ever film role was in the Prince directed Under The Cherry Moon.  
Producer: Clem Hitchcock  
A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2021.  
**WED 11:00 The Toff (b007jr8v)**  
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**WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (m000dz4g)**  
Series 4  
Enid Blyton  
James Walton's literary quiz with Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Sue Limb and Victoria Coren.  
Author of the week: Enid Blyton  
Reader: Becky Hindley  
Producer: Dawn Ellis  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.  
**WED 14:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3ds)**  
Series 2  
A Gender Agenda  
A visit from Bernard's mother raises suspicion for the two landladies.  
Starring Denise Coffey and Miriam Margolyes.  
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 (m00040m2)**  
The Ferryhill Philosophers by Michael Chaplin  
Moral Luck and The F Word  
Drama written by Michael Chaplin about an unlikely duo, an examiner and a senior lecturer wrestling with philosophical and moral dilemmas.  
A man burdened with terrible guilt returns to Ferryhill to find forgiveness for his part in the death of a child.  
Alun Armstrong and Deborah Findlay star as the ex-miner and Durham University philosopher facing life's big questions together.  
Joe Snowball .... Alun Armstrong  
Hermione Pink .... Deborah Findlay  
Mark Cornforth .... John Bowler  
Barry Hardwick .... Trevor Fox  
Kathy Merrington .... Jackie Lye  
Bus Driver .... Dean Logan  
Barmaid .... Tracy Gillman  
Director: Marilyn Imrie  
A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2019  
**WED 15:45 Anita and Me by Meera Syal (b007jxz2)**  
2. One of the Gang?  
12-year-old Meena Kumar is an Asian girl living a fairly uneventful life in the Black Country village of Tollington near Wolverhampton in the 1970s - surrounded by her loving, if slightly eccentric, Punjabi family. But then one day she meets Anita Rutter....  
During the long summer holidays, Meena is desperate to fit in with the other children.  
Actress and comedy writer Meera Syal reads her first novel - abridged in ten parts by Doreen Estall.  
Producer: Di Speirs  
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**WED 20:00 The Write Stuff (m000dz4g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**WED 20:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3ds)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**WED 21:00 Drama on 4 (m00040m2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**WED 21:45 Anita and Me by Meera Syal (b007jxz2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**WED 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002tpsn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 22:30 Sir Ralph Stanza's Letter from Salford (b00767qj)**

Series 1

The Verse Was Yet to Come

The distinguished-but-hip London poet Sir Ralph Stanza is the new poet-in-residence for Salford.

This is all thanks to a specially-funded scheme displaying great cultural magnanimity towards the good people of the north of England.

As he straddles the streets of Orsdall and Weaste, in his panama hat, blazer and silk scarf, Sir Ralph's goal is to blend in with the locals and express their anger through his verse.

Written by and starring James Quinn as Sir Ralph Stanza.

With:

Alison Darling

Jack Deam

Mark Chatterton

Stephen Hoyle

Jemma Thompson

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

**WED 22:45 Heidi Regan: No Worries (m000xdqz)**

Episode 1

As someone who tends to worry in 'normal' times, the pandemic has of course offered some exciting new areas of exploration for the anxious mind.

Having a partner who is a GP has both helped and not helped Heidi with that: worrying about her being safe, but also, yay, on tap medical advice!

That said, examining rashes of a loved one over dinner isn't really the romance her partner signed up for.

As Heidi and her partner ponder some of the big questions in life, Heidi's brain resorts, as it always does, to distracting them (and the audience) with increasingly silly jokes as she makes an argument for the pros and cons of joking your way through life. In this episode, Heidi ponders whether repressing her worries is better than sharing them.

Written and performed by Heidi Regan.

With thanks to Nick Elleray.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2021.

**WED 23:00 Thom Tuck - Goes Straight to DVD (b01bwp8v)**

Pilot

Thom Tuck recounts heart-rending tales of love and loss.

He lays bare all the failures he's suffered in his relationships - whilst drawing comparisons with the 54 straight-to-DVD Disney movies he's watched, so we don't have to.

These underrated gems - perhaps rightfully ignored and forgotten - mirror his experiences with women he has loved too often and too soon.

A show with a huge heart, all about heartbreak in various forms. Thom Tuck is also part of acclaimed sketch group "The Penny Dreadfuls".

