

SATURDAY 02 MAY 2026

SAT 00:00 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 1970s 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 Luhrmann'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.

SAT 00:30 Fort Dunlop (b00qpmgh)

Drive through Birmingham on the M6 and you can't fail to notice an imposing fort-like building, standing proud against the city's industrial skyline.

The Fort Dunlop building was built for the tyre company in the early 20th century to accommodate the thousands of workers needed to supply the growing motoring and aviation industries. The Dunlop Tyre Company, was one of Birmingham's largest employers, and those who worked there were looked after and had a job for life. But by the end of the century, competition from overseas led to the closure of the site, as Dunlop transferred much of its operation abroad.

The Fort was abandoned in the late 1980s and stood empty for 20 years, until it was taken over by an innovative urban design company who transformed the vast empty tyre store into state of the art offices, cafes and shops.

This is where Giles Poyner works as brand design manager.

The achingly hip surroundings of his office are a far cry from his 92-year-old grandfather's experience of working at the Fort. He recalls the stench of rubber in the air, the workers arriving by canal boat before the road was built and, above all, the sense of being part of a family, cared for by a benevolent employer.

Giles's mother Susan also worked at Fort Dunlop as a typist during the 1960s. She remembers the generous facilities provided for the workers, including a pub, theatre and playing fields.

Giles pays tribute to this iconic Birmingham landmark and discovers how his workplace has changed both physically and culturally over the decades.

Producer: Maggie Ayre

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

SAT 01:00 Whodunnits (m00046rb)

Stand By For West - Battle For Inspector West

2. Terror for a Bride

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

Meanwhile Michael Grant receives a mysterious phone call...

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.

SAT 01:30 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

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1986.

SAT 02:00 Dry Slopes (b00n0q8)

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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 03:00 Tudor Owen: Zoo (m000k9lc)

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-Jên Brown

Fergus Craig

Producer: Richard Morris

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

SAT 03:30 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.

SAT 03:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065gk1j)

5. Screaming Dirt

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.

Now she's in shock after learning that her father Atticus is chairman of a white separatist group in Maycomb.

She's relieved when he 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...

Abridged by Robin Brooks

Read by Fenella Woolgar.

Producer Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:30 Time for Mrs Milliner (m002vpq7)

Episode 2

Mrs Milliner is busy on TV dazzling London with her new collection of staggering hats.

Susan is in heaven watching it - until her Auntie Pat turns up with alarming news!

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

Another battle for Susan to make time every week to watch her favourite old TV show, Mrs Milliner.

Comedy drama series written by Lynne Truss.

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.

SAT 05:00 Drama on 4 (m000p0t6)

Meltdown by Tessa Gibbs

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

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

She decides to locks herself in the loo...

Starring Joanna Lumley.

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.

SAT 05:45 Love Stories (b01msgg4)

A Voice From the Past by Penny Vincenzi

**** 4 Extra marks the 80th birthday of the absolutely

fabulous, Dame Joanna Lumley - born 1st May 1946.

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

From a series of stories from best-selling romantic novelists.

Written by Penny Vincenzi

Producer Kirsteen Cameron

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SAT 06:00 1926 by Joe Dunlop (m002vy7q)

**** BBC Radio 4 Extra marks the centenary of the United

Kingdom's only General Strike - 4th - 12th May 1926.

It happened at a time when the country was on the brink of a workers' revolution.

Starring William Hootkins and Christopher Scott.

Joe Dunlop's fast moving drama-documentary reveals the

remarkable story...

Winston Churchill William Hootkins

Stanley Baldwin Christopher Scott

Josh Bill Fellows

Maggie Alice Arnold

Lawrence Alex Lowe

Ernest Bevin Ioan Meredith

Walter Citrine Sean Baker

Jimmy Thomas Chris Pavlo

Joynson-Hicks Denys Hawthorne

The Commentator Kim Wall

Robert Harper Arthur Cook

Mr Adams Stephen Thorne

Sammy Mark Bonnar

Diana Elaine Pyke

Betty Colleen Prendergast

Lawrence's mother Shirley Dixon

Director: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1996.

SAT 07:30 To Preserve the Health of Man by DJ Britton (Omnibus) (m002vy7s)

David Suchet stars as the English Renaissance composer

William Byrd, "The Father of English Music".

In five imagined encounters, Byrd looks back at key influences in his life and work, as he composes his major liturgical work, the Gradualia, a collection of 109 pieces written for each of the feasts and events in the Church calendar.

It begins at Advent, 1603.

As a Catholic, Byrd enjoyed the patronage and protection of Elizabeth I but now, the early years of James I bring change and

turbulence and a renewed threat to Catholics following the Reformation.

Byrd's wife, Juliana, convinces him not to be afraid and to

continue with his composition.

Omnibus of five episodes written by DJ Britton.

William Byrd David Suchet

Juliana Byrd Sara Kestelman
Queen Elizabeth Juliet Aubrey
Thomas Tallis Philip Jackson
Edmund Campion Gunnar Cauthery
Music performed by Odyssey Ensemble and recorded at the Chapel Royal, Tower of London
Music Director: Colm Carey
Sound: Nigel Lewis and Catherine Robinson
Director: Alison Hindell
A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 3, first broadcast in July 2021.

SAT 08:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrttd)
8. Strangers in the Night
"Don't fight me, Albert, you fool. I'm doing this for your own good."
Worried about his amnesiac son Albert's nocturnal habits, Jos Fosdyke takes the law into his own hands.
A classic tale of struggle, power, personalities and tripe.
Bill Tidy and John Junkin's family saga - based on Tidy's Daily Mirror cartoon strip (1971-1985) parodying John Galsworthy's 'The Forsyte Saga' novels.
Rebecca Fosdyke Stephanie Turner
Josiah Fosdyke Philip Lowrie
Victoria Fosdyke Miriam Margolyes
Albert Fosdyke Enn Reitel
Roger Ditchley Christian Rodska
Fifi Sally Grace
The Strangler Nick Maloney
Other parts played by Nick Revell.
Producer: Alan Nixon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1983.

SAT 09:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008hgpz)
Series 3
Episode 5
Shady lawyer Waldorf T Flywheel takes on an amusement arcade.
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 (m000p8h6)
Series 4
Episode 11
Kenneth Horne tells the story of Raffles – and Hornerama investigates Holidays.
A madcap mix of sketches and songs written by Eric Merriman.
Starring:
Kenneth Horne
Kenneth Williams
Hugh Paddick
Betty Marsden
Bill Pertwee
Music from Janet Waters, The Hornets and the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.
Incidental music by Edwin Braden.
Announcer: Douglas Smith
The precursor to 'Round The Horne', 'Beyond Our Ken' hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964.
Producer: Jacques Brown
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December 1960.

SAT 10:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000gvkt)
1: Break On Through
Had singer Jim Morrison of The Doors not died in mysterious circumstances at the tender age of 27 in 1971, he would have celebrated his 80th birthday this December.
In the first of three programmes, Paul Gambaccini mixes the music and poetry of the man with the influences that moulded the self-proclaimed 'The Lizard King'.
Paul first encountered Morrison in 1967 when, as a young music director on a New Hampshire radio station, he eagerly opened The Doors' first single 'Break On Through'. He followed his career from beginning to end and, to this day, visits Jim's grave in Paris.
In addition to sharing memories and observations, Paul delves into the BBC archive:
* 'CULT HEROES: JIM MORRISON'
Tony Slattery looks back at Morrison's volatile career [BBC Radio 5 1- 1990
* 'LIKE A ROLLING STONE'
The life, work and lasting influence on Jim Morrison of French poet Arthur Rimbaud.
[BBC Radio 4 - 2006
Producer: Mik Wilkojc
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2018.

