

SATURDAY 25 APRIL 2026

SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b05tkzn5)

Series 20

The Lord Is My Shepherd

This much-loved hymn based on Psalm 23 has been set to music many times, including Brother James' Air and Crimond.

The Queen requested the Crimond version at her wedding. Harriet Bowes Lyon's tells the story that her mother, Lady Margaret Colville, (formerly Lady Margaret Egerton) taught the descant to the Queen and Princess Margaret, and was summoned to sing it when, two days before the wedding, the descant music could not be found.

Howard Goodall, who wrote a new setting for 'The Vicar of Dibley' describes how he composed it in a taxi.

Selina Scott says that the Crimond always puts her in mind of her Scottish grandmother.

Contributors:

Howard Goodall

Ian Bradley

Marion Dodd

Emily Badger

Athena Kruger

Esther Sternberg

Selina Scott

Harriet Bowes-Lyon

Adrian Goldberg

Producer: Sara Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.

SAT 00:30 Sid James - Not Just a Dirty Laugh (b01s4762)

BBC Radio 4 Extra marks the 50th anniversary of the death of Sid James on stage in Sunderland on 26 April 1976, aged 62.

Comedian Lee Mack examines recently discovered archives and rare recordings offering a unique insight into the lesser-known work on radio, stage and screen of Sid James.

The actor's daughter, author Reina James provides previously unheard material from the family archives of her father's years in South Africa.

Christopher Fairbank provides the voice of Sid for sketches found in the BBC's written archives and quotes excerpts from interviews given during his extraordinary life.

Bernard Cribbins, Lance Percival and Liz Fraser reveal what it was like working with Sid.

Born in Johannesburg in May 1913, Sid James arrived in Britain in 1946 and came to prominence as sidekick to ground-breaking comedy actor Tony Hancock. He later became a household name as the star of the Carry On series of films

As Lee Mack discovers there's more skill to Sid James' performances than is often evident. He'd already made numerous screen appearances before Hancock and the Carry Ons with straight roles and comic support in films by Powell and Pressburger and Ealing Comedies.

His early radio work includes parts alongside Peter Sellers and Dennis Price, on stage he performed in Guys and Dolls and starred in Citizen James his own television situation comedy scripted for him by Galton and Simpson.

Presenting a fascinating collection of extracts never before broadcast on radio, this documentary puts the emphasis on the unfamiliar with interviewees adding another dimension to Sid's story by revealing his early career and assessing his copious talents.

Producer: Stephen Garner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

SAT 01:00 John le Carré (m002v89k)

The Spy Who Came in From the Cold

3. Released

Alec Leamas is released from prison. Out in the cold again, he will need contacts as he faces an uncertain future.

Starring Colin Blakely.

John le Carré's Cold War espionage novel, first published in 1963.

Adapted by Rene Basilico.

Alec Leamas Colin Blakely

Ashe Trevor Baxter

Kiever Carl Duering

George Smiley Michael Turner

Peter Guillam Douglas Blackwell

Tony Edward De Souza

Prison governor Alan Thompson

Warder Ronald Herdman

Chief officer Robin Summers

Theme music by Max Harris.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio in May 1986.

SAT 01:30 Falco (b008kmgp)

Shadows in Bronze

3. Friends

At the villa of Helena's former father-in-law, Falco meets some old friends of the senator's daughter.

Starring Anton Lesser.

Lindsay Davis's witty detective, Marcus Didius Falco patrols the streets of 1st-century Rome.

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Anna Madeley

Larius Christopher Kelham

Caprenius Marcellus Paul Webster

Aemilius Rufus Timothy Watson

Aenelia Jaimi Barbakoff

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.

SAT 02:00 No Commitments (b007jmse)

Series 1

A Complete Break

Anna takes pity on her boss and invites him to dinner - a decision she lives to regret.

Meanwhile Victoria thinks the solution to all Anna's problems is a complete break ... with her nephew and nieces.

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

Anna Rosemary Leach

Victoria Nicola Pagett

Charlotte Celia Imrie

Delia Maxine Audley

Roger Stephen Moore

Eddie James Greene

Patrick Nicholas Murchie

Mrs Motson Alison Reid

Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Producer: Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1992.

SAT 02:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jn1s)

Series 5

Come Dancing

Albert sets out to help son Harold to conquer his fear of ballroom dancing.

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

Milkman Clifford Norgate

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1974.

SAT 03:00 Tudor Owen: Zoo (m000k3gj)

1. Opening

Tudor Owen first brought us 'Where on Earth is Anglesey?', introducing us to his homeland, Ynys Môn and hinted at the rather unconventional goings-on there.

One such eccentric event is the incredible but true story of how he and his family somewhat unwittingly became the owners of what the News of the World would go on to describe as "The Worst Zoo in Britain".

Join Tudor for an engrossing caper about a corrupt animal

wrangler, a family on the brink and a climactic wallaby chase across the Menai Strait.

All the events in this story are almost true.

Written and performed by Tudor Owen.

With:

Lisa-Jên Brown

Fergus Craig

Producer: Richard Morris

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

SAT 03:30 I Am, I Am, I Am by Maggie O'Farrell (b092sh31)

5. Daughter

Maggie O'Farrell describes the challenges she and her family face trying to give her daughter as normal life as possible.

Startling memoir, in which the bestselling author recounts her life through a series of near-death experiences.

Concluded by Hattie Morahan.

The book started out as a private project, a way for O'Farrell to help her young daughter who suffers from a serious

immunology disorder, including severe eczema and allergies that can cause anaphylactic shock: "I've asked myself, when she has been very ill, how do you carry on when death is a daily

possibility?"

Abridged and produced by Kirsteen Cameron

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

SAT 03:45 Under One Roof (m002v89m)

Stairway to Heaven

5. Breakthrough

Gillian's romantic life might be improving. But will her mother ever agree to use the new stairlift?

Gillian lives with her 19-year-old daughter and 89-year-old mother plus her beloved boxer dog.

Life is a constant balancing act, lived in the eye of the storm. Starring Paola Dionisotti as Gillian.

Series based on the original stories by Michele Hanson.

Written by Michele Hanson and Jenny Landreth.

Chloe Luisa Bradshaw-White

Gillian Paola Dionisotti

Bernice Edna Doré

Rosemary Angela Down

Boyfriend John Rowe

Programme Voice Geoffrey Whitehead

Director: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

SAT 04:00 Wordaholics (b01c7k6)

Series 1

Episode 1

Clever, intelligent, witty and unexpected! Wordaholics is the comedy panel game all about words.

Gyles Brandreth presides over toponyms, abbreviations, euphemisms, old words, new words, cockney rhyming slang,

Greek gobbledegook, plus the panellists' picks of the ugliest and the most beautiful words.

Ready to vie for wordy supremacy in the ring:

Stephen Fry

Natalie Haynes

Milton Jones

Lloyd Langford

Written by Jon Hunter and James Kettle.

Find out the meaning of words like giff-gaff, knock-knobbler and buckfitches, plus the difference between French marbles, French velvet and the French ache.

Hear the glorious poetry of the English language, as practised by writers varying from William Shakespeare to Vanilla Ice - and spend half an hour laughing and learning with some of the finest Wordaholics in the business.

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

SAT 04:30 Time for Mrs Milliner (m002v89r)

Episode 1

Jane Asher stars in a four-part comedy drama written by Lynne Truss.

Susan is determined that for half an hour every week, she'll find time to watch her favourite old TV show, Mrs Milliner.

The trouble is Susan finds it hard to say no and each time she settles down to watch the telly, she's inevitably interrupted - for starters by a rather incompetent window cleaner.

If only she could be more like TV's Mrs Milliner, a forceful captain-of-industry-type woman.

She's not only ruthless about getting her own way, but also makes the most fantastical hats!

Mrs Milliner Jane Asher

Susan Caroline Harker

Gerald Jonathan Coy

Gordon Jason Hughes

Elsie/ Lady Hannington Beth Chalmers

Lord Hannington/Cockney Driver Stephen Critchlow

Producer Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

SAT 05:00 Queen Lucia by EF Benson (b08yr2sz)

4. Purgatory and a Princess

Lucia fails to comprehend but Colonel Boucher's eyes are

opened - and Daisy get the message.

Comedy series based on EF Benson's novel.

Starring Barbara Jefford and Jonathan Cecil

Dramatised and narrated by Aubrey Woods.

Lucia Barbara Jefford

Georgie Pillson Jonathan Cecil

Olga Bracely June Tobin

Colonel Boucher Bernard Brown

Mrs Weston Margot Boyd

Princess Popoffski Margaret Robertson

Daisy Quantock Jane Wenham

Peppino David Garth

Grosvenor Narissa Knights

Footman ... Colin Starkey

Cortese ... Nicholas Courtney

Princess's secretary Arnold Diamond

Producer: John Cardy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.

SAT 05:45 Anita and Me by Meera Syal (b00fwq9n)

9. Robert

Tough times for Meena with a stay in hospital and major

changes in her circle of friends

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.

She's surrounded by her loving, if slightly eccentric, Punjabi

family.

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

Actress and comedy writer Meera Syal continues her first novel.

Abridged by Doreen Estall

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1996.

SAT 06:00 The Revengers' Comedies by Alan Ayckbourn (b007jzd1)

Episode 2

As Karen continues to wreak havoc, Henry discovers that

revenge is not necessarily sweet.

Conclusion of Alan Ayckbourn's epic two part dark comedy of

passion and payback.

First performed on stage in Scarborough in 1989, it then

transferred to the West End in 1991.

Starring Lia Williams and Jon Strickland.

Dramatised by Richard Wigmore.

Karen Knightly Lia Williams

Henry Bell Jon Strickland

Imogen Barbara Flynn

Oliver Knightly Adam Godley

Veronica Jennifer Piercey

Winnie Jenny Howe

Norma Deborah Berlin

Colonel Marcus Lipscomb Jack May

Anthony Staxton-Billing George Parsons

Jeremy Pride Derek Waring

Daphne Teale Tina Gray

Mrs Bully Kristin Milward

Lydia Natasha Pyne

Eugene Chase Ian Masters

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC World Service in January 1995.

SAT 07:30 Travellers to Unimaginable Lands: Dementia, Carers and the Hidden Workings of the Mind by Dasha Kiper (Omnibus) (m002vkky)

Dasha Kiper blends science with lived experience to enhance our understanding of dementia with a collection of compassionate case studies.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Christine Entwisle.

* Stories of dementia disorders that put both the person with dementia and the carer-giver at the centre.

* What happens when dementia causes a person to forget their spouse.

* What is the impact of exclusion and loneliness on caregivers who look after loved ones with delusions.

* An exploration of a loving relationship between a granddaughter and her grandmother and the fuzzy line between old behaviour and cognitive impairment.

* The impact of trauma on a mother and son and the hope that's found in conversation.

Read by Teresa Gallagher.

Producer: Kirsty Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2023.

SAT 08:35 Inheritance Tracks (m0012nyc)

Miriam Margolyes

Actress Miriam Margolyes chooses MacCrimmon's Lament and Cecilia Bartoli singing Agitata Da Due Venti by Vivaldi.

SAT 08:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrte)

7. Tripe and Appeasement

"Jos, you've been hitting him with that shovel for a week..."