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on Radio 4 in February 2012.

**WED 23:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007wp4b)**

Series 2

Tony Hart

TV artist Tony Hart pays a visit and his timing couldn't be better as John is in the middle of painting the living room wall. Maybe Tony could help - but no fancy murals mind you, as Mary wouldn't like it.

The semi-detached world of aspiring singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth comes direct from his front room in Sheffield.

With:

Lorraine Bowen

Stephen Frost

Written and performed by Graham Fellows.

Additional material by Martin Willis.

Producer: Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000

**THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2026**

**THU 00:00 Archive on 4 (m000v75j)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:00 The Toff (b007jr8v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 01:30 The Bounce Back by Berkely Mather (m002v13y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:00 After Henry (b007jmr5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 02:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jygy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:00 What Does the K Stand For? (b08csqyb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:30 Goon Abroad by Sir Harry Secombe (b0148rvv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05s33xj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 The Write Stuff (m000dz4g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3ds)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 Drama on 4 (m00040m2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:45 Anita and Me by Meera Syal (b007jxz2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 The Toff (b007jrcm)**

The Toff and the Runaway Bride

3. No Sleep for the Wicked

With Guy and Barbara both now murder suspects - the Toff gets a shock when he breaks into the Major's flat.

Terence Alexander stars as the Toff - upper-class amateur sleuth, the Honourable Richard Rollison.

John Creasey's detective novel dramatised by Roy Lomax.

The Toff ..... Terence Alexander

Jolly ..... Robert Dorning

Superintendent ..... Godfrey James

Barbara Lessing ..... Rosalind Shanks

Police Officer ..... Clifford Norgate

Major Guy Lessing ..... Alan Cuthbertson

Rose Lessing ..... Denise Buckley

Holy Joe ..... David Graham

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in June 1975.

**THU 06:30 The Bounce Back by Berkely Mather (m002v098)**

3. Stake-Out

What will Renton do when he hears that notorious prisoner Filby is going to make a deal with Scotland Yard?

A 'stakeout' is a live goat tethered in the jungle as bait for a tiger....

Starring Harold Kasket.

The third of Berkely Mather's dramas in The Bounce Back series, all based on the theme of retribution.

Renton .... Harold Kasket

Scander .... Bruce Beeby

George .... Ronald Herdman

Nigel .... Allan McClelland

Thrumbold .... Walter Fitzgerald

Binacre .... Alan Dudley

Press-ups .... Frank Henderson

Filby .... Geoffrey Wincote

Simpson .... Humphrey Morton

Other parts played by Mary Grimes, James Thomason and LeRoy Lingwood

Berkely Mather was a prolific British author who wrote for radio and TV - including 'Z Cars' and 'The Avengers' - plus a film credit for 'Dr No.'

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1967.

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Recovered archive from an off-air recording. With thanks to our friends at the Radio Circle.

**THU 07:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007jnjk)**

Soldiers Three: India Nil

A chilling tale of what happened when a greedy soldier gets all that he wishes for.

Stars Stephen Fry.

Star-packed curious and macabre comedy series set in a very exclusive London club.

Written by Ian Brown and James Hendrie.

Dr Sen ..... Roshan Seth

Atkins ..... Michael Robbins

Lanyard Sapling ..... Stephen Fry

Storm ..... Oliver Cotton

Green ..... Royce Mills

Tribesman ..... Sam Dastor

Mr Jacob ..... Michael Ripper

Music: Max Harris

Producer: Paul Spencer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1987.

**THU 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7ft)**

Series 2

Do You-Know-What The Burkiss Way

Any doubts about you-know-what are put to rest.

The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living courtesy of:

Jo Kendall

Nigel Rees

Chris Emmett

Fred Harris

With written hints by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick (who don't want to spell it out).

A discreet production from Simon Brett.

Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1977.

**THU 08:00 Hennikay (m000xd7f)**

Introducing Hennikay

Comedy musician star, Bill Bailey plays Guy Starling, a stressed out, middle aged man who, after 45 years is suddenly revisited by his imaginary childhood friend.

Guy is on the brink of closing the biggest deal in the history of Maidstone, but when he strides into his office at Solutify Technology, a software house that develops games for grown-ups, he is confronted by an 11-year-old boy, playing keepy-uppies.