SAT 11:00 1926 by Joe Dunlop (m002vy7q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 12:30 To Preserve the Health of Man by DJ Britton (Omnibus) (m002vy7s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 13:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrttd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 14:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008hgpz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000p8h6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 15:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000gvkt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Wally K Daly (b007j88)
Time Slip
Paul Williamson arrives home, only to find himself already there.
What exactly is going on?
Starring Paul Daneman.
Wally K Daly's award-winning sci-fi comedy drama.
Paul Paul Daneman
Frank Donald Hewlett
Margaret Gwen Watford
Faye Norma Ronald
Harold the Barman Eric Allan
Producer: Martin Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1983.
SAT 17:00 1926 by Joe Dunlop (m002vy7q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 18:30 To Preserve the Health of Man by DJ Britton (Omnibus) (m002vy7s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 19:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrttd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 20:00 The Marx Brothers' Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel (b008hgpz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000p8h6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000gvkt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 The Absolutely Radio Show (b06d29by)
Series 1
Episode 4
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 as well as pearls of nonsense from Calum Gilhooley, Edinburgh's most boring man, and the ever popular Little Girl, telling us what is true about teenagers.
Frank Hovis makes an appearance, there will be more stories from those who were nearby there in The People's War, talking Facebook will return and we meet an angsty actor who is very concerned about the length of his co-star's credits.
Producers: Gus Beattie and Gordon Kennedy
A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2015.

SAT 22:30 Ivo Graham's Obsessions (m000czy3)
Joe Lycett's Obsessions – Series 2
Clara Amfo and Carol Kirkwood
Joe Lycett returns with a second series exploring the nation's weird and wonderful obsessions.
He's joined by a selection of famous and not-so-famous guests. Joining him on the sofa is BBC weather presenter Carol Kirkwood, who shares her obsession with a cat called Donald, whilst BBC Radio 1 DJ Clara Amfo reveals her love of trainers. Joe also welcomes members of the public to share their secret passions.
And meet this week's VOP (very obsessed person), Paul Fraine, who introduces Joe to the world of Live Action Role Play.
Written and performed by Joe Lycett.
With material from James Kettle.
Additional material from Catherine Brinkworth and Kat Sadler.
Producer: Suzy Grant
A BBC Studios Audio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2020.

SAT 23:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b04ntv9)
Series 2
Lost and Found
When Tom makes his weekly phone call to his parents in Sheffield he discovers they've been flooded.
As his parents manage the clear up operation, Tom reflects on what is important to keep and what isn't.
Tom Tom Wrigglesworth
Granny Judy Parfitt
Dad Paul Copley
Mum Kate Anthony
Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle.
Additional material by Miles Jupp.
Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.
SAT 23:30 Radio Active (b007k2yf)
Series 5
Get Away With You
Fancy a timeshare? Or a trip to the Black Country?
It's time to 'Get Away With You'.
Radio Active is the one and only local national radio station.
Starring:
Helen Atkinson-Wood
Angus Deayton
Geoffrey Perkins
Philip Pope
Michael Fenton-Stevens
Music by Philip Pope, Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins.
Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with Jeremy Pascall.
Producer: Jamie Rix
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1985.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]
SUN 01:00 1926 by Joe Dunlop (m002vy7q)
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SUN 04:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000p8h6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]
SUN 05:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000gvkt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002vx04)
Naturalist Castaways
Sir David Attenborough
**** Sir David Attenborough joins BBC Radio 4 Extra's 100 CLUB as he celebrates his 100th birthday on 8th May 2026
Kirsty Young's castaway for the 70th anniversary edition of Desert Island Discs is Sir David Attenborough.
He has seen more of the world than anyone else who has ever lived - he's visited the north and south poles and witnessed most of the life in-between - from the birds in the canopies of tropical rainforests to giant earthworms in Australia.
But despite his extraordinary travels, there is one part of the globe that's eluded him. As a young man and a keen rock-climber, he yearned to conquer the highest peak in the world: "I won't make it now - I won't make it to base camp now - but as a teenager, I thought that the only thing a red-blooded Englishman really should do was to climb Everest."
DISC ONE: Francisco Yglesia - Pajaro Campana or The Bell Bird
DISC TWO: Imogen Cooper - Franz Schubert's Impromptu No.1 in F minor
DISC THREE: Academy of St Martin in the Fields, conducted by Sir Neville Marriner - George Frideric Handel's And the Glory of the Lord (from The Messiah)
DISC FOUR: Recording of the Lyre Bird (from The Life of Birds)
DISC FIVE: Murray Perahia - Johann Sebastian Bach's Goldberg Variations
DISC SIX: Balinese Gamelan performance of Legong
DISC SEVEN: Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Sir John Eliot Gardiner - Carl Michael Ziehrer's Wiener Bürger Waltz
DISC EIGHT: Montserrat Caballé, Janet Baker and Richard Van Allan with the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, conducted by Sir Colin Davis - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Soave sia il vento (from Così fan tutte)
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Murray Perahia - Johann Sebastian Bach's Goldberg Variations
BOOK CHOICE: Shifts and Expedients of Camp Life, Travel and Exploration by W B Lord
LUXURY CHOICE: a piano
Producer: Leanne Buckle
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b001xhb3)
Series 1
Birds of Paradise
Set to celebrate his 100th birthday on 8th May 2025 - Sir David Attenborough talks about the Birds of Paradise.
This is a group of birds which evolved in the relative safety of New Guinea, allowing them to acquire adornments and feathered decorations so resplendent that they fooled the early explorers who discovered them.
Series of talks by Sir David on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.
Producer: Julian Hector.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in August 2009.

SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002vx07)
Letters to a Young Woman Poet
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Letters to a Young Woman Poet featuring Gillian Clarke, Penelope Shuttle and Grace Nichols who share insights into

their creativity.

**And Daljit reads from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month:

Night Boat & other poems by Maria Barnas.

'Ask yourself, in the still of your night, must I write?'

In 'Letters to a Young Woman Poet' - three of our most celebrated poets explore the deep pleasure of writing, the poetry of menstruation, sensuality and motherhood, and offer advice to younger writers.

The programme includes the creative insights of the Bohemian poet Rainer Maria Rilke - who began the iconic correspondence known as 'Letters to a Young Poet' more than 120 years ago.

Quotations from 'Letters to a Young Poet' trans. M.D.Herter Norton

Poems read in full:

'Confirmation' - Grace Nichols

'Ashes, Blood' - Penelope Shuttle

'Sheila Na Gig at Kilpeck' - Gillian Clarke

'Invitation' - Grace Nichols

'Mother and Child' - Penelope Shuttle

'Times Like These' - Gillian Clarke

'Moon Mothers' - Grace Nichols

Produced by Faith Lawrence

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2022.

SUN 07:30 No Room for Secrets by Joanna Lumley

(Omnibus) (m000vy0k)

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

The absolutely fabulous Dame Joanna Lumley, reads from her autobiography.

She uses the theme of rooms in a house to separate different parts of her life.

Omnibus of five episodes.

* The Hall

* The Drawing Room

* The Kitchen

* The Dressing Room

* The Music Room and the Attic

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.

SUN 08:40 Witness History (m002vx09)

David Attenborough's First Expedition

In 1954, the BBC broadcast a new TV programme in Britain.

It was called Zoo Quest and it launched the career of a man who has since brought the natural world into millions of homes around the world, the broadcaster Sir David Attenborough.

Louise Hidalgo has been listening back through the BBC archives to Sir David telling the story of the first natural history expedition for Zoo Quest, to Sierra Leone in West Africa.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 2021.