Back from war, Albert is suffering from amnesia.

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.

Rebecca Fosdyke Stephanie Turner

Josiah Fosdyke Philip Lowrie

Victoria Fosdyke Miriam Margolyes

Tom Fosdyke David Threlfall

Albert Fosdyke Enn Reitel

The Sergeant Trevor Cooper

Other parts played by:

Sally Grace

Nick Maloney

Producer: Alan Nixon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1983.

SAT 09:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008g2b9)

Series 3

Episode 4

Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel edits a newspaper in Chicago.

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 August 1992.

SAT 09:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000nvy5)

Series 4

Episode 9

Inspector Polly Potter is on an investigation in Paris - and 'Hornorama' meets some 'stars' of showbiz.

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

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1960.

SAT 10:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000v8st)

3. Percy Thrower and Christopher Lloyd

Penelope Keith concludes her exploration of Gertrude Jekyll's ten-acre garden - the enchanting Munstead Wood in Surrey

In the last of three programmes, 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.

Horticultural wisdoms and delights featured from the BBC Archive:

* Percy Thrower from 'BEYOND THE BACK DOOR: THAT REMINDS ME' - BBC Home Service - 1963

* DESERT ISLAND DISCS - Christopher Lloyd - BBC Radio

4 - 2000

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions and first broadcast in February 2014

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 13:35 Inheritance Tracks (m0012nyc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:35 today]

SAT 13:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrte)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008g2b9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000nvy5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000v8st)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Potted History by Andrew Dallmeyer (m000xyws)

Eccentric Ruben Chomsky has invented an incredible device to listen to sounds captured on ancient pottery when it was first thrown on the wheel.

Now he needs the help of someone to 'acquire' some from his local museum...

Written by Andrew Dallmeyer.

Anna Hewison Irene MacDougall

Ruben Chomsky Tom Watson

Patrick Selby-Wright Crawford Logan

'Alice' Michael Perceval-Well

Mr Butterfield John Buick

Voices on the pottery:

Eliza Langland

John Ramage

Ann-Louise Ross .

Directed at BBC Edinburgh by Finlay Welsh.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1996.

SAT 17:00 The Revengers' Comedies by Alan Ayckbourn (b007jzd1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:30 Travellers to Unimaginable Lands: Dementia, Carers and the Hidden Workings of the Mind by Dasha Kiper (Omnibus) (m002vkky)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:35 Inheritance Tracks (m0012nyc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:35 today]

SAT 19:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrte)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008g2b9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000nvy5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000v8st)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Absolutely Radio Show (b06bfd59)

Series 1

Episode 3

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

Another meeting of the highly confused Stoneybridge Town Council and there's Denizil and Gwynedd, the far from devoted

Swansea couple.

We also hear from the Little Girl with her own take on

Teenagers, Mr Muzak talks about going to a club with like-minded individuals, and Calum Gilhooley pontificates with

Google HR on their logo changes.

There's a talking version of Facebook and more from the

Regional News team

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 (b011ppyc)

Series 2

6. 'I've finally found what I'm looking for...'

"Bullying at work - a trapeze artist who's been pushed off her perch"

"I've finally found what I'm looking for...Terry, it's you!"

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

for real people.

Assisted by her very own team of experts of the heart - man of the people local cabbie Terry, and self qualified counsellor

Marion.

Sarah tackles the nation's problems head on and has a solution

for everything.

Sarah Sarah Millican

Marion Ruth Bratt

Terry Simon Daye

Judy Anna Crilly

Evan Elis James

Written by Sarah Millican.

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002vrzm)

Sarah Roberts 1/3

From 10pm to midnight, seven nights a week, The Comedy Club brings you two hours of the funny stuff. Tonight, Eleanor

Conway chats to fellow standup comedian Sarah Roberts.

SAT 23:00 Life: An Idiot's Guide (b045xxst)

Series 3

Mortality

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

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

Jason Cook

Brendon Burns

Robin Ince

Additional material by Stephen Grant and Hugh Singleton.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

SAT 23:30 Radio Active (b01pj115)

Series 5

In Australia

Meet Craig Stevens the Ripper Drongo, as the team head down under.

Mike Flex in Sydney and Anne Adaptor in Adelaide.

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, Richard Curtis and Steve Brown.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with John Canter.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1985.

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SUN 00:00 Potted History by Andrew Dallmeyer (m000xyws)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]

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SUN 05:00 4 Extra Goes Gardening (m000v8st)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002vksz)

Sporting Champions

Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson

Paralympic athlete Tanni Grey-Thompson is castaway by Sue

Lawley.

Tanni has won medals in four Paralympic Games.

When she was 19, she competed at Seoul and took the Bronze for the 200m.

During the following 12 years her tally of medals has increased

to nine golds and three silvers.

She was made a Dame in 2005.

DISC ONE: Dunvant Male Choir with Band of Welsh Guards -

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah [Bread of Heaven]

DISC TWO: Soft Cell - Tainted Love

DISC THREE: ABBA - Waterloo

DISC FOUR: Mash Company - Theme from MASH: Suicide is

Painless

DISC FIVE: Blind Melon - No Rain

DISC SIX: Steve Coogan - Knowing Me, Knowing You

DISC SEVEN: Depeche Mode - Personal Jesus

DISC EIGHT: Stealers Wheel - Stick in the Middle with You

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Steve Coogan - Knowing Me,

Knowing You

BOOK CHOICE: A guide to edible foods on a desert island

LUXURY CHOICE: Five juggling balls

Producer: Christine Pawlowsky

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b010mwv4)

Series 2

Monsters

Fire breathing dragons are clearly something from legend, but

what about a monster that lives in an ancient deep lake?

Sir David Attenborough reflects on a time when pre-eminent conservationist and naturalist Peter Scott was acquiring evidence to prove - or disprove - the existence of the Loch Ness Monster. No such giant creature has ever been found, but this is an intriguing tale of discovery.

David moves his story beyond the Scottish Highlands and into the Himalayas - where he reveals something very surprising. Written and presented by David Attenborough.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002vkt1)

Adventures in Poetry - "The quality of mercy is not strain'd" Daljit Nagra marks birth and death of William Shakespeare (April 23rd 1564 - April 23rd 1616) as he revisits the BBC's poetry archive to select Adventures in Poetry - "The quality of mercy is not strain'd".

Peggy Reynolds explores the background, effect and lasting appeal of the well-loved poem: "The quality of mercy is not strain'd" from The Merchant of Venice.

The quality of mercy is not strain'd" is delivered by Portia in Shakespeare's play as she confronts Shylock in court - and its moving plea for mercy and forgiveness is followed by a distinctly unmerciful legal demolition of Shylock's claim to a pound of flesh from Antonio in forfeit of his debt.

Peggy explores the legal, theological and linguistic complexities of the piece with:

* The Lord Chief Justice, Baroness Helena Kennedy QC

* Lisa Jardine

* Rabbi Julia Neuberger

* Actress Janet Suzman who talks about her approach to the speech.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

**** And Daljit reads from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month: The House of Broken Things by Kim Moore

SUN 07:30 I Am, I Am, I Am by Maggie O'Farrell (Omnibus) (b092gh2h)

A memoir with a difference, subtitled: "Seventeen Brushes With Death".

Award-winning novelist Maggie O'Farrell tells her life story through a series of vignettes of her near-death experiences. These include:

* A childhood illness she was not expected to survive

* A terrifying encounter on a remote mountain path

* A mismanaged labour in an understaffed hospital Her book started out as a private project, a way for O'Farrell to help her young daughter who suffers from a serious immunology disorder, including severe eczema and allergies that can cause anaphylactic shock:

"I've asked myself, when she has been very ill, how do you carry on when death is a daily possibility?"

Omnibus of five parts read by Hattie Morahan.

Abridged and produced by Kirsteen Cameron

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

SUN 08:40 Witness History (w3cstvsk)

To Kill a Mockingbird

One of the most successful American films of all time was released on Christmas Day 1962.

To Kill a Mockingbird was written by the best-selling author Harper Lee.

It starred Gregory Peck as lawyer Atticus Finch, who stood against prejudice in the Deep South of the USA.

Directed by Robert Mulligan and produced by Alan J Pakula, the courtroom film drama was critically acclaimed and won multiple Oscars

Louise Hidalgo spoke to Gregory Peck's son Carey Peck about the film, and about his family's long-standing friendship with the reclusive Harper Lee.

Presented and produced by Louise Hidalgo.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in December 2017.

SUN 08:50 Under One Roof (Omnibus) (m002vkt4)

Stairway to Heaven

Gillian lives with her nineteen-year-old daughter and eighty-nine-year-old mother and her beloved boxer dog.

Life is a constant balancing act, lived in the eye of the storm.

The art of ascent and descent is under secret discussion....

Starring Paola Dionisotti.

Omnibus of five episodes written by Michele Hanson and Jenny Landreth.

Based on the original stories by Michele Hanson.

Gillian Paola Dionisotti

Bernice Edna Doré

Chloe Luisa Bradshaw-White

Rosemary Angela Down

Tanya Alison Pettitt

Lift Workman David Antrobus

Olga Frances Jeater

Kathy ... Tilly Vosburgh

Herbie ... Geoffrey Whitehead

Esther ... Ann Beach

Lift Workman/Care Asst ... David Antrobus

Man in Day Care Centre Geoffrey Whitehead

Boyfriend John Rowe

Programme Voice Geoffrey Whitehead

Director: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

SUN 10:00 It's A Deal starring Sid James (b01s7vsv)

Tycoon Sid's girlfriend Molly seeks a change of career, but a tight dress sparks problems.

After the end of his working partnership with Tony Hancock, Sid James was offered this 13-part series.

He plays a similar character as in Hancock's Half Hour, but this time he is a property tycoon partnered by the impeccable Dennis Price.

Written by Ronald Chesney and Ronald Wolfe.

This sole surviving example of the series (an off-air recording) is the concluding episode.

Sid Sid James

Dennis Dennis Price

Molly June Whitfield

Carole Carole Shelley

With:

Roy Dotrice

Wallace Eaton

Gwen Lewis

Producer: Tom Ronald

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1961.

SUN 10:30 Jim the Great (b011vmg0)

Series 2

The Man From the Monastery

Queen Esmerelda appoints the Venerable Bede to research her husband Jim's ancestry.

Historical regal romp starring Jimmy Edwards.

King Jim Jimmy Edwards

The Chancellor Julian Orchard

Queen Esmerelda Joan Sanderson

Venerable Bede Deryck Guyler

With:

John Baddeley

Gordon Clyde

Written by Andrew Palmer.

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

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1979.

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SUN 15:00 It's A Deal starring Sid James (b01s7vsv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 15:30 Jim the Great (b011vmg0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 16:00 Terry Pratchett (b010tzb)

Night Watch

3. Enemy

Thrown back in time, Commander Sam Vimes of the City

Watch is training his young self in the art of policing.

But then he runs into old enemy, Carcer.

Terry Pratchett's Discworld novel.

Dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Sam Vimes.....Philip Jackson

Young Sam.....Carl Prekopp

Carcer.....Paul Ritter

Rosie.....Clare Corbett

Colon.....Sam Dale

Dr Lawn.....Ben Onwukwe

Tilden.....Peter Marinker

Lady Meserole.....Rachel Atkins

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

SUN 16:30 Fear on 4 (b007jmy3)

Series 2

The Dead Drummer

It's a stormy night on Salisbury Plain, but it's not the wind and rain that terrifies, but the sound of a distant drum.