And to make matters worse, no one else can see or hear him. Because he is Hennikay, Guy's imaginary friend from a lonely childhood.

Hennikay refuses to leave and though he sees the world through the eyes of a child from 1976, Hennikay might just be in time to help his oldest (and only) friend in the world save the day and close the deal.

Guy - Bill Bailey

Tony - Sanjeev Bhaskar

Marika - Elizabeth Carling

Kallie - Anna Leong Brophy

Don - John Schwab

Hennikay - Max Pattison

Written by David Spicer

Producer Liz Anstee

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in June 2021.

**THU 08:30 Goon Abroad by Sir Harry Secombe (b0148wfr)**

4. Variety and Comedians

The Goon Show star Sir Harry Secombe remembers his early career on stage in variety - and recalls his friendship with a young Tony Hancock.

Autobiography of comedian and singer Sir Harry Secombe first published in 1982.

Abridged by Elizabeth Proud.

Producer: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1983.

**THU 08:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05s3gz0)**

4. Golden Days

San Salvatore is working its magic on Mellersh Wilkins too and he in turn has managed to charm both Scrap and Mrs Fisher as the beautiful golden days drop gently one by one.

An advertisement in The Times, addressed to 'Those who Appreciate Wisteria and Sunshine' is the impetus for a revelatory month for four very different women. High above the bay on the Italian Riviera stands San Salvatore, a mediaeval castle. Beckoned to this haven are Lotty, Rose, Mrs Fisher and Lady Caroline Dester, each craving escape. Lulled by the Mediterranean spirit, they gradually shed their skins and discover a harmony each of them has longed for.

Elizabeth von Arnim's novel is dramatised by Vivienne Allen.

Lotty Wilkins .... Pippa Nixon

Rose Arbuthnot .... Lyndsey Marshall

Lady Caroline 'Scrap' .... Rhiannon Neads

Mrs Fisher .... Joanna Monro

Mellersh .... Stephen Critchley

Francesca .... Jessica Turner

Briggs .... Neet Mohan

Narrator .... Jenny Funnell

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.

**THU 09:00 The Matt Forde Focus Group (m002tpvp)**

Series 2

5. The Politics of Denial

The cheese is locked up. The Navy can't sail to a war. Reform won't touch the triple lock pension. And nobody, apparently, has anything to answer for. Top political comedian Matt Forde convenes his Focus Group in front of a live theatre audience with a forensically matched panel — journalist and author Helen Lewis, conservative commentator Tim Montgomerie, and former SNP MP Mhairi Black — to ask whether denial has become the default setting in British politics.

From a shoplifting epidemic that politicians have decided not to notice, to the vast gap between Britain's naval self-image and its actual capacity to put to sea, and the cross-party conspiracy of silence around a pension policy everyone suspects is unaffordable but nobody will touch, this is an episode about the uncomfortable distance between what politicians know and what they're prepared to say.

Written and presented by Matt Forde

With additional material from Karl Minns, Ruth Husko and Richard Garvin

Produced by Richard Garvin

Co-Producer: Daisy Knight

Sound Design and Edit: David Thomas

Executive Producers: Jon Thoday and Richard Allen Turner

An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4

**THU 09:30 Classified Britain (m0007wv6)**

Series 2

Oxford Times, 7 May 1926

James Naughtie finds the heartbeat of history in the front page small ads of old UK newspapers.

The classified ads in the Oxford Times of May 7th 1926, the

midpoint of the General Strike, spell out the state of emergency and announce a rally at which Labour MP, Oliver Baldwin, son of the Conservative Prime Minister, will speak in support of the strike.

The Morris car plant has displaced the University as the city's biggest employer and the Jane Austin Agency is recruiting battalions of domestic staff.

Front page news is a relatively late addition to the newspaper business. For most of their first couple of centuries, British newspapers carried classified ads rather than news on their front page. They transformed the hustle and bustle of the marketplace into newsprint, so you could take it home or to the inn to pore over at your leisure.

James Naughtie travels the country discovering how these front page ads give us a snapshot of time and place, exploring how they weave national and local life together - the heartbeat of history rolling daily or weekly off the presses.

Producer: John Forsyth

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2019.

**THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002v09c)**

James 4 - Favour to the humble

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

Theme: James 4 - Favour to the humble

Presenter: Isabelle Hamley

Reading: James 4:6–10

Music:

A Grateful Heart - Mary Plumstead

Paul Phoenix

CD: Jubilate - Golden favourites from St Paul's Cathedral (Guild)

In all things - Andrew Earis

St Martin's Voices

BBC recording

Nada te turbe - Taize

Taize Community

CD: Laudes omnes gentes (Ateliers et Presses de Taizé)

Act justly - Bernadette Farrell

CD: Love goes on - Bernadette Farrell (OCP)

**THU 10:00 Great Lives (m0008hx2)**

Comedian Sindhu Vee on Prince

Comedian Sindhu Vee has loved Prince ever since she was a young girl in India - when her sister gave her illicit cassettes recorded from US radio.

A pop polymath and global superstar, Prince was also a man of extreme contradictions and multiple personas.

Hearing his music changed Sindhu's life forever, and seeing him perform influenced her career as a comedian.

Sindhu is joined by BAFTA-winning investigative journalist Mobeen Azhar (who saw Prince live 54 times) and presenter Matthew Parris, to discuss the life of Prince Rogers Nelson.

Produced at BBC Bristol by Eliza Lomas.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2019.

**THU 10:30 This Are 2-Tone (b009pdfz)**

Back in the 1980s bands like the Specials, the Beat, Madness and the Selector created a new sound born from a blend of punk, reggae and ska.

Phill Jupitus investigates the social importance of 2 Tone music in Britain.

Featuring:

Pauline Black

Neville Staple

Ranking Roger

Woody Barson

Mike Barson

Les Black

Jerry Dammers

Producer: Geoff Bird

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2008.

**THU 11:00 The Toff (b007jrcm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 11:30 The Bounce Back by Berkely Mather (m002v098)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 12:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007jnpk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7ft)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 13:00 Hennikay (m000xd7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 13:30 Goon Abroad by Sir Harry Secombe (b0148wfr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05s3gz0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**THU 14:00 Who Goes There? (b0076bdv)**

Series 6

Episode 6

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

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

With guests:

Geoffrey Durham

Jenny Colgan

Producer: Elizabeth Freestone

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

**THU 14:30 HR (b01bm0p7)**

Series 3

Disabled

The two 60-something chums have just lost their pensions. Sam balks at Peter's outrageous survival measures. But will he become embroiled?

Nigel Williams' much-praised comedy series

Peter ..... Jonathan Pryce

Sam ..... Nicholas le Prevost

Doctor ..... Paul Moriarty

Director: Peter Kavanagh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

**THU 15:00 Drama on 4 (m00047t8)**

The Ferryhill Philosophers by Michael Chaplin

The Toddler In The Pond and A Bottle Of Pop

Drama written by Michael Chaplin about an unlikely duo, an ex-miner and a senior lecturer wrestling with philosophical and moral dilemmas.

Joe encounters the stark reality of twenty first century poverty close to home and responds in the only way he can.

Alun Armstrong and Deborah Findlay star as the ex-miner and

Durham University philosopher facing life's big questions

together.

Joe Snowball ..... Alun Armstrong

Hermione Pink ..... Deborah Findlay

Louise ..... Laura Elphinstone

Rob ..... Dean Bone

Bayissa ..... Okorie Chukwu

WPC Chase ..... Tracy Gillman

Director: Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey Production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4

in April 2019.

**THU 15:45 Anita and Me by Meera Syal (b007jy0b)**

3. Mum's the Word

12-year-old Meena Kumar is an Asian girl living a fairly uneventful life in the Black Country village of Tollington near

Wolverhampton in the 1970s - surrounded by her loving, if slightly eccentric, Punjabi family. But then one day she meets

Anita Rutter.....

Meena hears racial insults and is also shocked when she hears some big family news.

Actress and comedy writer Meera Syal reads her first novel - abridged in ten parts by Doreen Estall.

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1996.