SUN 08:50 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (Omnibus)

(b065yqml)

1. Homeward Bound

'To Kill a Mockingbird' won Harper Lee the Pulitzer Prize. Her book has been studied, loved, wept over and revered by generations since its publication in 1960.

Her explosive second novel 'Go Set a Watchman' was believed to be 'lost' for decades, until it 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.

Omnibus of the first five of ten parts abridged by Robin Brooks.

Read by Fenella Woolgar.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

SUN 10:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00nhq58)

Loser Pays

Joe Huggett and neighbour Fred's attempt to teach their wives a lesson backfires.

Starring Jack Warner and Kathleen Harrison.

The popular working-class Huggett family first hit the cinema screen with a series of Gainsborough films between 1947 and 1949.

This subsequent BBC radio series ran from 1953 to 1962.

Selection of surviving episodes in the BBC Archive.

Written by Eddie Maguire.

Joe Jack Warner

Ethel Kathleen Harrison

Bobby George Howell

Jane Marion Collins

Fred Stebbings Charles Leno

Clara Molly Lumley

Insurance Salesman Kenneth Connor

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1957.

SUN 10:30 Frankie Howerd (m002vx0c)

From 24/07/1966

The King of Titters tries to join his local golf club.

And stethoscopes ready for news of his new TV show - as

Britain's answer to Dr Kildare!

Written by Charles Hart and Peter Bishop.

Starring Frankie Howerd.

With:

June Whitfield

Wallas Eaton

Robertson Hare

Producer: Bill Worsley

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in July 1966.

***Recovered audio from an off air recording. Thanks to our

friends at the Radio Circle***

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SUN 16:00 Terry Pratchett (b010v3d7)

Night Watch

4. Reliving

Thrown back in time, Commander Sam Vimes of the City

Watch relives the glorious revolution of his youth.

But he must also protect his younger self from arch-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

Reg Shoe Joseph Kloska

Tilden Peter Marinker

Knock Matt Addis

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

SUN 16:30 Fear on 4 (b007jn0y)

Series 2

The Dispossessed Daughter

The Man in Black reveals what happens when a grieving mother makes a pact with the Devil.

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

Written by Katharine Nicholas

The Man in Black Edward de Souza

David John Duttine

Ellen Vivien Heilbron

Rev Williams Gareth Armstrong

Directed at BBC Wales by Adrian Mourby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1989.

SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002vx04)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lxbh3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m002vx07)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

SUN 18:30 No Room for Secrets by Joanna Lumley

(Omnibus) (m000vy0k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 19:40 Witness History (m002vx09)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

SUN 19:50 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (Omnibus)

(b065yqml)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

SUN 21:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00nhq58)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 21:30 Frankie Howerd (m002vx0c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 22:00 Revolting People (b007jrzv)

Series 1

Tons of Storm Clouds

A revolutionary orator is after more than just Mary's support. 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

Announcer/Nathaniel Hopkins Michael Fenton Stevens

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.

SUN 22:30 Alun Cochrane's Fun House (b01rr555)

Living Room

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

Continuing his room by room, stand-up tour of his house - he arrives in his living room.

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 declutter 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.

Starring Alun Cochrane and Gavin Osborn.

Writers: Alun Cochrane and Andy Wolton

Producer: Carl Cooper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

SUN 23:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b03trnjd)

Series 3

The Funeral

Damien's peace is once again shattered when he is asked to do the food at the funeral of Anthony's maiden aunt.

But things become even more complicated when his literary agent is discovered behaving erratically in a branch of Paperchase and Damien has to look after him.

Meanwhile, Anthony must prepare a song to sing at the funeral. 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

Ian Frobisher Philip Fox

Anthony's Father Philip Fox

Policeman David Seddon

Anthony's Sister Priyanga Burford

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.

SUN 23:30 Paperback Hell (m000p0dt)

Series 3

A Posset Full of Death

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 medieval monastic murder mystery, as Edith

Plunger reads from her historical thriller.

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 November 2005.

SUN 23:45 Bunk Bed (m001pfhn)

Series 10

Episode 4

Bunk Bed goes on tour - after a fashion. Peter Curran's old caravan is dragged to a field at this summer's Black Deer Americana festival.

Patrick Marber hates every moment.

'Bunk Bed is funny, strange, enchanting, and beautifully put together.' - The Observer

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

Producer: Peter Curran

A Foghorn production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2023.

MONDAY 04 MAY 2026

MON 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b010v3d7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Frankie Howerd (m002vx0c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Whodunnits (m00046k1)

Stand By For West - Battle For Inspector West

3. Shadow on a Millionaire

Michael Grant is taken for a ride, and Inspector West finds a door slammed in his face.

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

Arthur Morley Preston Lockwood

Julietta Eva Stuart

Sir Mortimer Grant Humphrey Morton

Carosian Francis de Wolff

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.

MON 06:30 Whodunnits (b013fj19)

A Case for Paul Temple

1. In Which Paul Temple Hears About Valentine

Ten apparent suicides in one single week - and all of them drug addicts.

Scotland Yard desperately turns to Paul Temple for help.

This is a recreation of the BBC vintage crime serial first heard in 1946.

Crawford Logan and Gerda Stevenson star as Francis

Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and his glamorous wife Steve

Between 1938 and 1968, they solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series.

They inhabit a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.

Sadly, only half of their original adventures survive in the archives. But in 2006, the BBC began recreating them using original scripts and incidental music. Recordings were made using vintage microphones and sound effects.

Paul Temple Crawford Logan

Steve Gerda Stevenson

Sir Graham Gareth Thomas

Major Peters Greg Powrie

Supt. Wetherby Richard Greenwood

Sheila Baxter Melody Grove

Snooker Riley Jimmy Chisholm

Charles Kelvin Nick Underwood

Joy Lucy Patterson

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.

MON 07:00 Educated Evans by Edgar Wallace (b03yh0dk)

The Snout

Can the skint 1920s tipster plot revenge on a local informant and end up a winner too?

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

Edgar Wallace's 1924 novel dramatised by Richard Quick.

Narrator Freddie Jones

Educated Evans Roy Hudd

Inspector Pine Andrew Sachs

The Miller Michael Roberts

Mrs Rankin Pat Coombs

Joe Taskett David Battley

Albert Shanks Simon Treves

Mildred Lee Rosemary Martin

Ginger Vennett Ian Targett

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 (b007jpcv)

Series 2

All Is Safely Gathered In

Captain Mainwaring's platoon battle to bring in a farmer's harvest - with help from ARP Warden Hodges.

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

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

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

Vicar Frank Williams

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.

MON 08:00 The Architects (b03yqz5)

Series 1

Mad Hélène

Sir Lucien's blossoming romance with a French serial divorcee was worrying already.

Then the 'men in black' arrive to assess his assets and more besides...

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

Helene Carolyn Pickles

Mr Douglas Sean Murray

Mr McCoy Harry Myers

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.

MON 08:30 Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre (b08nkr6)

1. A Typical Day

Nicholas Hytner tells the inside story of 12 years at the helm of Britain's greatest theatre.

It's a tale of lunatic failures and spectacular successes like The History Boys, War Horse and One Man, Two Guvnors. Plus it's about opening the National Theatre's doors in London to a broader audience than ever before - and changing the public's perception of what theatre is for.

It's also about probing Shakespeare from every angle and reinventing the classics, plus fostering new talent and directing some of the most celebrated actors of our times - from Alan Bennett and Maggie Smith to Michael Gambon and Helen Mirren.

Intimate, candid and insightful, Balancing Acts is a passionate exploration of the art and alchemy of making theatre.

In this opening episode, Nicholas describes his typical day as the theatre's director.

Producer: Simon Richardson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

MON 08:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065sycn)

6. Race Relations

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 has travelled 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.