The Man in Black reveals the terror of two Napoleonic sailors who lose their way...

Fear on 4 brings you more in a series of nerve-tinglers.

Written by David Buck

The Man in Black Edward de Souza

The Landlord Glyn Houston

Undertaker David Buck

Matthew Ray Smith

Billy Boy Christian Rodska

Director: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1989.

SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002vksz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b010mwv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m002vkt1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

SUN 18:30 I Am, I Am, I Am by Maggie O'Farrell (Omnibus) (b092gh2h)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 22:00 Revolting People (b007jrx3)

Series 1

Even More Storm Clouds

Samuel's crooked brother Lures Joshua into fighting the 'Cockney Monster'.

Sitcom set in 1770, just before the American War of Independence.

Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.

Samuel Oliphant Jay Tarses

Sergeant McGurk Andy Hamilton

Mary Oliphant Sophie Thompson

Captain Brimshaw James Fleet

Ezekiel Spriggs Hugh Dennis

Cora Oliphant Felicity Montagu

Joshua Oliphant Tony Maudsley

Mrs Arbutnot Susie Blake

Uncle Dan Oliphant William Hootkins

Announcer/Various Michael Fenton Stevens

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.

SUN 22:30 Alun Cochrane's Fun House (b01rhnp)

The Kitchen

Comedian Alun Cochrane has a 25 year mortgage which he can only pay off by being funny.

In this series, he takes us on a room by room, stand up tour of his house.

He has a fridge that beeps at him when he doesn't move quickly enough and a fire alarm he can't reach.

His relationship with his house is a complicated one.

A hoarder of funny and original observations on everyday life, Alun invites us to help him de-clutter his mind and tidy his ideas into one of those bags that you Hoover all the air out of and keep under your bed.

This show will help Alun and his house work through their relationship issues and prevent a separation that Alun can ill afford; at least not until the market picks up anyway.

Performed by Alun Cochrane and Gavin Osborn.

Written by Alun Cochrane and Andy Wolton.

Producer: Carl Cooper.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002vrvz)

Sarah Roberts 2/3

From 10pm to midnight, seven nights a week, The Comedy Club brings you two hours of the funny stuff. Tonight, Eleanor

Conway chats again to standup comedian Sarah Roberts.

SUN 23:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b03srgv9)

Series 3

The Awards

Damien is nominated for a 'Melvyn' for his TV show about the culinary habits of the great poets, but finds it hard to think of what to write in his column for a new gentleman's magazine.

Meanwhile, Anthony busies himself preparing for an audition for an amateur production of Noel Coward's Hay Fever.

Sitcom written by and starring Miles Jupp, charting the life of cookery writer Damien Trench and his partner Anthony.

Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony MacIlveny Justin Edwards

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Steven Ade Oyefeso

Ray Jarrow Chris Brand

Michel Houellewitz Toby Longworth

Janet Trench Selina Cadell

Ian Frobisher Philip Fox

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.

SUN 23:30 Paperback Hell (m000nv8y)

Series 3

The Tu'penny Ha'penny Heiress

Six chapters, by six different authors.

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

None of them very good.

This time: a romantic, North-East based family saga.

Written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.

Starring:

Michael Fenton Stevens

Rebecca Front

Mel Hudson

Alex Lowe

Dan Tetsell

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

SUN 23:45 Bunk Bed (m001p7my)

Series 10

Episode 3

Late at night, in the dark and in a bunk bed, our tired minds can wander through strange territory before we drift off.

Kathy Burke reflects on winning Best Actress at the Cannes Film Festival and fancying Gordon Brown.

Peter Curran and Patrick Marber butt heads about the seductive power of politics.

Producer: Peter Curran

A Foghorn production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

August 2023.

MONDAY 27 APRIL 2026

MON 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b010tzfb)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 John le Carré (m002vkl0)

The Spy Who Came in From the Cold

4. Holland

The approach was classic.

The offer was attractive.

Leamas accepted.

Now, he flies out to Holland to meet the 'client'.

Starring Colin Blakely.

John le Carré's Cold War espionage novel, first published in 1963.

Adapted by Rene Basilico.

Alec Leamas Colin Blakely

Peters Julian Glover

Kiever Carl Duering

Fiedler David de Keyser

Els Helen Cooper

Driver Peter Birch

Passport Controller Lex Van Delden

Theme music by Max Harris.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio in May 1986.

MON 06:30 Falco (b008ktyq)

Shadows in Bronze

4. Party

Falco heads to a party thrown by the wealthy and influential Crispus.

Helena gets shocking news and the Roman sleuth receives a nasty surprise.

Starring Anton Lesser.

Lindsay Davis's witty detective, Marcus Didius Falco patrols the streets of 1st-century Rome.

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Anna Madeley

Aufidius Crispus Bertie Carvel

Petronius Ben Crowe

Silvia Sara Poyzer

Aemilius Rufus Timothy Watson

Aenelia Jaimi Barbakoff

Atius Pertinax Sean Connolly

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.

MON 07:00 Educated Evans by Edgar Wallace (b03y7ldm)

Inside Information

Skint horse tipster Evans gets an unlikely helping hand from a self-righteous police inspector.

Roy Hudd stars as a self-styled "sporting authority" in 1920's Camden Town in London.

Edgar Wallace's humorous novel, first published in 1924.

Dramatised in four parts by Richard Quick.

Narrator Freddie Jones

Educated Evans Roy Hudd

Inspector Pine Andrew Sachs

The Miller Michael Roberts

Mrs Rankin Pat Coombs

Albert Shanks Simon Treves

Miss Mavis Elizabeth Mansfield

George Canfyn Charles Collingwood

Music by Philip Glassborow and Rick Cardinall.

Director: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1996.

MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jp95)

Series 2

A Wilson (Manager)

Captain Mainwaring is aghast when his chief clerk comes up in the world.

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 Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

The Verger Edward Sinclair

Captain Bailey Michael Knowles

Mr West Fraser Kerr

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.

MON 08:00 The Architects (b03y3kgn)

Series 1

Fracking Hell

Potentially lucrative contracts involving nuclear power plants, military drone manufacturers and a fracking company leave

Matt and his principles in potential meltdown.

Stars Dominic Coleman, Ingrid Oliver and Geoffrey

Whitehead.

Sitcom set in a struggling architectural practice.

Written by Jim Poyser and Neil Griffiths.

Matt Dominic Coleman

Sarah Ingrid Oliver

Sir Lucien Geoffrey Whitehead

Tim Alex Carter

Hayley Aisling Bea

Amanda Carolyn Pickles

Snadaker Stephen Critchlow

Gentle Energy MD Steve Toussaint

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.

MON 08:30 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00g9px4)

1. The Hall

**** 4 Extra marks the 80th birthday of one of the UK's best-loved actors, Dame Joanna Lumley - born 1st May 1946.

Joanna Lumley, reads from her home-based autobiography as she moves from room-to-room.

Beginning in the Hall, she elaborates on her early years in India

followed by her time at boarding school back in England.

Producer: Liz Webb.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

MON 08:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b064yj8q)

1. Homeward Bound

Believed lost for decades after 'To Kill A Mockingbird' was published, Harper Lee's explosive second novel finally appeared

in 2015.

It revisits much-loved characters, this time through adult eyes.

Jean Louise 'Scout' Finch travels from New York to Maycomb

for her annual visit home. It's always a relief to slip into the

comfortable rhythms of the South; to spend time with her

beloved father Atticus and rekindle her spiky relationship with

Aunt Alexandra.

But mid-1950s Alabama is not the same place where young

Scout spent idyllic summers with brother Jem, and the 26-year

old will be betrayed and have her trust shattered before she is

able to become her own woman.

Abridged in ten parts by Robin Brooks

Read by Fenella Woolgar.

Harper Lee was the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of 'To Kill a

Mockingbird', a book which has been studied, loved, wept over

and revered by generations since its publication in 1960. She

lived in Monroeville, Alabama until her death in 2016.

Producer Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

MON 09:00 Unspeakable (m002y9pp)

Series 3

6. Wondrous Words from Wales

This episode we hear Mike Bubbins's word for bad forecasting,

Charlotte Church's word for the brief glowing soul of a

moment, and Jason Byrne's equally beautiful word for moving

around on your chair when you've got an itch down there.

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: Mike Bubbins, Jason Byrne and Charlotte Church

Created by Joe Varley

Writers: Matt Crosby and Katie Storey

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 All in a Chord (b087ps60)

Beethoven: The Eroica Symphony

Ivan Hewett examines a chord from Beethoven's Eroica

Symphony to test the idea that harmony is a reflection of

history.

He's joined by Beethoven expert John Suchet and writer and

historian Professor Andrew Roberts who has special interest in

Napoleon.

Music is never created in isolation - it's conceived in relation to

what's going on around a composer in terms of personal and

historical events, new technologies, new ideas and artistic

endeavours in other fields. In this series, Ivan Hewett is looking

at five very different chords which amply demonstrate the

concept that harmony is a reflection of history.

Each programme is a bite size portion of rich musical and

historical investigation - and each chord has had far reaching

influence on other music and is emblematic of its era.

Beethoven's Eroica Chord of 1804 is the climax of the

composer's attempt to capture the fervour of revolution.

Strident trumpets scream out above the orchestra, forming a

clash of harmony that no one could mistake as anything but a

great musical rallying cry for freedom.

Ivan Hewett is a writer on music for the Daily Telegraph,

broadcaster on BBC Radio 3, and teacher at the Royal College

of Music.

Producer: Rosie Boulton

A Monty Funk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

January 2017.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002vk12)

Sing to the Lord a new song - And Ever Amen

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Sing to the Lord a new song - And Ever Amen

Presenter: Philippa Hanna

Reading: Matthew 6:9-13

Music:

Free Indeed - Philippa Hanna

And ever Amen - Philippa Hanna

It is well - Philippa Hanna

MON 10:00 Musical Gems (b00f5b1x)

Series 1

Lorna Luft

Tom Morton meets Lorna Luft, daughter of Judy Garland, to

get the true story of life as the offspring of a legend.

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 Sound of Bombs (b08huj2x)

Fatima Al Qadiri explores how the sounds of war run through

modern music.

In 1990, the Iraqi army invaded Kuwait. They left only after 7

months of occupation and the first Gulf War. Fatima Al Qadiri

was 9 years old at the time.

Now an acclaimed musician, she explores what happens when

warfare and music collide.

War is a permanent feature on our TV's, radios and computer

screens - when it's not in the news, it's in Hollywood movies and

video games. And the sounds that come with it have bled into

modern music in an unmistakable way.

Some composers and producers must bring war to life in the

scores for games and films, while others work to use the sounds

of war to try and put the horror of war on record.

In the age of the portable mp3 player, music has become

indispensable for soldiers and civilians caught up in warzones -

an escape route that is used by soldiers regardless of

background and mission, from US Soldiers to fighters for the so-

called Islamic State.

Sound also has a more sinister role. The sound of drones is a

key part of the terror they create, and music has been used to

torture prisoners of war and suspected terrorists.