**THU 16:00 Great Lives (m0008hx2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**THU 16:30 This Are 2-Tone (b009pdfz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**THU 17:00 The Toff (b007jrcm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 17:30 The Bounce Back by Berkely Mather (m002v098)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 18:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007jnpk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 18:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7ft)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 19:00 Hennikay (m000xd7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 19:30 Goon Abroad by Sir Harry Secombe (b0148wfr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 19:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05s3gz0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**THU 20:00 Who Goes There? (b0076bdv)**

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**THU 20:30 HR (b01bm0p7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**THU 21:00 Drama on 4 (m00047t8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**THU 21:45 Anita and Me by Meera Syal (b007jy0b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**THU 22:00 The Matt Forde Focus Group (m002tpvp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 22:30 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m000fgsk)**

Series 3

Mental Health

Award-winning comedian Alex Edelman uses personal experience to discuss his own mental health and its wider relevance today.

With help from his "peer group" at the University of West London, Alex examines current attitudes to mental health, and how people deal with it.

Written and performed by Alex Edelman.

With additional material from Alfie Brown, Rebecca Nicholson, David Burstein, Catherine Brinkworth and Kat Sadler.

Producer: Sam Michell

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

**THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002vd3y)**

Paul Greenberg 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats once

more to Canadian comic, writer and actor Paul Greenberg

**THU 23:00 Beyond The Back of Beyond (m002v09f)**

1. Men

Brian Tongue is getting married. But can fellow explorer Mark

Bark-Jones persuade him to take a final trip to the Amazon in

search of the mythical Wet People?

Starring Neil Warhurst, Paul Barnhill and Rosie Cavallero.

First episode of a six-part comedy written by - and starring - Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst.

Mark ..... Neil Warhurst

Brian ..... Paul Barnhill

Sandra ..... Rosie Cavallero

Luke ..... Mark Benton

Mawa ..... Jacey Salles

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2001.

**THU 23:15 Life on Egg (b087p3sm)**

Series 1

Inspection

Harry Hill runs Britain's remotest prison, The Egg, along with his two assistants, Peter and Anne.

But escape rates have gotten out of control and so the government has decided to send two inspectors to look things over.

Will Harry and his team survive their strenuous checks?

Find out in "Life on Egg".

Harry ..... Harry Hill

Anne ..... Karen Bartke

Peter ..... Marek Larwood

Minister ..... Alison Belbin

Tim ..... Jason Forbes

Skulk ..... Jason Forbes

Jones ..... Dan Maier

Written by Dan Maier

Producer: Sam Michell

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

January 2017.

**THU 23:30 The Pin (m0006lsk)**

Series 4

Magic

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 restaurant-reviewing mother and a

disappearing magician.

Written and performed by Alex Owen and Ben Ashenden.

With:

Pippa Haywood

Celeste Dring

Ellen Roberston

Krupa Pattani

Jason Forbes

Producer: Sam Michell

A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

July 2019.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:00 The Toff (b007jrcm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 01:30 The Bounce Back by Berkely Mather (m002v098)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

**FRI 02:00 Tales From the Mausoleum Club (b007jnpk)**

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**FRI 05:45 Anita and Me by Meera Syal (b007jy0b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 06:00 The Toff (b007jrfz)**

The Toff and the Runaway Bride

4. Death Is No Alibi

As the murder count mounts, the police hunt Richard - and there's a discovery in the River Thames...

Terence Alexander stars as the Toff - upper-class amateur

sleuth, the Honourable Richard Rollison.

John Creasey's detective novel dramatised by Roy Lomas.