Distraught after learning that her father Atticus chairs

Maycomb's white separatist group, a visit to the woman who raised her - the family's old housekeeper Calpurnia - has opened Jean Louise's eyes to the realities of race relations in her home state.

Abridged in ten parts by Robin Brooks

Read by Fenella Woolgar.

Producer Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m002vm5n)

Series 33

1. Hats, Drugs, Germany and the BBC

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

Henning Wehn, Holly Walsh, Miles Jupp and Lucy Porter are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as hats, drugs, Germany and the BBC.

The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4

MON 09:30 Hidden Histories of the Information Age (b04lpxx3)

1. Enfield Exchange

Aleks Krotoski explores technological innovations and cultural events from the age of communication.

"Hello Girls"

In 1960 the women telephonists of the Enfield exchange said goodbye to the last manual telephone exchange in Greater London.

For decades they had put through calls using this plugboard machine, providing a polite and friendly voice to any caller.

Aleks Krotoski uncovers the exchange's hidden histories and how it provided a new kind of employment for young women.

Part of the Enfield Exchange is on display in the new Information Age gallery at the Science Museum in London. The gallery tells the story of the evolution in how we communicate with each other. The objects in the exhibition represent cultural moments from the last 200 years - not just technological innovations.

We also hear from the women who worked as telephonists about the relationship between the supervisors and operators, some of whom were only 15 years old, the aches and pains the plugboard caused and the prestige brought by a job with the GPO.

With the expertise of:

* The Science Museum's Keeper of Technology, Dr Tilly Blyth

* Curator of Communication, John Liffen,

Producer: Deborah Cohen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002vx19)

Angels - Cherubim

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

Theme: Angels- Cherubim

Presenter: Canon Simon Doogan

Reading: Genesis 3:20-24

Music:

Angel voices, ever singing

Be still for the presence of the Lord

Ye holy angels bright

MON 10:00 David Attenborough: My Life in Sound (b03lnzxb)

**** Sir David Attenborough joins BBC Radio 4 Extra's 100 CLUB as he celebrates his 100th birthday on 8th May 2026 In an BBC exclusive interview, the wildlife legend talks about his life in sound. One of his first jobs in natural history film making was as a wildlife sound recordist.

Recorded in Qatar, Sir David is with sound recordist Chris Watson, there to make a film about a group of birds he is passionate about, The Bird of Paradise.

Qatar is home to the world's largest captive breeding population and it's in this setting that Chris chats to Sir David.

They look back to the 1950's and Sir David's early recording escapades, right through to his narration for a series of Tweet of the Day for BBC Radio 4.

Producer: Jamie Merritt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

MON 10:30 The Imperial Inversion of Cricket (b08r2n4f)

When he's not engaged as a BBC broadcaster, Amol Rajan would love to be either watching, or better yet, playing cricket. A deceptively mean leg-spin bowler he grew up in South London soaking up the traditions of the game, its rhythms, complexities and drama.

But he's concerned that those qualities are under threat from what he calls 'The Imperial Inversion of Cricket'.

Initially the process saw Britain's former colonies develop and overtake the mother country in terms of ability. First came the Australians, then the West Indies, both of them using the established game to better their former colonial masters.

Now it's the turn of India, but this time it's different. This time the sheer scale, passion and desire to make something new of the game is making India not just a dominant playing power but a major force in the direction of the game.

Amol goes back to his roots at the Old Snijuns cricket club in south London and talks to club members today about what they think of the changes over-taking the game.

And he travels to India to hear the story of the game there, from the sleepy colonial splendour of the Roshanara Cricket Club in Old Delhi to the hi-tech offices of one of the IPL franchises, the Delhi Daredevils. He also talks to Lalit Modi, the man who helped launch the IPL.

What he finds is a vibrant, coherent response to the needs of a professional sport in the 21st century.

Will cricket hold on to its traditions and will Lords remain the Mecca as Simon Hughes the former Middlesex bowler fervently hopes, or will the sheer financial power and numbers India calls upon change the game for ever?

And if it does change, might it actually be for the better?

Producer: Tom Alban

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

MON 11:00 Whodunnits (m00046kl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Whodunnits (b013fj19)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 Educated Evans by Edgar Wallace (b03yh0dk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jpcv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 The Architects (b03yqz5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre (b08nkr6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065sycn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b013ptfx)

Series 61

Episode 4

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

Shappi Khorsandi

Russell Kane

Subjects include: My Tartan Underwear, Castles, Call Centres, Spartacus, Hand Me Downs, On A Long Train Journey, The Eldest Child, Cleaning Up My Act and Acquired Taste

Created by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

Recorded at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.

MON 14:30 Miracles R Us (b00sg1hh)

Domestic Arrangements

The man lurking outside turns out not to be the private detective Sylvia supposes, but a potential client. He's inadvertently encouraged a middle-aged American academic, in whom he has no romantic interest, to have hopes of a shared future.

She is arriving next week. Can MiraclesRus help?

Starring Ama Massey and Deborah Findlay.

Comedy about two women who run a cleaning service together

by Lesley Bruce.

Sylvia Anna Massey

Caroline Deborah Findlay

James Linnet David Horovitch

Mary Beth Haldeman Laura Shavin

Pianist Jeremy Limb

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.

* Music and stings from the music of Nick Drake. Theme:

"When the Day is Done" and stings: "Time of No Reply" and "Cello Song".

MON 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000p725)

Clash: 1. Chances

**** BBC Radio 4 Extra marks the centenary of the United Kingdom's only General Strike - 4th - 12th May 1926.

Joan Craig meets Bloomsbury socialist Tony Dacre while supporting her union in the discussions leading up to the General Strike.

Ellen Wilkinson's political romance is set during the 1926 General Strike.

Semi-autobiographical novel first published in 1929.

It explores the clash between North and South, work and life, plus traditional and emerging roles.

Joan bridges all these divides with energy and talent, but ultimately has to choose whose side she's on.

Starring Kate O'Flynn and Paul Ready.

Dramatised in two parts by Sharon Oakes.

Joan Craig Kate O'Flynn

Tony Dacre Paul Ready

Gerry Blain Luke Nunn

Mary Maud Meadows Jane Whittenshaw

William Royd Roger Ringrose

Helen Dacre Emma Handy

Harry Browne Stefan Adegbola

Factory worker Charlotte East

Chemical Worker Ian Dunnett Jnr

Directors: Ciaran Bermingham and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2020.

**** Ellen Wilkinson was an all too rare working class, female voice from early 20th century literature.

As one of the first ever women MPs and cabinet members, she is better known as a political pioneer.

Joan's story echoes Wilkinson's own life. A woman with major personal and political dilemmas: Joan is born into a working class family, fights for social equality but is enchanted by world of ease and luxury represented by Mary Maud Meadows and Tony Dacre.

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MON 19:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065sync)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b013ptfx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

MON 20:30 Miracles R Us (b00sg1bh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

MON 21:00 Drama on 4 (m000p725)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m002vm5n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 22:30 Sindhustan (b0b89tff)

Sandwich Filling

Comic Sindhu Vee is stuck between her parents, in-laws and their three beloved grandkids.

She's taking a look at being a parent in a multi-generational family.

Born in India, educated in Delhi, Toronto, Chicago and Oxford, married to a Dane, and with three London born kids still living at home (and calling her mate) former investment banker Sindhu Vee has a unique perspective on parenting.

At least the dog - a giant Labrador from Wales - understands her.

Written and performed by Sindhu Vee.

Script Editor: Robin Morgan

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

A BBC Studios production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2018.

MON 22:45 Jessica Fosteckew: Sturdy Girl Club (m001kh5m)

Series 1

1. Strongwoman

Strength can look like a lot of things.