As she explores the world of music and war, Fatima also

investigates why the sounds of warfare have become an

essential part of her music, and how music can be used to better

understand the violence that inspired it.

Producer: Robert Nicholson.

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

March 2017.

MON 11:00 John le Carré (m002vkl0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Falco (b008ktyq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 Educated Evans by Edgar Wallace (b03y7ldm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jp95)

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MON 13:00 The Architects (b03y3kgn)

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MON 13:30 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00g9px4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b064yj8q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b013f1kv)

Series 61

From 22/08/2011

Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where

panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without

hesitation, deviation or repetition.

With:

Paul Merton

Gyles Brandreth

Jason Byrne

Alun Cochrane

Subjects include: Scottish Air, David & Goliath, My Mysterious

Uncle, Tramways, My Time as a Butler, Family Holidays,

Scrooge, The Chairman of The Board, Owning a Tandem and

Prunes.

Created by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.

MON 14:30 Miracles R Us (b00scx37)

Flux

Caroline is running Household Solutions on her own from the

student rooms she is renting.

This entails popping leaflets through doors, offering a family

back-up service.

After a chance meeting, Sylvia is sure she could be helpful to

the business. Caroline is sure she couldn't.

Sylvia persists and, against her better judgement, Caroline gets drawn in.

Can they manage to turn their service into a good business?

Starring Anna Massey and Deborah Findlay.

Lesley Bruce's sitcom in four parts.

Sylvia Anna Massey

Caroline Deborah Findlay

Tanya Alison Pettitt

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.

MON 15:00 Queen Lucia by EF Benson (b08yr211)

5. Lucia Resurgent

Christmas brings goodwill to Riseholme.

Then Olga departs, Georgie mourns and Daisy emulates the beanstalk

Lucia, of course, just goes on being Lucia...

Conclusion of the comedy series based on EF Benson's 1920's novel.

Starring Barbara Jefford and Jonathan Cecil

Dramatised and narrated by Aubrey Woods.

Lucia ... Barbara Jefford

Georgie Pillson Jonathan Cecil

Olga Bracely ... June Tobin

Peppino ... David Garth

Foljambe ... Helena Breck

Newsagent...Clive Panto

Colonel.....Bernard Brown

Mrs Weston....Margot Boyd

Daisy Quantock ... Jane Wenham

Robert Quantock...Anthony Newlands

Pianist...John Owen Edwards

Producer: John Carby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.

MON 15:45 Anita and Me by Meera Syal (b007jvvd)

10. Testing Times

On the eve of taking her 11-plus, the school exam seems to be the least of Meena's worries....

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. She's surrounded by her loving, if slightly eccentric, Punjabi family.

But then one day she met Anita Rutter...

Actress and comedy writer Meera Syal concludes her first novel.

Abridged by Doreen Estall

Producer: Di Speirs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

MON 16:00 Musical Genes (b00f5b1x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:30 The Sound of Bombs (b08hnj2x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

MON 17:00 John le Carré (m002vk10)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

MON 22:00 Unspeakeable (m002y9pq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 22:30 Damien Slash (m000n4yt)

The Damien Slash Mixtape. Series 3

Episode 4

Multi-character YouTube star Damien Slash with more zeitgeisty sketches in this fast-paced, one-man sketch comedy show.

In his final instalment discover Commuter-wear designed for the most extreme locations, a special prayer to celebrate the re-opening of the pubs and meet new favourite children's character Thomas the Thermomolecular Missile.

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 October 2020.

MON 22:45 Tarot: Soundbleed (m0010wrn)

Episode 4

Tarot: Soundbleed is the brainchild of sketch supergroup Tarot, which unites Gein's Family Giftshop and Goose, alongside stand-up and writer Kiri Pritchard-McLean.

In 2019, Tarot were the best show of the year according to Chortle. The Guardian called it 'bark-out-loud funny', and The

Telegraph called it 'hilarious'. Throughout their richly soundscaped first series, Soundbleed harnesses the group's inventive writing, rapid gag rate and fine ear for character. Expect wild and outlandish sketches about preppers and sex pests.

Written and performed by:

Adam Drake

Edward Easton

Kath Hughes

Ben Rowse

Kiri Pritchard-McLean

Sound Editor: Chris Maclean

Producer: Hayley Sterling

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2021.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m002vc5c)

Series 120

2. The art of vetting

Some hot topics of conversation this week include the ever evolving Peter Mandelson vetting saga, phones being banned in schools and robots who can take over the world... sorry robots who can take over sports. Helping Andy make sense of it all are Daliso Chaponda, Catherine Bohart, Hugo Rifkind and Ria Lina.

Written by Andy Zaltzman.

With additional material by: Jade Gebbie, Christina Riggs,

Henry Whaley and Angela Channell

Producer: Georgia Keating

Executive Producer: Richard Morris

Production Coordinators: Asha Osborne-Grinter & Caroline Barlow

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k425)

Series 2

The Dig

Discover the results of a 'live' archaeology dig and visit a very liberal safari park.

Written and performed by:

Marcus Brigstocke

Danny Robins

Dan Tetsell

With Lucy Montgomery.

Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.

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The Spy Who Came in From the Cold

5. Appearances

Leamas is an old hand at the game.

He knows that, in the world of espionage, nothing is ever what it seems.

Starring Colin Blakely.

John le Carré's Cold War espionage novel, first published in 1963.

Adapted by Rene Basilico.

Alec Leamas Colin Blakely

Fiedler David de Keyser

Mundt Wolf Kahler

Control Allan McClelland

Peter Guillam Douglas Blackwell

Man from Berlin / Warder Lutz Liebelt

Secretary Suzanne Roquette

First guard Peter Birch

Second guard Graham Blockey

Third guard Terry Gurry

Theme music by Max Harris.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio in May 1986.

TUE 06:30 Falco (b00811cb)

Shadows in Bronze

5. Surprise

Roman sleuth Falco closes in on his man, but gets more than he bargained for from Helena's old school friend...

Starring Anton Lesser.

Lindsey Davis's witty detective, Marcus Didius Falco patrols the streets of 1st-century Rome.

Dramatised by Mary Cutler.

Falco Anton Lesser

Helena Justina Anna Madeley

Atius Pertinax Sean Connolly

Larius Christopher Kelham

Silvia Sara Poyzer

Marcellus Paul Webster

Aufidius Rufus Bertie Carvel

Aemilius Crispus Timothy Watson

Gordianus Christian Rodska

Aenelia Jaimi Barbakoff

Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.

TUE 07:00 Minor Adjustment (b0b1xt8g)

A Change of Art

Sarah's mother Bea arrives with a horse-box full of expressionist art and three moulting cats.

Sitcom series about the Stubbs family - cartoonist Richard, therapist Sarah and their daughters - Kate, aged 16 and three-year-old Amy who has Down's Syndrome.

Starring Peter Davison and Samantha Bond.

Written by Son and father team, Andy and Eric Merriman - inspired by Andy's own four-year-old daughter, Sarah.

Eric famously wrote legendary BBC comedy series 'Beyond Our Ken'.

Richard Peter Davison

Sarah Samantha Bond

Kate Claire Russell

Amy Sarah Merriman

Bea Phyllida Law

Felix Patterson Jonathan Adams

Paul Simon Fielder

Meg Zulema Dene

Autograph Hunter Colleen Prendergast

Art Collector Alice Arnold

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1996.

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jpvf)

Vintage Goons

The Mummified Priest

Neddie Seagoon is suffering from 'lust for gold' so organises an expedition into the desert.

Ground-breaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

Vintage Goons is a series of re-recorded episodes made by the original cast for sale abroad.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Charles Chilton

Originally broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1954.

Adapted and re-recorded in October 1957 by the BBC Transcription Service for broadcast abroad.

First broadcast in the UK on BBC 7 in September 2003.

TUE 08:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001y88b)

Series 8

3. Top Dog

Policeman turned stand-up Alfie Moore takes his audience through another real-life crime scenario.

A fan favourite returns this week. Zeus the Police Dog!

But how does our favourite canine copper react when his position as leader of the pack is threatened?

Written and presented by Paul Moore

Script Editor: Will Ing

Producer: Sam Holmes

A BBC Studios Audio Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2024.

TUE 08:30 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gdhcg)

2. The Drawing Room

Life as a model and breaking into acting - leading to 'The New Avengers', 'Sapphire & Steel' and a date with James Bond.

One of this country's best loved actors, Dame Joanna Lumley, reads from her home-based autobiography.

Producer: Liz Webb.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

TUE 08:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065gjs0)

2. Pleasures and Irritations

Harper Lee's explosive second novel was finally published in 2015. Believed lost for decades after the publication of 'To Kill A Mockingbird', this book revisits much-loved characters, this time through adult eyes.

Jean Louise 'Scout' Finch travels from New York to Maycomb for her annual visit home. Back in Maycomb with her family, Jean Louise is both delighted and infuriated by them. Jean Louise Finch finds herself irritated by her Aunt Alexandra.

although she's grateful for the care Alexandra takes of Atticus. Jean Louise asks what Alexandra would think if she married Hank Clinton. Alexandra is not impressed and says that Hank is white trash. Jean Louise insults her aunt and goes on a date with Hank, close to accepting his proposal.

Read by Fenella Woolgar

Written by Harper Lee

Abridged by Robin Brooks

Produced by Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

TUE 09:00 Nature Table (m002v9dr)

Series 5

3: Unwise Tawny Owls & Mischievous Mitten Crabs

In this episode Sue checks out Tawny Owls (not as wise as people make out), mischievous Mitten Crabs and a glamorous looking chicken that could feature on Ru Paul's Drag Race. 'Sue Perkins' Nature Table - possibly the funniest "natural science" series, ever.' Pick of the Week, The Telegraph

Joining Sue Perkins at the Natural History Museum, this episode of the ARIA-winning 'Show and Tell' wildlife comedy features special guests: US comedian and film actor Rob Delaney (Mission Impossible and Catastrophe), the Natural History Museum's Queen of Crustacea Miranda Lowe and zoologist Holly Dominique.

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

Hosted by: Sue Perkins

Guests: Rob Delaney, Miranda Lowe and Holly Dominique.

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: Caroline Barlow & Sarah Nicholls

Producer: Simon Nicholls

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

TUE 09:30 All in a Chord (b088972d)

Wagner: Tristan und Isolde

Ivan Hewett examines Wagner's Tristan Chord to test the idea that harmony is a reflection of history. He's joined by Professor John Deathridge and Professor Tim Blanning.

Music is never created in isolation - it's conceived in relation to what's going on around a composer in terms of personal and historical events, new technologies, new ideas and artistic endeavours in other fields. In this series, Ivan Hewett is looking at five very different chords which amply demonstrate the concept that harmony is a reflection of history.

Each programme is a bite size portion of rich musical and historical investigation - and each chord has had far reaching influence on other music and is emblematic of its era.

Wagner's Tristan Chord is called the most significant chord in Western music as it is said to mark the beginning of the breakdown of tonality. Within itself, it contains not one but two dissonances, so creating a double desire, agonising in its intensity for resolution. The chord to which it then moves resolves one of these dissonances but not the other, so providing resolution - but not resolution. Written in 1859, the same year as Origin of the Species and around the same time as Madame Bovary, Wagner's Tristan Chord reflects a time when the anchor was being pulled up on many old certainties.