The Toff ..... Terence Alexander

Jolly ..... Robert Dorning

Inspector Ellerby ..... Roger Gartland

Sergeant ..... Michael Shannon

Inspector Reno ..... Godfrey James

Robert Lawn ..... Kevin Brennan

Barbara Lessing ..... Rosalind Shanks  
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson.  
 First broadcast on the BBC World Service in June 1975.  
**FRI 06:30 The Bounce Back by Berkely Mather (m002v1rk)**  
 4. Just a Detail  
 Young Creech approaches Sutcliffe. Army battalion pay day might be a very good opportunity for a robbery....  
 Starring Hector Ross.  
 The Fourth of Berkely Mather's dramas in The Bounce Back series, all based on the theme of retribution.  
 Sutcliffe .... Hector Ross  
 Falder .... Wilfred Barrage  
 Creech .... Anthony Hall  
 Briggs .... Haydn Jones  
 Meldrum .... Alan Dudley  
 Mr Capper .... John Baddeley  
 Barmaid .... Gudrun Ure  
 Lt Partington .... Douglas Hankin  
 Mr Bradshaw .... Hamlyn Benson  
 Loder .... Leroy Lingwood  
 Other parts played by members of the BBC Drama Repertory Company.  
 Berkely Mather was a prolific British author who wrote for radio and TV - including 'Z Cars' and 'The Avengers' - plus a film credit for 'Dr No.'  
 Producer: Martyn C Webster  
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1967.  
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**FRI 07:00 No Commitments (b007jmrw)**  
 Series 1  
 Old Embers  
 Victoria reunites sister Anna with an old flame.  
 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  
 Guy .... David Swift  
 Wilson/The Waiter .... Neil Roberts  
 Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.  
 Producer: Paul Schlesinger  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1992.  
**FRI 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k27m)**  
 Series 5  
 The Desperate Hours  
 After news of a jail break at Wormwood Scrubs, Albert and Harold get some unwelcome visitors.  
 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  
 Johnny Spooner .... Leonard Rossiter  
 Frank Ferris .... Paddy Joyce  
 Producer: Bobby Jaye  
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in May 1974.  
**FRI 08:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001cdrp)**  
 Series 12  
 Paris  
 Mark Steel continues his award winning show that travels around the country visiting towns that have nothing in common but their uniqueness.  
 After thoroughly researching each location, Mark writes and performs a bespoke evening of comedy for a local audience. Mark brushes up on his French and visits Paris. Yeah, that Paris. The one in France. Where he performs an evening of comedy on board a boat on the river Seine. As he immerses himself in the French capital, he shares his thoughts on the best things in Paris.  
 Written and performed by Mark Steel.  
 With special thanks to Mark's French teacher Fatima Belaouzi. Additional material by Pete Sinclair.  
 Producers: Carl Cooper and Richard Morris  
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2022.  
**FRI 08:30 Goon Abroad by Sir Harry Secombe (b01494gh)**  
 5. Sports and Swansea  
 The Goon Show star Sir Harry Secombe recalls his school days in Wales, lessons in sportsmanship, and he makes a few confessions.  
 Conclusion of the autobiography of comedian and singer Sir Harry Secombe.  
 Abridged by Elizabeth Proud.  
 Producer: Eynid Williams  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1983.  
**FRI 08:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05s3nmt)**  
 5. A Mysterious Visitor  
 The arrival of Mr Briggs, the owner of the castle, charms everyone but Scrap. Then another visitor threatens to bring disharmony too. Can the enchantment of San Salvatore win through?  
 An advertisement in The Times, addressed to 'Those who Appreciate Wisteria and Sunshine' is the impetus for a