Comedian Jessica Fosteckew starts at the most dirty, functional end of things - strongwoman.

It's where weightlifting meets theatre. You might have seen on the telly at Christmas, the one with Geoff Capes running around with a fridge on his little finger or giving an entire train a tow with his body.

Jess talks to four-times Britain's Strongest Woman Andrea Thompson and multiple world-record holder Mayyah Blair to get their take on strength, aesthetic and why the strongest women in the world still have to work part-time. And she tells us about the time she pulled an actual bus. Lets face it, she goes on and on about it.

Written and performed by Jessica Fosteckew.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

A Mighty Bunny production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2023

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m002vngk)

Series 120

3. When the King came round for tea

This week you're all cordially invited to join us for King Charles' state visit to Donald Trump's White House. Please dress to impress. We'll also be digging into the state of the nation ahead of the upcoming elections on 7th May. Plus, what do we think about MPs drinking at work?

Written by Andy Zaltzman.

With additional material by: Matt Hulme, Eleri Morgan, Joe Topping and Angela Chamnell

Producer: Georgia Keating

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Production Coordinator: Asha Osborne-Grinter

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k498)

Series 2

Under New Management

Discover the secret of computer techniques in film, experience the history of rock'n'roll and meet the Museum's curious new curator.

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 April 2005.

TUESDAY 05 MAY 2026

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TUE 05:00 Drama on 4 (m000p725)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (m00046vl)

Stand By For West - Battle For Inspector West

4. Bait for a Bogey

Chief Inspector Roger West takes a trip to the seaside - and receives a dinner invitation from a lady.

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

Arthur Morley Preston Lockwood

Julietta Eva Stuart

Sir Mortimer Grant Humphrey Morton

Carosian Francis de Wolff

DS Hubert Gill Trevor Bannister

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.

TUE 06:30 Whodunnits (b013q313)

A Case for Paul Temple

2. In Which Steve Meets Captain O'Hara

The smooth sleuth's investigations lead him to London's East End for a drink in a Limehouse pub with a very Irish sailor.

Then it's on to a chilling discovery in a lonely quarry...

Paul and Steve brave great danger to reveal the identity of the mysterious West End drug dealer known only as 'Valentine' ... Crawford Logan stars as Paul Temple and Gerda Stevenson as Steve In this 2011 recreation of the 1946 vintage crime serial. Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective and his glamorous wife solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.

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Steve Gerda Stevenson

Sir Graham Gareth Thomas

Major Peters Greg Powrie

Supt. Wetherby Richard Greenwood

Snooker Riley Jimmy Chisholm

Charles Kelvin Nick Underwood

Captain O'Hara Robin Laing

Mary Eliza Langland

Sheila Baxter Melody Grove

Sir Gilbert Dryden Michael Mackenzie

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.

TUE 07:00 Minor Adjustment (b0b2rjpy)

Basic Instinct

Richard and Sarah are summoned to see their daughter Kate's headmaster.

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

Headmaster Brian Bowles

Julia Teresa

Mrs Morris Kay Stoneham

James David Cooper

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1996.

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (m001t38y)

Vintage Goons

The Greatest Mountain in the World

Neddie wants to climb the world's highest mountain, but it's already been done.

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

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1954.

Re-recording from October 1957 by the BBC Transcription Service made for broadcast overseas.

This is the debut broadcast in the UK on BBC Radio 4 Extra.

TUE 08:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001yhj7)

Series 8

4. Knife Crime

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

When does a knife become a crime?

Knife crime is a societal woe that gets a lot of coverage in the media, but how do the police actually work on getting knives off the streets?

Written and presented by Alfie 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 Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre (b08ns9sm)

2. Shakespeare

Nicholas Hytner continues his inside story of 12 years at the helm of Britain's greatest theatre.

Recollections of his first production of William Shakespeare at The National Theatre - Henry V, starring Adrian Lester.

Intimate, candid and insightful, Balancing Acts is a passionate exploration of the art and alchemy of making theatre.

Written and read by Nicholas Hytner

Producer: Simon Richardson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

TUE 08:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065vrtn)

7. Maycomb Ladies

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 has travelled from New York to Maycomb for her annual visit home. She's now been left shocked after catching Atticus and Hank at a racist meeting.

Abridged by Robin Brooks

Read by Fenella Woolgar

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

TUE 09:00 Nature Table (m002vmf0)

Series 5

4: Common Frogs & Promiscuous Oaks

In this episode Sue checks out Common Frogs, promiscuous Oak Trees and a regenerating, time-travelling animal that's only a 1/10th of a millimetre – the Rotifer.

'Sue Perkins' Nature Table - possibly the funniest "natural science" series, ever. Pick of the Week, The Telegraph Joining Sue Perkins at the BBC Radio Theatre, this episode of the ARIA-winning 'Show and Tell' wildlife comedy features special guests: US comedian and actress Desiree Burch, Zoologist and science writer Jules Howard and Kevin Martin – Head of Tree Collections at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. 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: Desiree Burch, Jules Howard and Kevin Martin.

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 Hidden Histories of the Information Age (b04m3bcc)

2. Tat - 1

Aleks Krotoski explores technological innovations and cultural events from the age of communication.

In 1957 the singer, actor and civil rights activist Paul Robeson performed a concert to an audience sitting in St Pancras Town Hall in London.

Astonishingly, Paul was in New York at the time, and he was performing live over a transatlantic phone line.

Robeson was an outspoken critic of lynching laws and anti-fascism. Because of his support of these causes, he was a victim of early attempts by the US FBI to quash civil rights activism, and was blacklisted by the State Department. His passport was cancelled so he could not leave the US.

But Robeson was also an innovator, who used the latest tools to go around the restrictions that were imposed upon him. When the authorities increasingly tried to silence him, he used technology to make his voice heard.

Aleks Krotoski tells the story of how Paul Robeson came to perform for his British fans using the new transatlantic telephone cable, called TAT-1.

It was laid between 1955 and 1956 linking Newfoundland, Canada and Oban on the West Coast of Scotland.

TAT-1 is one of the objects on display in the Information Age Gallery at the Science Museum in London. This new gallery features the evolution in how we communicate with one another. The objects in the gallery represent cultural moments from the last 200 years, not just technological innovations.

Producer: Deborah Cohen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002vy7c)

Angels - Helpers

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

Theme: Angels - Helpers

Presenter: Holly Adams

Reading: 1 Kings 19:3-9

Music:

Just as I am - Daily Service Singers

My guardian angel (Weir) - St Martin's Voices

Take my life - Daily Service Singers

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000pmx3)

Alexander McCall Smith & Prof Lucie Green

Writer Alexander McCall Smith and UCL's Department of Space & Climate Physics, Professor Lucie Green, join Harriett Gilbert to discuss favourite books by Somerset Maugham, John Higgs and Lewis Carroll.

The Painted Veil by Somerset Maugham

Publisher: Heinemann

Watling Street by John Higgs

Publisher: Weidenfeld & Nicolson

Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

Publisher: Macmillan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2020.

TUE 10:30 The Hidden History of the Corridor (b095tkgx)

Take a trip down the corridor with Dr Rachel Hurdley as she explores the history of this most ambiguous space.

As a sociologist, Rachel has long been fascinated by the power of corridors and their role as places which are neither entirely public nor private.

The corridor is a relatively recent architectural innovation, arriving in Britain around the beginning of the 18th Century. Rachel visits Castle Howard to walk what are thought to be the first corridors in England, discovers why the Victorians had a mania for corridors, finds out about the move towards open plan and asks whether corridors may now be due to return to our buildings.

Along the way, she considers how corridors reflect the society of their time, hears why they're a film maker's dream and enters the world of diplomacy to find out why corridors can be the perfect place to make a deal.