Ivan Hewett is a writer on music for the Daily Telegraph, broadcaster on BBC Radio 3, and teacher at the Royal College of Music.

Producer: Rosie Boulton

A Monty Funk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2017

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002vkvg)

Sing to the Lord a new song - Knowing you Jesus

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

Theme: Sing to the Lord a new song - Knowing you Jesus

Presenter: Graham Kendrick

Reading: Philippians 3 7-11

Music:

All who are thirsty - Brenton Brown

Knowing you Jesus - Graham Kendrick

No one Like You (KXC)

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b03k0s5d)

Fern Britton and Katherine Grainger

Harriett Gilbert and her guests - TV presenter Fern Britton and Olympic gold medalist rower Katherine Grainger - discuss their favourite books by Harper Lee, Susan Hill and Alan Bennett.

To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee

Publisher: Arrow

The Various Haunts of Men by Susan Hill

Publisher: Vintage

The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett

Publisher: Profile Books and Faber & Faber

Producer: Beth O'Dea

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

TUE 10:30 Taken To The Cleaners (b0939f5s)

Britain's army of cleaners and some of the people they service meet for the first time.

Many of today's cleaners might as well be invisible - we know so little of the people behind the job title.

Blanche Girouard hears the stories and experiences of a range

of immigrant cleaners who work in London's homes, schools and offices.

Alford is a Jamaican man in his 60s who has been cleaning the same school for over a decade. Here, he sits down for a proper conversation with some of the senior pupils for the first time and we hear some extraordinary life stories being shared.

Barrister Maria Gonzalez Marell profiles some of the cases of abuse and exploitation that come through her weekly free legal advice surgery for cleaners - she has won many court cases against unscrupulous contracting companies, and the number of cases had increased since the Brexit process started.

There is a cruel irony that many big London firms boasting of attractive employment packages maintain their gleaming offices using people who work under very poor conditions. The recent decision to ban the charging of (large) fees for those employees wishing to take a grievance to an Employment Tribunal may improve conditions eventually, but contract law is complex. On the other hand, we meet Veronica - a 24 year-old Polish cleaner who really enjoys cleaning in most of the twenty houses and offices she services every week. The programme concludes that language - the ability to speak English and read contracts - is the greatest defence against exploitation and isolation.

Producer: Peter Curran

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

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TUE 14:00 Hoax! (m002kvj)

From 5/12/1991

Tim Brooke-Taylor hosts the game where only one of three stories are true. It is up to him and the audience to point the finger at the hoaxer.....

Denis Norden recounts the tale of a Savile Row suit in Petticoat Lane

Victor Spinetti reveals he once had dinner with a 1960s heart-throb

Richard Stilgoe was tricked by the Swedish Tourist Board

Created by Ian Messiter

Producer Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.

TUE 14:30 Mum's on the Run (b00txhq5)

Episode 6

Battling lippy kids, annoying neighbours and a jazz playing ex-husband Jen's failing to be the yummy mummy she longs to be. But Jen has at last secured a semi-date with Mr Rigby but then realises that it's bonfire night and she's promised the kids fireworks in the garden.

Their date turns to farce as both Mr Rigby and the ex-husband turn up and neighbour Vivienne is almost hospitalised by a dodgy rocket.

Starring Ronni Ancona.

Mother of two, Master of none - the hectic life ("What life?")

of single mum, Jen.

Conclusion of the modern-day twist on the single-family situation.

Written by Alexis Zegerman.

Jen Ronni Ancona

Mr Rigby John Gordon Sinclair

Shelly Alexis Zegerman

Keith Kevin Eldon

Vivienne Christine Kavanagh

Felicity Amy Dabrowa

Toby Alexander Heath

Connor Pip Woolley

Adam Caleb Hughes

Karina Amaya Rowlands

Policeman Lloyd Thomas

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

TUE 15:00 The People on Privilege Hill by Jane Gardam (b00cg43t)

An elderly judge is preparing to go out for lunch at Dulcie's house on Privilege Hill.

Jane Gardam is an award-winning writer of adult and children's fiction and literary critic. The People on Privilege Hill is the title story from her 2007 short story collection, which was shortlisted for the BBC National Short Story Award.

Reader: Geoffrey Palmer

Abrider: Julian Wilkinson

Producer: Liz Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2008.

TUE 15:30 The Hair of the Dog by Jane Gardam (b00bfq0b)

In Jane Gardam's delightful story humour and tenderness colour Eleanor's reflections on her daughter Rosie's wedding twenty-five years ago.

The Hair of the Dog by award winning writer, Jane Gardam, was selected from her much acclaimed short story collection, The People of Privilege Hill. The title story of this collection was the runner up for the 2008 BBC National Short Story Award. Jane Gardam holds a Heywood Hill Literary Prize for a lifetime's contribution to the enjoyment of literature. Her bestselling novel, Old Filth, was shortlisted for the Orange Prize.

Read by Eleanor Bron.

Abridged by Jules Wilkinson.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

TUE 15:45 The Weeping Child by Jane Gardam (m000gnd7)

"I have seen a ghost... it was the ghost of someone who is still alive."

Mrs Ingham visits her daughter in Jamaica every other year at the end of Jan.

Marion Reed reads Jane Gardam's short story.

Producer: Rob Ketteridge

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996.

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TUE 22:00 Nature Table (m002v9dr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b01pgs6z)

Series 3

Episode 6

The Archers and The Waltons with a twist, and the Minx Twins tackle feminism.

Starring:

Sanjeev Bhaskar

Kulvinder Ghir

Meera Syal

Nina Wadia

Sharat Sardana

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

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

Script Editors: Sharat Sardana and Richard Pinto

Producer: Anil Gupta

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002vrzr)

Sarah Roberts 3/3

From 10pm to midnight, seven nights a week, The Comedy Club brings you two hours of the funny stuff. Tonight, Eleanor Conway chats once again to standup comedian Sarah Roberts.

TUE 23:00 My Teenage Diary (m000jvz0)

Series 9

Bill Oddie

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

In this episode, former Goodie Bill Oddie remembers 1958 and talks about an extremely demanding Outward Bound course in the Lake District.

Hill walking, abseiling and jumping into freezing cold waterfalls are all part of the fun.

Producer: Harriet Jaime

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

TUE 23:30 Forty Nights in the Wildebeest (b007k16j)

Episode 4

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

Including:

American 'Blackadder'

A sheep version of 'Star Trek'.
Music is performed by the Gents.
Producers: Julian Mayers & Jayne Gibson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

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WED 06:00 John le Carré (m002vkw1)
The Spy Who Came in From the Cold
6. Tribunal
The tribunal. Leamas, the key witness, is in sight of his goal. Can he can finally come in from the cold?
Starring Colin Blakely.
John le Carré's Cold War espionage novel, first published in 1963.
Adapted in six parts by Rene Basilico.
Alec Leamas Colin Blakely
Fiedler David de Keyser
Karden Alfred Burke
Liz Gold Janet Maw
Mundt Wolf Kahler
President of the Tribunal Hannah Norbert
Fischer Norman Caro
Erich Guy Groen
First guard Peter Birch
Second guard Stuart Organ
Theme music by Max Harris.
Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio in June 1986.
WED 06:30 Falco (b008m17q)
Shadows in Bronze
6. Showdown
A final showdown for Roman sleuth Falco - but his reunion with Helena proves bittersweet.
Starring Anton Lesser.
Lindsey Davis's witty detective, Marcus Didius Falco patrols the streets of 1st-century Rome.
Dramatised by Mary Cutler.
Falco Anton Lesser
Petronius Ben Crowe
Helena Justina Anna Madeley
Decimus Camillus Robert Lister
Vespasian Michael Tudor Barnes
Silvia Sara Poyzer
Tullia Fiona Clarke
Gordianus Christian Rodska
Atius Pertinax Sean Connolly
Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.
WED 07:00 After Henry (b007k1hq)
Series 1
Mr Right
Sarah meets her daughter Clare's boyfriend, while her mother Eleanor interferes.
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
David Nigel Williams
Four radio series were made, but instead of then 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 (b007jy6l)
Series 1
The New Car
The lad thinks he should buy a car to keep up appearances, so Sid offers to help.
But there's a big surprise when he takes it for a spin.
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
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 December 1954.
WED 08:00 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (b0b0v5hh)
Series 1
How It All Began
Malawian Comedian Daliso Chaponda looks at the relationship between the UK and Africa.
Both countries have had a long a complicated past. Looking at their history, Daliso is our relationship guidance counsellor, helping us navigate the rocky historical waters between the two places.
A Malawian comedian who grew up all over the world, Daliso straddles cultural divides. He will help us all better understand how to sort out our differences. Or not...
Daliso begins by looking at the origins of the relationship, as he asks how did the UK and Africa first meet?
Written and produced by Daliso Chaponda
The Other Guy James Quinn
Theme music by Lawi.
Image by Steve Ullathorne.
Producer: Carl Cooper
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2018.
WED 08:30 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gdw1w)
3. The Kitchen
Life as a single mum and a glimpse of old age, courtesy of BBC TV's 'Absolutely Fabulous'.
One of this country's best loved actors, Dame Joanna Lumley, reads from her home-based autobiography
Producer: Liz Webb.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.
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3. A Date with Hank
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Jean Louise 'Scout' Finch travels from New York to Maycomb for her annual visit home.
Jean Louise and Hank Clinton are on a date. They go to Jean Louise's family's old land and reminisce about childhood and how Maycomb used to be.
Read by Fenella Woolgar
Written by Harper Lee
Abridged by Robin Brooks
Produced by Eilidh McCreadie.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.
WED 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002vbx)
Matt Hutchinson: Are You Really the Doctor?
The public lost their minds when a Black Dr Who was announced. If they can't handle a make believe, time travelling alien being black, they probably feel the same about brain surgeons.
Matt Hutchinson is a stand-up comic who also happens to be a hospital doctor. He specialises in rheumatology, general internal medicine and making people laugh. This, coupled with his Jamaican/White British heritage are the basis of his show Are You Really the Doctor?
We may be familiar with stories of the NHS struggling through long hours and making difficult decisions, while trying to help people when life has dealt them the worst. Doing this while black is akin to running a marathon with a stone in your shoe, cheered on by a crowd who hope you're heading back to where you came from, while worrying the police will stop you for speeding.
Alongside his comedy, Matt is a writer, NHS doctor and medical researcher - his recently completed PhD is in molecular virology and immunology at UCL/the Francis Crick Institute.
Written by Matt Hutchinson
Additional Material: Dec Munro
Recording Engineer: David Thomas
Producer: Steve Doherty
A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4
WED 09:30 All in a Chord (b0889734)
Mahler: Symphony No.10
Ivan Hewett examines a chord from Mahler's 10th Symphony to test the idea that harmony is a reflection of history. He's joined by composer David Matthews and psychoanalyst Anthony