revelatory month for four very different women. High above the bay on the Italian Riviera stands San Salvatore, a mediaeval castle. Beckoned to this haven are Lotty, Rose, Mrs Fisher and Lady Caroline Dester, each craving escape. Lulled by the Mediterranean spirit, they gradually shed their skins and discover a harmony each of them has longed for.  
 Elizabeth von Arnim's novel is dramatised by Vivienne Allen.  
 Lotty Wilkins .... Pippa Nixon  
 Rose Arbutnot .... Lyndsey Marshall  
 Lady Caroline 'Scrap' .... Rhiannon Neads  
 Mrs Fisher .... Joanna Monro  
 Mellersh .... Stephen Critchley  
 Frederick .... Chris Pavlo  
 Briggs ... Neet Mohan  
 Francesca .... Jessica Turner  
 Narrator .... Jenny Funnell  
 Director: Tracey Neale  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2015.  
**FRI 09:00 Carbon Lifeforms (m001ng0b)**  
 Travel  
 Comedian (and actual council recycling education officer) Jon Long teams up with broadcaster (and actual scientist) Dr Tara Shine to (carbon) capture all things sustainable travel.  
 Expect jokes, sketches, songs and special guests Jeremy Vine and Kerry Godliman.  
 Additional voices Alasdair Beckett-King and Lu Corfield.  
 Produced and directed by Jon Holmes  
 Production coordinator: Laura Grimshaw  
 Live sound: David Thomas  
 Post-production sound: Tony Churnside  
 An unusual production for BBC Radio 4  
**FRI 09:30 Classified Britain (m000823f)**  
 Series 2  
 Ripley and Heanor News, 2 July 1948  
 James Naughtie concludes his exploration of history through front page small ads.  
 The Ripley and Heanor News - serving the towns of the Amber Valley, north of Derby - reveals the austerity of post war recovery in its columns, the home made entertainment in the days before television's domination and a meeting with one of the best known mediums in the Midlands.  
 Front page news is a relatively late addition to the newspaper business. For most of their first couple of centuries, British newspapers carried classified ads rather than news on their front page. They transformed the hustle and bustle of the marketplace into newsprint, so you could take it home or to the inn to pore over at your leisure.  
 James Naughtie travels the country discovering how these front page ads give us a snapshot of time and place, exploring how they weave national and local life together - the heartbeat of history rolling daily or weekly off the presses.  
 Producer: John Forsyth  
 A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2019.  
**FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002v1rm)**  
 James 5: Patience in Suffering  
 Christian reflection and music with Fr Adrian Porter of the Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart in Edinburgh.  
 Reading: James 5: 7-11  
**FRI 10:00 Soul Music (m0017k0j)**  
 Purple Rain  
 "I never meant to cause you any sorrow, I never meant to cause you any pain..."  
 True stories of what Prince's epic ballad means to different people around the world, from the very first jam in 1983 to the global hit that reigns over us today.  
 Bobby Z, the drummer from Prince and The Revolution, remembers the buzz of the first ever performance of Purple Rain, and how the recording from that night lives on.  
 Susan Rogers, Prince's recording engineer, tells stories from the Purple Rain tour, when the crew took bets on how long Prince's guitar solos would last.  
 Comedian Sindhu Vee first heard the song as a teenager growing up in India and was knocked sideways by it.  
 Weather reporter Judith Ralston describes the beautiful and rare weather phenomenon of purple rain.  
 Social historian Zaheer Ali sees the song as a cry out for change, bringing audiences from different backgrounds together in cross-genre harmony.  
 And finally, an intensive care hospital nurse played Purple Rain to Kevin Clarke while he was in a coma, because his sister knew he loved the song and hoped it might pull him through.  
 Producer: Becky Ripley  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2022.  
**FRI 10:30 A Portrait Of... (b09b0shf)**  
 Edward Watson  
 Follow artist Fiona Graham-Mackay as she paints a portrait of Edward Watson, Principal of the Royal Ballet.  
 The relationship between an artist and her sitter is unique, a bit like being in the therapist's chair. The painter stripping away the layers to reveal the true likeness of her subject and, in the hush of the studio, conversations meander in unexpected ways.  
 "It's an adventure - waiting to see what comes out."  
 While Fiona sketches and paints, we hear about Edward's life as a ballet dancer, overcoming his self-doubt, being an introverted performer, and those lonely moments on stage in front of an audience.  
 Fiona Graham-Mackay has painted hundreds of portraits,