Interviewees:

* Jonathan Gancey, Architectural Writer and Historian

* James Rothwell, Architectural Historian, The National Trust at Petworth House in West Sussex

* Mark Jarzombek, Professor of Architectural History and Theory at MIT

* Sir Christopher Meyer, Former Ambassador to Washington and Germany

* Dr Chris Ridgway, Curator of Castle Howard in North Yorkshire

* Sue Hayward, Curator at the National Trust's Tynesfield near Bristol

* Pat Rowe, Guide at the Royal Courts of Justice in London

* Karen Krizanovick, Film Expert

* Darren Southgate, Architect of the Factory 2050 Building in Sheffield

Producer: Louise Adamson

Executive Producer: Samir Shah

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

TUE 11:00 Whodunnits (m00046v1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

TUE 14:00 Hoax! (m002vy7g)

From 26/12/1991

Ray Cooney, Johnny Morris and Frank Thornton tell the stories.

Tim Brooke-Taylor and the audience try to spot the hoax.

Devised by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.

TUE 14:30 The Cavity Within (b007709x)

Episode 1

Marty has finally settled on a life in dentistry, like his father and grandfather before him.

But the dysfunctional practice he's joined seems to have its own cavity within.

Will he have the patients?

Written by Jim Poyser.

Marty Chris O'Dowd

Pete Jeff Rawle

Daisy Sara Crowe

Tim Mark Straker

Anna Christine Kavanagh

Mr. Holmes John Rowe

Sarah/Girl Emma Noakes

Mum/Mrs. Finegan Tracy Wiles

Mr Burgess Sam Dale

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

TUE 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000pdr)

Clash - Part 2

In the aftermath of the 1926 General Strike, Joan has a choice to make.

Should she stick with passionate politics or give up her work for a comfortable life with Tony, the man she's fallen for?

Conclusion of Ellen Wilkinson's political romance exploring the clash between North and South, work and life, plus traditional and emerging roles.

Starring Kate O'Flynn and Paul Ready.

Dramatised by Sharon Oakes.

Joan Craig Kate O'Flynn

Tony Dacre Paul Ready

Gerry Blain Luke Nunn

Mary Maud Meadows Jane Whittenshaw

William Royd Roger Ringrose

Bunny Royd Emma Handy

Ben Lewis Stefan Adegbola

Dolly Charlotte East

Alaric Ian Dunnett Jnr

Sally Cecilia Appiah

Directors: Ciaran Bermingham and Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2020.

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TUE 22:00 Nature Table (m002vmf0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 22:30 And the Winner Is... (b00qx5lv)

Series 1

Episode 1

Matt Lucas hosts the 'Lucases' - his alternative awards show. Awards include the Lucas for Lamest Excuse of All-Time, the Lucas for Most Pointless Member of the Royal Family and the Lucas for Greatest Song By A Musical Artist Who Is Otherwise Rubbish.

Nominations are provided by Matt's guests:

Katy Brand

James Corden

Graham Linehan

But the ultimate decision is down to the whim of the host.

Who will walk off with their very own Lucas?

Will it be Eddie Murphy or Mrs Linehan; Prince Edward or

Prince Morris; Angry Anderson, Genesis or Radiohead?

Only And The Winner Is... has the answers.

Producer: Ashley Blaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 2010.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002w2c1)

Chris Cantrill 1/3

Lou Conran chats with comedian Chris Cantrill about working on Saturday Night Live UK, dry stone walling and getting flat whites in Carlisle.

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

TUE 23:00 Josie Long: Romance and Adventure (b0460v1z)

Pilot

A woman called Josie leaves London for better life in Glasgow – at the indie band theme park, where she will finally be happy and accepted.

Her flatmate Darren is just happy having his meals cooked by someone other than his mum.

Together they drink tea and wander the streets searching for romance and adventure, making fun of squares and making up

games. It's them against the world, or so Josie hopes. How much

can you rely on a friend who doesn't want to grow up?

Based on characters from the short films "Romance and

Adventure" and "Let's Go Swimming" by Josie Long and

Douglas King.

Written by and starring Josie Long.

Successful pilot which sparked the following series.

Josie Josie Long

Darren Darren Osborne

Roddy Roddy MacNeill

Kerry Hatty Ashdown

Eleanor Clare Grogan

Geoff Geoff McGivern

Heidi Jaimi Barbakoff

Helen Elaine Claxton

Chris Michael Bertenshaw

Mark Douglas King

Other parts played by the cast.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

TUE 23:30 Forty Nights in the Wildebeest (b00r93bk)

Episode 5

Dan Freedman and Nick Romero push the pun count beyond

the pain threshold.

Including:

Cheeky movie spoofs of 'Star Wars' and 'Notting Hill'.

Music is performed by The Gents.

Producers: Jayne Gibson and Julian Mayers

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

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WED 05:00 Drama on 4 (m000pdrc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

WED 06:00 Whodunnits (m00048fd)

Stand By For West - Battle For Inspector West

5. Trail From A Tip-Off

An unexpected phone-call for Janet West - while Inspector

West doesn't quite know where he is..?

Starring Patrick Allen.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Julietta Eva Stuart

Carosian Francis de Wolff

DS Hubert Gill Trevor Bannister

Pearly Willis Henry Stamper

Superintendent Mulloon Harry Webster

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1967.

WED 06:30 Whodunnits (b01460dn)

A Case for Paul Temple

3. In Which Sir Gilbert Explains

Steve has ulterior motives when she makes an appointment with Madame de Briac, one of Mayfair's most fashionable hairdressers.

Paul and Steve brave great danger to reveal the identity of the

mysterious West End drug dealer known only as 'Valentine'...

Crawford Logan stars as Paul Temple and Gerda Stevenson as

Steve in this 2011 recreation of the 1946 vintage crime serial.

Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably

suave amateur detective and his glamorous wife solved case

after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series.

They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails

and fast cars.

Sadly, only half of their original adventures survive in the

archives. But in 2006, the BBC began recreating them with

vintage microphones and sound effects, using original scripts

and incidental music.

Paul Temple Crawford Logan

Steve Gerda Stevenson

Sir Graham Gareth Thomas

Major Peters Greg Powrie

Supt. Wetherby Richard Greenwood

Mary Eliza Langland

Charles Kelvin Nick Underwood

Sheila Baxter Melody Grove

Captain O'Hara Robin Laing

Sir Gilbert Dryden Michael Mackenzie

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.

WED 07:00 After Henry (b007k1rb)

Series 1

The Spectre at the Feast

Widow Sarah is wary of matchmakers - and her mother

Eleanor's interference.

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

Chris Mark Kingston

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 (b007jz69)

Series 1

A Trip to France

The Lad is longing to sample life across the English Channel,

but Sid's got other ideas.

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 January 1955.

WED 08:00 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere**(b0b2kpm2)**

Series 1

The Helpers

Malawian Comedian Daliso Chaponda continues his look at the

relationship between the UK and Africa.

The UK and Africa have had a long a complicated past. This

series looks at the history of this relationship and 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...

In this episode, Daliso looks at charities and organisations who

want to help the relationship.

Written and performed by Daliso Chaponda

The Other Guy James Quinn

Producer: Carl Cooper

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

May 2018.

WED 08:30 Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the**National Theatre (b08ns9tt)**

3. Alan Bennett

Nicholas Hytner continues his inside story of 12 years at the

helm of Britain's greatest theatre.

Recollections of his fecund creative relationship with actor and

playwright, Alan Bennett.

Nicholas reveals how they came to meet and the incredible

performances they created together. He fondly remembers their

highly successful play 'The History Boys', and how it was

brought to life.