Cantle.
Music is never created in isolation - it's conceived in relation to what's going on around a composer in terms of personal and historical events, new technologies, new ideas and artistic endeavours in other fields. In this series, Ivan Hewett is looking at five very different chords which amply demonstrate the concept that harmony is a reflection of history.
Each programme is a bite size portion of rich musical and historical investigation - and each chord has had far reaching influence on other music and is emblematic of its era.
In 1910, the first movement of Mahler's 10th Symphony finally lands on a chord of terrifying dissonance, as he surveyed the wreckage of his personal life. Mahler had discovered his wife was having an affair with the architect Walter Gropius - a discovery which left him distraught. He was in the middle of composing his 10th Symphony and suddenly this cry of anguish appears seemingly out of nowhere in the music. Mahler made a famous visit to see Freud which resulted in a 6 hour walk during which they discussed all of these matters in the context of the newly "discovered" unconscious.
The chord in question can't be found anywhere in else music. Perhaps it's just too much to bear. However, what follows this chord is music which suggests resolution, acceptance and great peace.
Ivan Hewett is a writer on music for the Daily Telegraph, broadcaster on BBC Radio 3, and teacher at the Royal College of Music.
Producer: Rosie Boulton
A Monty Funk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2017.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002vkwq)
Sing to the Lord a new song - Sing of your love
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Sing to the Lord a new song - Sing of your love
Presenter: Lucy Grimble
Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-17
Music:
Is He Worthy? - CeCe Winans
Sing of your love - Lucy Grimble
All praise belongs - Lucy Grimble
WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b09y6wg3)
The Ultimate Trip: Stanley Kubrick's Space Odyssey
Christopher Frayling explores the lasting influence of Stanley Kubrick and Arthur C Clarke's 1968 sci-fi masterpiece.
2001: A Space Odyssey was released into the world in April 1968. Puzzling, infuriating, inspiring and thrilling, it captivated audiences at the time and, 50 years on, continues to exert a powerful effect on our thinking about the present and the future.
This remarkable movie was the result of a synthesis of two very different visions.
Based on his own short story The Sentinel, it was written by British author Arthur C Clarke - a futurist of uncanny ability. The film director was Stanley Kubrick - an American working in the UK, whose previous works included gladiator epic, Spartacus and savage nuclear satire, Dr Strangelove. Marketed as The Ultimate Trip, 2001 became an essential experience for younger audiences - many of whom saw it multiple times, and sometimes in an enhanced state of consciousness. But alongside its wildly psychedelic visions, 2001 also presented an extraordinarily convincing and intricate vision of future space travel.
Cultural historian and writer, Christopher Frayling travels back in time to the creation of 2001, hearing how organisations like NASA and IBM were enlisted to help Kubrick craft his vision. And he speaks to scientists, critics and filmmakers to examine the film's enduring influence on science, design and popular culture.
Interviewees:
* Maggie Aderin-Pocock, space scientist
* Piers Bizony, science journalist
* Victoria Broackes, Senior Curator, V&A Museum
* Catherine Constable, Professor of Film Studies, Warwick University
* John Landis, film director
* Christopher Nolan, film director
* Georgina Orgill, Stanley Kubrick Archivist, University of the Arts London.
Producer: Jane Long
A Hidden Flack production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2018.
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WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (m000ff8v)

Series 4

Harold Pinter

James Walton's literary quiz with Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Jane Thynne and Jonathan Myerson.

Author of the week: Harold Pinter

Reader: Becky Hindley

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

WED 14:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3rx)

Series 2

Just Say No

Daddy battles with hallucinogenic fungus and chips.

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

Mr Mullet Chris Emmett

Bernard Geoffrey Whitehead

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

WED 15:00 Drama on 4 (m001j3cq)

Danger 2023 by Michael Symmons Roberts

Danger 2023 was made to mark the centenary of the first Radio Drama. Poet Michael Symmons Roberts updates elements from Richard Hughes original radio play 'A Comedy of Danger' broadcast in early 1924.

In order to emphasise the sound-only format Hughes set the play in a deep Welsh coal mine, where visitors get trapped in total darkness in a flooded gallery hoping for rescue.

In February 1923, the BBC broadcast a scene from Julius Caesar. To mark the centenary of this first broadcast, Michael Symmons Roberts has taken elements from Hughes first full play and updated them - the shocking plunge into complete darkness without apparent hope of escape, forcing strangers together, the distant sounds of a rising threat from approaching water that gradually rises in the mine's chamber, and the first and last lines of the original which frame this new version.

In Danger 2023, the lights go out on a party visiting a remote 'doomsday' bank deep under the desert containing a vast collection of historical and cultural data about our lives, from governments, universities and media companies across the world. Our digital world being 'archivable' in a physical location, what would be lost if it were destroyed? Is our culture, our essence, so digital now that it can be preserved and resurrected by people in the distant future?

The VIP visitors are a small delegation on a confidential visit to this vault to see how the codes, programmes, files and data of our cyber-age are preserved in controlled conditions in case of nuclear or ecological apocalypse.

The metaphorical power of a location like a doomsday data bank - as the world attempts to avert a climate catastrophe and the risk of nuclear conflict feels more urgent than it has for decades. Psychologically and dramatically, the mounting pressure and remote isolation of the party leads them to explore and evoke their response to fear, rising paranoia, different responses to mortality.

Shura Phia Saban

Thomas/Rescuer Tachia Newall

Belle Laurel Lefkow

Milton Adonis Anthony

Director: Susan Roberts

A BBC North production for Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2023.

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WED 20:00 The Write Stuff (m000ff8v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

WED 20:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3rx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

WED 21:00 Drama on 4 (m001j3cq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

WED 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002vbxx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 22:30 Sir Ralph Stanza's Letter from Salford (b00767xp)

Series 1

The Best Page is a Rampage

The poet-in-residence has a run-in with 'the man', which gets his creative juices flowing.

Thanks to a specially funded scheme, Sir Ralph is now striding the streets, wearing a Panama hat, blazer and silk scarf.

His goal is to mix with the people of Salford and express their angst through his verse.

Written by and starring James Quinn as Sir Ralph Stanza.

With:

Alison Darling

Jack Deam

Mark Chatterton

Stephen Hoyle

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

WED 22:45 Heidi Regan: No Worries (m000xr9c)

Episode 3

As someone who tends to worry in 'normal' times, the pandemic 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 is keen to put her worries into perspective.

Written and performed by Heidi Regan.

With thanks to Nick Elleray.

Produced by Julia McKenzie.

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

WED 23:00 Thom Tuck - Goes Straight to DVD (b01rr371)

Faith Films

Comedian Thom Tuck draws more parallels between underrated straight-to-DVD movies with captivating tales from his own life experience.

This time it's the strangely lucrative world of faith films.

Thom draws parallels to the narrative in these underrated gems with stories of his own experiences as a child growing up whilst his family travelled the globe through Zimbabwe, Bangladesh and Yorkshire.

Producer: Lianne Cooop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

WED 23:30 The Skewer (m002vbyb)

Series 16

The Incredible Starmer. (You wouldn't like him when he's angry)

Cogs in the War Machine, Beatrix Potter's The Tale of Peter Mandelson, and The Incredible Starmer. (You wouldn't like him when he's angry.)

The multi-award-winning satire is back for a new run as Jon Holmes mashes up the news with pop-culture to create a current affairs comedy concept album.

Producer: Jon Holmes

An unusual production for BBC Radio 4

WED 23:45 Felicity Ward - Appisodes (m000qm0y)

Series 2

Weddings

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

In the final episode of the series, Felicity explores the world of wedding help in the form of the app "I do this all the time" (voiced by Tom Allen).

Written and performed by Felicity Ward.

Script Editor: Gareth Gwynn

Producer: Adnan Ahmed

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

THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2026**THU 00:00 Archive on 4 (b09y6wg3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 John le Carré (m002vkw1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Falco (b008m17q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 After Henry (b007k1hq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jy6l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (b0b0v5hh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

THU 03:30 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gdw1w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065gjvl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 The Write Stuff (m000ff8v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3rx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Drama on 4 (m001j3cq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Whodunnits (m00045r5)

Stand By For West - Battle For Inspector West

1. Honeymoon Spells Nightmare

Chief inspector Roger West has an old score to settle with a notorious blackmailer.

Starring Patrick Allen as Scotland Yard's youngest, smartest chief inspector.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised in seven parts by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Sir Mortimer Grant Humphrey Morton

Michael Grant Philip Bond

Christine Grant Denise Buckley

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Prendergast John Cazabon

John Creasey wrote over 600 novels, using over 20 pseudonyms. More than 40 Roger West novels were written between 1942 and 1973 with the basis for this first series, first published in 1948.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.

THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b00jzwdq)

In a Glass Darkly

A man believes he has seen a murderous attack on a young woman reflected in a mirror.

He then meets and falls in love with her.

With war calling him away, he tries to warn her of what he has seen.

Stars Neil Dudgeon

Agatha Christie's whodunit dramatised by Mike Walker

Jeff Neil Dudgeon

Sylvia Rebecca Egan

Neil Rhys Meredith

Terry Bob Sherman

Angus Richard Firth

Music composed and performed by Ben Wallfisch

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.

THU 07:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002vmpy)

Series 3

The Property Game

Return of Andrew Palmer's sitcom about the battles of wheeler-dealer and self-made tycoon Jimmy Bright and his strait-laced chief accountant, Russell Farrow.

Tycoon Jimmy Bright's got plans to rebuild in the London Docklands, but he hits a major snag.

Starring Bernard Cribbins and Frank Thornton

Guest star Kenneth Connor

Jimmy Bright Bernard Cribbins

Russell Farrow Frank Thornton

Nan Forbes Annette Crosbie

Seymour Dobbs Kenneth Connor

Sue Plant Annee Blott

Script Andrew Palmer

Producer Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1990.

THU 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7fy)

Series 2

Get Off With Life The Burkiss Way

Thrills abound as the RAC do their version of 'Gone With the Wind'.

The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living

Appearing for the prosecution and defence:

Jo Kendall

Nigel Rees

Chris Emmett

Fred Harris

From briefs prepared by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Under the judicial eye of producer: Simon Brett.

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

THU 08:00 Hennikay (m001fmj2)

Series 1

2. Grown-Up Staff

Bill Bailey stars as Guy Starling, a middle-aged man who, after 45 years, and for reasons quite unknown to him, is suddenly revisited by his imaginary childhood friend, Hennikay.

Time has passed and Hennikay is still inexplicably and maddeningly in Guy's life. Every morning when he wakes up, his 11-year-old friend from 1976 is there, making a noisy mess, asking endless questions and generally being as annoying as all 11-year-olds were back in 1976.

And there is nothing Guy can do about it.

So, one Saturday morning, after a particularly typical Friday night out in Maidstone, a very hung-over Guy tries to lay down some adult ground rules to his unwanted housemate and educate him about life in the modern grown-up world.

But Guy's grown-up modern world gets particularly complicated that morning when he discovers a strange woman in his spare bedroom and has no idea who she is or how she got there. Is she his imaginary girlfriend? Who keeps ordering mysterious boxes from Amazon? And when his boss's suspicious wife turns up demanding to know where he was last night and what he was doing, why doesn't he have a clue what to tell her?

If this is what modern life as a grown-up is really like, then young Hennikay is very unimpressed with how his old friend has turned out.

Written by David Spicer.