including Prince Michael of Kent, Seamus Heaney and Lord Carrington.  
 In all her sittings she has always been fascinated by the conversations with her subjects and continues to be amazed by how people open up in ways that surprise even themselves as she paints them. What is revealed goes beyond anything you might expect in an ordinary interview.  
 Producer: Eve Streeter  
 A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.  
**FRI 11:00 The Toff (b007jrfz)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**FRI 11:30 The Bounce Back by Berkely Mather (m002v1rk)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**FRI 12:00 No Commitments (b007jmrw)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**FRI 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k27m)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**FRI 13:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001cdrp)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**FRI 13:30 Goon Abroad by Sir Harry Secombe (b01494gh)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**FRI 13:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05s3nmt)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**FRI 14:00 The Personality Test (b00n02yq)**  
 Series 2  
 Claire Rayner  
 Agony aunt Claire Rayner quizzes a panel about herself.  
 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 January 2007.  
**FRI 14:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00kfsky)**  
 Series 3  
 This Is Your Life  
 It's excitement all round as the staff and children prepare to celebrate the return of Head Teacher, Mrs Devon School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge  
 The original King Street Junior ran for ten series from 1985 to 1998 and the cast included Peter Davison, James Grout and Karl Howman.  
 King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005  
 Mrs Devon.....Carolyn Pickles  
 Miss Lewis.....Marlene Sidaway  
 Mr Maxwell.....Michael Cochrane  
 Miss Featherstone.....Teresa Gallagher  
 Miss Reid.....Jacqueline Beatty  
 Mrs Khan.....Janice Acquah  
 Mr Long.....Paul Copley  
 Paul Devon.....Christopher Ravenscroft  
 Roscoe.....Daryl Moore  
 Tracy.....Reanna Calvert  
 Brandon.....Charlie Barker  
 Kylie.....Elisha Mansuroglu  
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.  
**FRI 15:00 Drama on 4 (m0004f00)**  
 The Ferryhill Philosophers by Michael Chaplin  
 Google Grief and All The Gold Of Darius  
 Drama written by Michael Chaplin about an unlikely duo, an ex-miner and a senior lecturer wrestling with philosophical and moral dilemmas.  
 Hermione and Joe confront the complexities and joys of friendship and love in both their lives and face up to commitments.  
 Alun Armstrong and Deborah Findlay star as the ex-miner and Durham University philosopher facing life's big questions together.  
 Joe Snowball .... Alun Armstrong  
 Hermione Pink .... Deborah Findlay  
 Gloria .... Tracy Whitwell  
 Lucy .... Lauren Kellegher  
 Peter .... Dean Bone  
 Director: Marilyn Imrie  
 A Catherine Bailey Production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.  
**FRI 15:45 Anita and Me by Meera Syal (b007jy11)**  
 4. Ganesh  
 12-year-old Meena Kumar is an Asian girl living a fairly uneventful life in the Black Country village of Tollington near Wolverhampton in the 1970s - surrounded by her loving, if slightly eccentric, Punjabi family. But then one day she meets Anita Rutter.....  
 Meena causes a stir when she appears before her family wearing make-up for the first time. Anita warns her not to go to the fair so, what does she do.....  
 Actress and comedy writer Meera Syal reads her first novel - abridged in ten parts by Doreen Estall.  
 Producer: Di Speirs  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1996.  
**FRI 16:00 Soul Music (m0017k0j)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**FRI 16:30 A Portrait Of... (b09b0shf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**FRI 17:00 The Toff (b007jrfz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 17:30 The Bounce Back by Berkely Mather (m002v1rk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 18:00 No Commitments (b007jmrw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b007k27m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 19:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m001cdrp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 Goon Abroad by Sir Harry Secombe (b01494gh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 19:45 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth von Arnim (b05s3mmt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 20:00 The Personality Test (b00n02yq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00kfsky)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 Drama on 4 (m0004f00)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**FRI 21:45 Anita and Me by Meera Syal (b007jy11)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**FRI 22:00 Carbon Lifeforms (m001ng0b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**FRI 22:30 Josh Howie's Losing It (m0000nm5)**

Series 2

The Choice

Stand-up comic Josh and his wife battle to come to terms with the arrival of their first child.

Josh and his wife visit a friend to discuss the idea of circumcision.

Unfortunately Josh isn't entirely comfortable with what they have to say.

Sitcom starring Josh Howie and Pippa Evans.

Written by Josh Howie.

Josh ..... Josh Howie

Monique ..... Pippa Evans

With:

Tova Leigh

Liran Nathan

Producer: Ashley Blaker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

**FRI 23:00 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (m0019k4r)**

Series 4

Dr Hummel

Mel gets happy tablets from her GP as Vicki stages her leaving party complete with celebrity guests.

Written by and starring Mel Hudson & Vicki Pepperdine

With:

Martin Hyder

Lewis MacLeod

Jim North

Additional material by Rhodri Crooks, Paul Kerensa, Richie Devlin, Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.

Music by Richie Webb

Producer Chris Neill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

**FRI 23:30 The Show What You Wrote (b0368nzq)**

Series 1

Crime and Thriller

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 drama, to kitchen sink drama.

This episode is all about crime and thriller.

Recorded in Manchester in front of a live audience.

Starring:

John Thomson

Helen Moon

Fiona Clarke

Gavin Webster

Script Editor: Jon Hunter

Written by Jack Bernhardt, James Boughen, Peter Brush,

Dominic Burgess, John Dennett, Richard Felber, Andy Fell,

Robert Frimston & Edward Rowett, Stephen Holford, Caspian

James, Nathan King, Nick Hall, Matt Oakley, John-Luke

Roberts, Eddie Robson, Ash Williamson.

Producers: Carl Cooper & Alexandra Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.