Intimate, candid and insightful, Balancing Acts is a passionate

exploration of the art and alchemy of making theatre.

Written and read by Nicholas Hytner

Producer: Simon Richardson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

WED 08:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065wwjc)

8. A Confrontation

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 has travelled from New York to

Maycomb for her annual visit home.

Looking for her father, Atticus, Jean Louise is waylaid and

faces an awkward conversation as she confronts the men in her

life.

Abridged by Robin Brooks

Read by Fenella Woolgar

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

WED 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002vmnc)

Emer Maguire: Patron Saint of Bad Luck

A year ago, Emer Maguire had it all. Now she's sleeping on the

floor of her brother's student flat in a shady part of Belfast – no

girlfriend, no home, no hope. Where did it all go wrong? How

did she end up all alone, broken hearted and with only an

assistance dog called Dougal for company? Is she the Patron

Saint of Bad Luck?

Comedian Emer Maguire recalls how the worst year of her life -

including messy break-up, serious medical issues and not one,

but two life-changing diagnoses – put her on the path to living

her best life. Told with her trademark honesty and songwriting

brilliance, Emer's tale is both heartfelt and uplifting, a laugh-out-

loud rollercoaster journey of self-discovery and self-

acceptance.

One of Northern Ireland's most exciting comedic voices, Emer

Maguire (who was dubbed by one critic as the "indie Victoria

Wood") is a double Irish IMRO award-winning presenter and

four times TEDx speaker.

Written and performed by Emer Maguire

Produced by Anna Hinds

Executive Producer: Keith Martin

Sound: David Walker

A FABEL radio production for BBC Radio 4

WED 09:30 Hidden Histories of the Information Age**(b04m3gc6)**

3. Our World

Aleks Krotoski explores technological innovations and cultural

events from the age of communication.

On June 25th 1967, 400 million people across the globe

watched a ground-breaking TV show.

It was called, in English, OUR WORLD and it was a feat

beyond technological imagination: it was the first programme

that linked up countries live by satellite. So everyone was

watching what was happening on the other side of the world - or

possibly next door - at the exact moment in time when it was

actually happening.

In our modern, 24-hour news world, it's hard to understand just

how monumental this was, both technologically and politically.

It was the golden age of TV. Youth culture had a voice that was

about to get much louder. International diplomacy was stretched

to breaking point. And our world was rapidly shrinking.

Aleks Krotoski tells the story of how the programme came

about. She talks to curators from the Science Museum.

The yellowing pages of Our World's original script is one of the

exhibits in the new Information Age gallery at the Science

Museum. It tells the story of the evolution in how we

communicate with one another. The objects in the exhibition

represent cultural moments from the last 200 years - not just

technological innovations.

Producer: Deborah Cohen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002vybg)

Angels - Heavenly Beings

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Angels - Heavenly Beings

Presenters: Paul Kerensa

Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8

Music:

How great is our God & Lord I lift your name - Volney Morgan

and New Ye

Holy Holy (Richard Smallwood) - AMC Gospel Choir

Praise - Becca Folkes & Psalms x Saints

WED 10:00 David Attenborough and the Natural History of**Folk (b03trp25)**

**** Sir David Attenborough joins BBC Radio 4 Extra's 100

CLUB as he celebrates his 100th birthday on 8th May 2026

The wildlife legend is renowned for his bringing spectacular

nature into the nation's living rooms.

But his first TV series broadcast in 1954, was quite different -

and yet not unrelated.

As a young producer Attenborough made 'Song Hunter', six

programmes presented by the American folk music collector,

Alan Lomax (who had recorded Leadbelly and Jelly Roll

Morton) in which traditional musicians from all over Britain

and Ireland sang and played.

'Song Hunter' was broadcast live so no longer exists. But Reg

Hall saw the programmes on the base where he was doing his

National Service. This was a life changing experience and he

went on to work with and record several of the musicians

featured.

Prompted by such recordings, David Attenborough recalls the

trials and wonders of the enterprise: how, seeking to book the

great Traveller singer Margaret Barry, the production office

called police stations throughout Donegal asking them, when

next Barry was brought in drunk and disorderly, to let her know

there was a ticket to London, a TV appearance and a fee ready

for her.

Lomax blew the budget bringing half a dozen women from the

Hebrides to perform their tweed walking songs. Sir David also

had to battle BBC bureaucrats for permission to let the

musicians drink beer while on-air.

At this time the Corporation was engaged in two great

endeavours, the BBC Folk Music and Dialect Recording

Scheme. Peter Kennedy, Seamus Ennis, Hamish Henderson and

Bob Copper were employed to gather songs, tunes, tales,

customs and dialects. They travelled all over Britain and Ireland

and recorded 700 people aged from 6 to 96. Some of these

turned up in 'Song Hunter'.

So Attenborough's career began with folk music. More than

this, the way that the material was gathered - searching for,

finding, waiting and recording people in their natural

environment – has much in common with the way that, to this

day, natural history programmes are made.

Some of the personnel and the equipment overlapped. Peter

Kennedy did pioneering work recording birdsong with the

parabolic microphone he used for recording musicians. The

BBC issued LPs of folksong and LPs of birdsong made by the

same people, with the same gear, sharing the same office.

David Attenborough recalls those days, as do Bob Copper and

Peter Kennedy in previously unbroadcast recordings.

Chris Watson, who works with David Attenborough today,

considers the parallels of natural history sound recording and

the collecting of music. And, to David Attenborough's delight,

there is remarkable music by some of the people he first

broadcast 60 years ago in 'Song Hunter'.

Producer: Julian May

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 2014.

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WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (m000fmvz)

Series 4

John Betjeman

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

Victoria Coren and Sue Limb.

Author of the week: John Betjeman

Reader: Becky Hindley

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

WED 14:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3yc)

Series 2

Free-Range Angels

Alison and Maud make merry with a Thai take-away.

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

Father Joss Ackland

Bernard Geoffrey Whitehead

Leslie Nicholas Grace

Producer: Jonathan James-Moore.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

WED 15:00 Drama on 4 (b01ngmcl)

What Love Sounds Like by Peter Souter

What Love Sounds Like centres around the meeting of a blind man, Dom, and a deaf woman, Thea, in a faith-healer's waiting room.

Dom has only recently gone blind and is at odds with the world and himself. Thea, using her computer voice generator, plies him with questions - particularly about an old, painful relationship which Dom is initially reluctant to talk about.

As the play progresses we realise that all is not quite as it seems, and that this meeting may have profound consequences for them both.

Written by award-winning playwright Peter Souter.

Dom Alex Jennings

Thea Juliet Stevenson

Shenoa Don Gilet

Luda Stephanie Racine

Director: Gordon House

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

WED 15:45 Short Works (m001hxt0)

The Woodwose Wedding by Electra Rhodes

When loggers threaten their forest home, Trefor and Alan are made an unconventional proposal.

A new story by Cardiff-based writer and archaeologist, Electra Rhodes.

Read by Julian Lewis Jones

Produced by John Norton for Audio Drama Wales

First broadcast on BBC Radio in February 2003.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 22:30 Sir Ralph Stanza's Letter from Salford (b007680t)

Series 1

Recital Statistics

The poet-in-residence's mission to bring quiche to the Quays comes to its artistic climax.

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:

Mark Chatterton

Alison Darling

Jack Deam

Stephen Hoyle

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2002.

WED 22:45 Heidi Regan: No Worries (m000y011)

Episode 4

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

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

That said, examining rashes of a loved one over dinner isn't really the romance her partner signed up for. As Heidi and her partner ponder some of the big questions in life, Heidi's brain resorts, as it always does, to distracting them (and the audience) with increasingly silly jokes as she makes an argument for the pros and cons of joking your way through life.