Guy Bill Bailey

Tony Dave Lamb

Nikita Polly Frame

Lyrissa Tracy-Ann Oberman
 Harry Paul Panting
 Hennikay Max Pattison
 Producer: Liz Anstee
 A CPL production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2022.
THU 08:30 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gf8dj)
 4. The Dressing Room
 Playing Patsy on BBC TV's Absolutely Fabulous and Joanna's life-long love of fashion.
 Much-loved actor, Dame Joanna Lumley continues her home-based autobiography
 Producer: Liz Webb
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.
THU 08:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065gk5b)
 4. Reality Hits Home
 Harper Lee's explosive second novel was finally published in 2015. Believed lost for decades after the publication of "To Kill A Mockingbird", this book revisits much-loved characters, this time through adult eyes.
 Jean Louise 'Scout' Finch travels from New York to Maycomb for her annual visit home. Living in New York, Jean Louise is sheltered from many of these truths but a few days into a trip to visit her beloved father Atticus, the reality of life in Alabama is about to hit home with shocking force.
 Read by Fenella Woolgar
 Written by Harper Lee
 Abridged by Robin Brooks
 Produced by Eilidh McCreadie.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.
THU 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002vcbv)
 Geoff Norcott's Working Men's Club S2
 S2 E1: A Gambling Man
 This week, Geoff looks at gambling, 80% of problem gamblers are men - that's 4/1 on. What is it about gambling that men seem to find so addictive? Is it the thrill of the risk? Is it the hormonal rush?
 Geoff gets to the bottom of the issue with the help of his Newcastle audience - with plenty of tension-breaking hypotheticals in case it all gets a bit too heavy, such as: What's less 'manly' - chicken korma or lager with a weird name like 'Elvis Juice'?
 Written and presented by Geoff Norcott
 Translation services by Marcel Luont
 Recorded by Sean Kerwin
 Production Manager: Dawn Williams
 Executive Producer: Caroline Raphael
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 A Pier production for BBC Radio 4
THU 09:30 All in a Chord (b088973x)
 Stravinsky: The Rite of Spring
 Ivan Hewett examines a chord from Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring to test the idea that harmony is a reflection of history. He's joined by musicologist Gerard McBurney and Professor Valentine Cunningham.
 Music is never created in isolation - it's conceived in relation to what's going on around a composer in terms of personal and historical events, new technologies, new ideas and artistic endeavours in other fields. In this series, Ivan Hewett is looking at five very different chords which amply demonstrate the concept that harmony is a reflection of history.
 Each programme is a bite size portion of rich musical and historical investigation - and each chord has had far reaching influence on other music and is emblematic of its era.
 Stravinsky wrote his ballet The Rite of Spring for the 1913 Paris season of Diaghilev's Ballets Russes company with choreography by Nijinsky. The ballet famously caused a riot at its premiere, largely because of the dance and the music - but partly also because the sense of clash that we hear in this famous chord was, in some senses, a reflection of tensions in the air.
 Ivan Hewett is a writer on music for the Daily Telegraph, broadcaster on BBC Radio 3, and teacher at the Royal College of Music.
 Producer: Rosie Boulton
 A Monty Funk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2017.
THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002vmpy)
 Sing to the Lord a new song - Sing Sing Sing
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Sing to the Lord a new song - Sing Sing Sing
 Presenter: Lou Fellingham
 Reading: Colossians 3 15-17
 Music:
 Tapestry - Lou Fellingham
 Sing sing sing - Lou Fellingham
 One God - Elle Limebear and Called Out Music
THU 10:00 Great Lives (b00hg0fj)
 AE Housman
 Inspector Morse creator Colin Dexter nominates another "son of Oxford" for greatness, the scholar and poet AE Housman. Matthew Parris is also joined in the studio by Oxford Academic Robert Douglas-Fairhurst.
 Series of biographical discussions.
 Producer: John Byrne
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.
THU 10:30 The Balancing Bluebottle (b00jz7cc)

Percy Smith was the greatest pioneer of the natural history film-making - tackling subjects from flies to slime mould.
 During the 1920s in his studio, the back garden of his home in north London, he developed innovative microscope and time-lapse photography which still looks impressive today.
 Tim Boon of London's Science Museum talks to historians and Sir David Attenborough.
 Producer: Tim Dee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.
THU 11:00 Whodunnits (m00045r5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 11:30 Whodunnits (b00jzwdq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 12:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002vmpv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7fy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 13:00 Hennikay (m001fmj2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 13:30 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gf8dj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065gk5b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
THU 14:00 Foul Play (b00z5bl2)
 Series 4
 Much Ado About Murder
 Crime writers Jean McConnell and Keith Miles try to solve an Elizabethan court killing.
 Simon Brett hosts the murder mystery panel game
 Witnesses played by:
 Maria McErlane
 Lee Simpson
 Producer: Liz Anstee
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1998.
THU 14:30 HR (b01c7rgv)
 Series 3
 Disinherited
 After losing their pensions, 60-something chums Sam and Peter resort to desperate measures.
 Which now include visiting an aged - very wealthy - aunt.
 Nigel Williams' comedy series stars Jonathan Pryce and Nicholas le Prevost.
 Sam Nicholas le Prevost
 Peter Jonathan Pryce
 Aunt Norah Dillie Keane
 Maud Kate Layden
 Producer: Peter Kavanagh
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.
THU 15:00 Drama on 4 (b007rgmm)
 A Shropshire Lad by AE Housman
 AE Housman's famous poem
 Adapted for radio by Steven Canny.
 Performed by Simon Russell Beale
 A new dramatic setting of Housman's famous poem. Set in a half-imagined Shropshire, "the land of lost content", A Shropshire Lad explores the fleetingness of love and decay of youth.
 With interviews and contributions from people across Shropshire.
 Sound Design: Christopher Shutt
 Producer: Steven Canny
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.
THU 15:45 Short Works (m001z5p)
 Dawn by Emma Hooper
 Jenny's family have recently moved from their home in Canada to a village in Dorset to take over the running of her Grandpa's quarry - 'aka abandoned everything for a few English rocks'.
 Homesick and lonely, she explores quarry caves when she's meant to be waiting at school for her brother to finish football practice. One day she finds something incredible.
 Emma Hooper is an author, musician and academic.
 Written and read by Emma Hooper
 Music by Waitress For the Bees
 Produced by Alison Crawford
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2024.
THU 16:00 Great Lives (b00hg0fj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:30 The Balancing Bluebottle (b00jz7cc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
THU 17:00 Whodunnits (m00045r5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 17:30 Whodunnits (b00jzwdq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 18:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002vmpv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 18:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7fy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 19:00 Hennikay (m001fmj2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gf8dj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 19:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065gk5b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
THU 20:00 Foul Play (b00z5bl2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
THU 20:30 HR (b01c7rgv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
THU 21:00 Drama on 4 (b007rgmm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
THU 21:45 Short Works (m001z5p)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]
THU 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002vcbv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 22:30 Any Bloke (b00755mb)
 Series 1
 Demand & Supply
 Gary Brown's six-part comedy series about family life in the 90s stars Jim Sweeney and Caroline Quentin.
 Phil and Sarah have it all worked out. He's a supply teacher, she stays at home with their daughter, Sophie.
 But then Sarah's offered paid employment.
 Written by Gary Brown
 Phil.....Jim Sweeney
 Sarah....Caroline Quentin
 Fay.....Shirley Stelfox
 Liam.....Steve Steen
 Gerald....Lloyd Peters
 Gavin.....Paul Clarkson
 Sophie....Nadine Balantyne
 Other parts played by:
 Jim Barclay
 Jillie Meers
 Rachel Atkins
 David Holt
 Oona Beeson
 Producer: Ann Jobson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1993.
THU 23:00 Beyond The Back of Beyond (m002vmq3)
 3. Fear
 Brian has an encounter with a Caiman crocodile and Mawa their Amazon guide manages to lose the river Amazon....
 Comedy series by Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst
 Mark Neil Warhurst
 Brian Paul Barnhill
 Mawa Jacey Salles
 Luke Mark Benton
 Vicar ... Ewan Bailey
 Producer Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.
THU 23:15 Life on Egg (b008tx29)
 Series 1
 CCTV
 Harry Hill is the governor of the UK's remotest prison, The Egg.
 However, his resources are limited, so when there is an incident within the prison he is forced to record it in watercolours.
 That's why he is delighted when he receives a brand new CCTV system to monitor goings-on within The Egg.
 But the system soon malfunctions...and Harry has to think quickly to save the sanity of his team.
 Harry Harry Hill
 Anne Karen Bartke
 Peter Marek Larwood
 Nev Jason Forbes
 Doubleday Jason Forbes
 Rev Simone Alison Belbin
 The Minister Alison Belbin
 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 (m00070bd)
 Series 4
 Sabotage
 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 this week, their plans are thrown into disarray when Ben's mum decides she wants her flat back and has sent estate agents in. Luckily, the boys have some anti-eviction tricks up their sleeves...
 Written and performed by Alex Owen and Ben Ashenden.
 With:
 Pippa Haywood
 Celeste Dring
 James McNicholas
 Krupa Pattani
 Ed McArthur
 Jason Forbes
 Producer: Sam Michell
 A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2019.
FRIDAY 01 MAY 2026
FRI 00:00 Great Lives (b00hg0fj)
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FRI 00:30 The Balancing Bluebottle (b00jz7cc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Whodunnits (m00045r5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Whodunnits (b00jzwdq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002vmpv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7fy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Hennikay (m001fmj2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:30 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gf8d1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065gk5b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Foul Play (b00z5bl2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 HR (b01c7rgy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Drama on 4 (b007rgmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:45 Short Works (m001zw5p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (m00046rb)

Stand By For West - Battle For Inspector West

2. Terror for a Bride

In a mysterious case of blackmail, Chief Inspector West hunts a missing honeymooning bride.

Starring Patrick Allen.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Michael Grant Philip Bond

Christine Grant Denise Buckley

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Prendergast John Cazabon

Carosian Francis de Wolff

Arthur Morley Preston Lockwood

Various Charles Haggith

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.

FRI 06:30 Full Fathom Five by Michael Robson (m002vn7h)

Widower Mary, plans to marry a man her son cannot abide.

David's hatred is beyond ordinary jealousy. However, David

looks up to their academic neighbour, Dr Matthew Forgan -

could he act as peacemaker?

Written by Michael Robson

Matthew Forgan Hugh Dickson

Mary Latimer Ingrid Hafner

David Jonathan Waterman

Freddie Sandbach Trevor Nichols

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1986.

FRI 07:00 Dry Slopes (b00ln0q8)

Series 1

The Lost Boys

Angus Dry has no job, no friends and lives at home with his

mum.

She has an international business career and a string of lovers.

He feels very sorry for her.

In this opening episode of Nick Ball's sitcom, Angus tries to

recapture the joys of his childhood.

Angus Dry Nick Ball

Mum Louisa Rix

With:

Robert Harley

Toby Longworth

Julie Gibbs

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

FRI 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jn4t)

Series 5

A Star Is Born

Harold falls for the leading lady from his drama society - and

Albert makes an entrance.

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

Rupert Trevor Bannister

With:

Jo Manning Wilson

Michael McClain

Nicolette MacKenzie

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1974.

FRI 08:00 Tudor Owen: Zoo (m000k91c)

2. On The Brink

The conclusion of the incredible but true story of how Tudor

Owen and his family somewhat unwittingly became the owners

of what the News of the World would go on to describe as "The

Worst Zoo in Britain".

Join Tudor for an engrossing caper about a corrupt animal

wrangler, a family on the brink and a climactic wallaby chase

across the Menai Strait.

All the events in this story are almost true.

Written and performed by Tudor Owen.

With:

Lisa-Jen Brown

Fergus Craig

Producer: Richard Morris

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

June 2020.

FRI 08:30 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gfsmh)

5. The Music Room and the Attic

Married life with a conductor husband and contemplating future

resolutions.

Actress Dame Joanna Lumley, concludes her home-based

autobiography

Producer: Liz Webb.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.

FRI 08:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065gkj1)

5. Screaming Dirt

Harper Lee's explosive second novel was finally published in

2015. Believed lost for decades after the publication of "To Kill

A Mockingbird", this book revisits much-loved characters, this

time through adult eyes.

Jean Louise 'Scout' Finch travels from New York to Maycomb

for her annual visit home.

Jean Louise is in shock after learning that her father Atticus is

chairman of a white separatist group in Maycomb. She is

relieved when her father agrees to take the case of their beloved

old housekeeper Calpurnia's grandson, who has knocked down

and killed a white man. But her relief is short-lived.

Read by Fenella Woolgar

Written by Harper Lee

Abridged by Robin Brooks

Produced by Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2015.

FRI 09:00 The Many Wrongs of Lord Christian Brighty (m0022bs9)

Series 1

1. The Couple I Uncoupled

Lord Christian Brighty is the talk of the Regency 'Ton' - a

celebrated libertine, a heartthrob and a hero to many. But close-

up, he is a spoilt, impetuous, life-ruining bastard... Or at least

he was. Because his carefree life of infinite privilege has been

upended by an encounter with his new chambermaid - the

uneducated but forthright Babigail - who became the first

person to tell him the unvarnished truth about his selfish

behaviour. Overnight, his lifelong trust that everyone loved him

had been replaced with a gnawing fear that Babs was right.

So now, with his narcissism collapsing and a need to prove to

Babs he is actually a good person, Lord Brighty is determined to

fix all his past wrongs. And by extension all the ills of Regency

society. Accompanying him in his quest are Babs (elevated

beyond her station to a chambermaid-cum-adviser role), and his

butler, Mr Churlington. Although Churley would prefer

everything to stay exactly as it used to be (as would all Brighty's

friends, family and the entirety of high society).

In episode 1, Brighty - with Babs' assistance/disapproval - must

get nearly-weds Mr Darkly and Miss Lucy-Beth Bonnet to fall

back in love, having previously split them up. In his lordship's

absence, the very un-sordid Churlington is left to organise

Brighty's celebrated 'Sordid Soirée'.

Written by Amy Greaves & Christian Brighty

Cast:

Lord Christian Brighty Christian Brighty

Babs Jessica Knappett

Churlington Colin McFarlane

Lucy Nimisha Odedra

Lady Hisper / Singer Katia Kvinge

Darkly / Vicar David Reed

Script Editor David Reed

Sound & Recording David Thomas

Photographer Will Hearle

Production Assistant Katie Sayer

Producer Ben Walker

A DLT Entertainment Production for BBC Radio 4

Christian Brighty and Amy Greaves are award-winning

comedians. Their viral sketches based on Bridgerton, Poldark

and Jane Austen have catapulted them to viral stardom, securing

Christian's place as the internet's answer to Mr Darcy and

amassing 150 million views across TikTok and Instagram

(@brightybuoy). Amy and Christian both have a deep love of

the work Jane Austen, traditional regency romance (not smut),

and historical romance set in the regency (smut).

FRI 09:30 All in a Chord (b088974y)

Terry Riley: In C

Ivan Hewett examines the chord of C major as found in Terry

Riley's In C to test the idea that harmony is a reflection of

history. He's joined by musicologist Pwyl ap Sion and pianist

Joanna MacGregor.

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what's going on around a composer in terms of personal and

historical events, new technologies, new ideas and artistic

endeavours in other fields. In this series, Ivan Hewett is looking

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In 1964, the Californian composer Terry Riley wrote a piece

which changed the face of classical music - and it was entirely

based on the chord of C major. The piece is called In C and its

composition is said to mark the beginning of the Minimalist

movement in music. After the complexity of the other chords in

this series, this final episode explores how In C reflects the era

in which it was written and, in particular, how employing the

seemingly simple chord of C major was so appropriate for its

time.

Ivan Hewett is a writer on music for the Daily Telegraph,

broadcaster on BBC Radio 3, and teacher at the Royal College

of Music.

Producer: Rosie Boulton

A Monty Funk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

January 2017.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002vn7k)

Sing to the Lord a new song - Alpha & Omega

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Sing to the Lord a new song - Alpha & Omega

Presenter: Israel Houghton

Music:

Great is thy faithfulness - Israel Houghton

Alpha & Omega - - Israel Houghton

Till the whole world knows - Philippa Hanna & Israel Houghton

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (m0017swt)

Young Hearts Run Free by Candi Staton

**** 4 Extra broadcast to mark 40 years since the 45 rpm

single was released in the UK on 23rd April 1986 ***

Candi Staton and others celebrate this 1970's disco classic

which delivers an optimistic message.

Written by David Crawford and released in 1976 this is the

kind of song that feels like a carefree celebration, something to

lose yourself in on the dancefloor.

But its story isn't quite so simple.

As Candi reveals, Young Hearts Run Free was influenced by

her own troubled and abusive relationship which she struggled

to leave. In fact the creation of the song helped her gain the

confidence to finally walk away.

Other contributors are:

Singer songwriter, Glen Hansard. He performs the song 'as' his

mother because it reminds him so much of what the song meant

to her.

Ziggi Battles , a singer who chose to cover the song as a way of

rejoicing in the role it played in recovering from a very difficult

time.

Jason Gilkison, the Creative Director of Strictly Come Dancing.

It will forever remind him of the first time he choreographed a

group dance for Strictly at the Blackpool Tower Ballroom. His

grandfather had danced there himself as a young man, before

establishing the first dance school in Perth, Australia, which is

where Jason developed his own love of ballroom dancing.

Neil Brand, composer and broadcaster, analyses why the piece

works musically. He also describes the pure joy of a version by

Kym Mazelle and - unlikely as it seems - the actor and opera

singer, Paul Sorvino.

It was used as the soundtrack to the ballroom scene in Baz

Luhmann's film of Romeo and Juliet.

Versions used:

Candi Staton

Glen Hansard

Maz O'Connor;

Ziggi Battles

Gloria Estefan

Kym Mazelle

Kym Mazelle (Ballroom Version) with Paul Sorvino

Produced for BBC Audio in Bristol by Karen Gregor.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2022.

FRI 10:30 Fort Dunlop (b00qpmgh)

Drive through Birmingham on the M6 and you can't fail to

(m002vn7h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 12:00 Dry Slopes (b00ln0q8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jn4t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Tudur Owen: Zoo (m000k91c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 13:30 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gfsmh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065gkj1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 14:00 Wordaholics (b01cjm4p)

Series 1

Episode 2

Wordaholics is the comedy panel game all about words.

Gyles Brandreth presides over toponyms, abbreviations, euphemisms, old words, new words, cockney rhyming slang, Greek gobbledegook, plus the panellists' picks of the ugliest and the most beautiful words.

Ready to vie for wordy supremacy in the ring:

Natalie Haynes

Michael Rosen

Arthur Smith

Paul Sinha

Written by Jon Hunter and James Kettle

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

FRI 14:30 Time for Mrs Milliner (m002vpq7)

Episode 2

Lynne Truss's comedy drama.

Susan is desperate to find the time to watch her favourite old show, 'Mrs Milliner'. The title character is busy dazzling London with her new collection of staggering hats and Susan is in heaven watching the programme - until her Auntie Pat turns up with alarming news about a scary cat.

Will Susan ever find out what Gerald did to turn Mrs Milliner against him?

Mrs Milliner Jane Asher

Susan Caroline Harker

Gerald Jonathan Coy

Auntie Pat Brigit Forsyth

Elsie Beth Chalmers

Producer Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

FRI 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000p0t6)

Meltdown by Tessa Gibbs

A famous actress reaches the end of her patience with selfies and the demands of strangers.

She decides to lock herself in the loo...

Starring Joanna Lumley and broadcast to mark the occasion of her 80th birthday on 1st May.

Tessa Gibbs's comedy about the tension between fame and privacy.

Emily Sanders Joanna Lumley

Frank Robert Glenister

Tara Claire Rushbrook

Anita Maggie Service

Noah/The Fan Ben Onwukwe

Evan Davis as himself

Director: Gaynor Macfarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2020.

FRI 15:45 Love Stories (b01msgg4)

A Voice From the Past by Penny Vincenzi

Stories from bestselling romantic novelists.

When Anna befriends Rose - a grand and very stylish resident of her grandfather's nursing home - she finds herself enchanted by vivid tales from a racy past.

Read by Joanna Lumley

Written by Penny Vincenzi

Producer Kirsteen Cameron

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

FRI 16:00 Soul Music (m0017swt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Fort Dunlop (b00qpmgh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Whodunnits (m00046rb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Full Fathom Five by Michael Robson (m002vn7h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Dry Slopes (b00ln0q8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jn4t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 19:00 Tudur Owen: Zoo (m000k91c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 No Room For Secrets by Joanna Lumley (b00gfsmh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065gkj1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 20:00 Wordaholics (b01cjm4p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Time for Mrs Milliner (m002vpq7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Drama on 4 (m000p0t6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 21:45 Love Stories (b01msgg4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

FRI 22:00 The Many Wrongs of Lord Christian Brightly (m0022bs9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 22:30 Josh Howie's Losing It (m0000syx)

Series 2

The Getaway

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

Josh and Monique take their baby away for a weekend in Ireland.

Sadly the trip doesn't get off to the best of starts when Josh upsets several people on the plane.

Sitcom starring Josh Howie and Pippa Evans.

Written by Josh Howie.

Josh Josh Howie

Monique Pippa Evans

With:

Donal Cox

Julian Deane

Stephen Hagen

Jonathan Kemp

Debra Tammer

Wendy Wason

Producer: Ashley Blaker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

FRI 23:00 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007jlwr)

Series 2

Aristotle

A profile of the Greek philosopher, who he thinks was hard done by - Aristotle.

Mark Steel lectures humourously about historical figures that have shaped their era.

With:

Melanie Hudson

Martin Hyder

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2001.

FRI 23:30 The Show What You Wrote (b036w3pn)

Series 1

Kitchen Sink

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 sci fi and fantasy to historical drama.

This episode is all about Kitchen Sink

Recorded in Manchester in front of a live audience

Starring:

John Thomson

Helen Moon

Fiona Clarke

Gavin Webster

With a special appearance by Gyles Brandreth.

Script Editor: Jon Hunter

Written by Chris Allen, Elise Bramich, Alex Buchanan, Steve

Bugeja, Alex Clissold-Jones, Alex Collier, Andy Fury, Jez Gee,

Lucy Guy, Mike Haskins, Katherine Knowles, Maeve Larkin,

Sarah Page, Ash Williamson.

Producers: Carl Cooper & Alexandra Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2013.