In this final episode Heidi turns to face her worries and how to displace your worries with jokes.

Written and performed by Heidi Regan.

With thanks to Nick Elleray

Producer: Julia McKenzie

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

WED 23:00 Thom Tuck - Goes Straight to DVD (b01rvppv)

The Olsens

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

This time its the offerings from "The Olsen Twins", self made millionaires from their empire of teenage market films.

Thom looks at the journey of their success, and draws parallels with the wise (and not so wise) choices he's made in his life.

Producer: Lianne Coop.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

WED 23:30 The Skewer (m002vmnq)

Series 16

2. Lie Back and Think of England

Starmer has a problem, Trump has a ballroom blitz, and Charles lies back and thinks of England.

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 The East Coast Listening Post (m0005t5l)

Series 2

Skull Run

American reporters and sisters, Jenna and Dana Johnson, return to the UK to investigate the people of Great Britain.

In this episode, Jenna and Dana meet Rhodri Williams from the village of Tregafr, who is defending his right to take part in an ancient Welsh tradition known as Ras y Benglog or The Skull Run.

Written and performed by Celeste Dring and Freya Parker.

The East Coast Listening Post was created by Edinburgh Comedy Award-nominated duo Lazy Susan.

With performances from:

David Elms

Steffan Rodri

Producer: Suzy Grant

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

THURSDAY 07 MAY 2026**THU 00:00 David Attenborough and the Natural History of Folk (b03trp25)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:00 Whodunnits (m00048fd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]

THU 01:30 Whodunnits (b01460dn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 After Henry (b007k1rb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jz69)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:00 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (b0b2kpm2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday]

THU 03:30 Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre (b08ns9tt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

THU 03:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065swjz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]

THU 04:00 The Write Stuff (m000fmvz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

THU 04:30 Alison and Maud (b007k3yc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 Drama on 4 (b01ngmcl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:45 Short Works (m001hxt0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Whodunnits (m000461y)

Stand By For West - Battle For Inspector West

6. Explosion in Red

It's a bad day for Scotland Yard, and Inspector Roger West. Just what is the arch-villain up to?

Starring Patrick Allen.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Julietta Eva Stuart

Carosian Francis de Wolff

DS Hubert Gill Trevor Bannister

Superintendent Mulloon Harry Webster

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1967.

THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b014gclv)

A Case for Paul Temple

4. In Which Sir Graham Is Surprised

A dead man's watch chain leads Paul and Steve to the San Chow, one of London's leading Chinese restaurants.

In this 2011 recreation of the 1946 vintage crime serial, Paul and Steve brave great danger to reveal the identity of the mysterious West End drug dealer known only as 'Valentine'... Crawford Logan stars as Paul Temple and Gerda Stevenson as Steve.

Between 1938 and 1968, Francis Durbridge's incomparably suave amateur detective Paul Temple and glamorous wife Steve solved case after baffling case in one of BBC radio's most popular series. They inhabited a sophisticated, well-heeled world of cocktails and fast cars.

Sadly, only half of their adventures survive in the archives. But in 2006, the BBC began recreating them using original scripts and incidental music, and recorded with vintage microphones and sound effects.

Paul Temple Crawford Logan

Steve Gerda Stevenson

Sir Graham Gareth Thomas

Major Peters Greg Powrie

Supt. Wetherby Richard Greenwood

Sheila Baxter Melody Grove

Charles Kelvin Nick Underwood

Sir Gilbert Dryden Michael Mackenzie

Layland Robin Laing

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.

THU 07:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002vx9v)

Series 3

Ladies Who Do

A dust-up is inevitable when the job of cleaning the Brightco building is given to private contractors.

Third series 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.

Starring Bernard Cribbins and Frank Thornton.

Jimmy Bright Bernard Cribbins

Russell Farrow Frank Thornton

Nan Forbes Annette Crosbie

Ethel ... Pat Coombs

Pepper Kenneth Connor

Script Andrew Palmer

Producer Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1990.

THU 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7g0)

Series 2

This is Your Life the Burkiss Way

Eamonn Andrews' famous Big Red Book spells surprises.

The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living. Radio's Amazing Revelation Course in which the programme's subject is ... (We can't tell you yet, because it's a secret)

Do you remember these voices from:

Jo Kendall

Nigel Rees

Chris Emmett

Fred Harris

And who wrote these words? (Here's a clue - Andrew Marshall and David Renwick)

And whose name is in producer Simon Brett's little black book this week?

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

THU 08:00 Hennikay (m001fwb8)

Series 1

3. The Animo-Expo Pro-Gaming Trade Fair

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.

The pressure is on at work. Guy's company have had their best (only) idea in years (ever) stolen from under their noses by an unscrupulous rival. But luckily Guy has come up with a brilliant new idea, courtesy of his invisible best friend, Hennikay and the race is on for them to develop it before the big trade show.

And even with Guy foolishly introducing his schoolboy mate from 1976 to the wonders of the 21st century internet and the delights of expense account lunching, the friends triumph and, working together at last, they manage to hit the big deadline.

They head triumphantly to the show - where grown-up teachery is afoot and Hennikay has his young, innocent eyes opened to the cheating, lying and general down and dirty bad behaviour that modern adults call business.

Written by David Spicer.

Guy Bill Bailey

Tony Dave Lamb

Marika Elizabeth Carling

Kallie Hollie Edwin

Don Joseph May

TV voices and Pizza Guy Matt Addis

Hennikay Max Pattison

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2022.

THU 08:30 Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre (b08ns9p5)

4. Pullman & Morpurgo

Nicholas Hytner continues his inside story of 12 years at the helm of Britain's greatest theatre.

Recollections of how the seemingly impossible can become the most magical. Particularly when it comes to putting animals on stage - through his productions of Philip Pullman's *Dark Materials* and Michael Morpurgo's *War Horse*.

Intimate, candid and insightful, *Balancing Acts* is a passionate exploration of the art and alchemy of making theatre.

Written and read by Nicholas Hytner

Producer: Simon Richardson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

THU 08:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065xchl)
9. Break-up

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.

But mid-50s 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.

Jean Louise reluctantly confronts Atticus about the Citizens' Council.

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 (m002vmlf)

Geoff Norcott's Working Men's Club S2

S2 E2: Angry Middle-Aged White Men

This week, Geoff looks at the "angry middle-aged white men" that Gary Neville identified as the source of all division within the UK. Is that fair? If so, why are they angry? And could there be both a deeper reason for their anger and also a better outlet for it?

As ever, these serious points are intercut with "manly hypotheticals", the sort of question men ask each other to avoid talking about stuff that matters, like - if you're drinking non-alcoholic beer, are you still obliged to buy a round?

Written and presented by Geoff Norcott

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 Hidden Histories of the Information Age (b04m3ftg)

4. Leo Computer

Aleks Krotoski explores technological innovations and cultural events from the age of communication.

The company that brought computers into business was Lyons, known for its cakes and teasops.

Aleks Krotoski tells the story of how this technology transformed office work.

One element of the first Lyons Electronic Office, or LEO, computer is on display in the 'Information Age' gallery at the Science Museum in London. This new gallery tells the story of the evolution in how we communicate with each other. The objects in the exhibition represent cultural moments from the last 200 years - not just technological innovations.

Aleks Krotoski talks to Dr Tilly Blyth and Jessica Bradford of the Science Museum about how Lyons brought computers to its business and hears from one of the first programmers. A tea shop manager recalls how LEO changed her working life.

Producer: Deborah Cohen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002vxb0)

Angels: messengers

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

Theme: Angels: messengers

Presenter: Rachel Mann

Reading: Daniel 9: 20-24

Music:

And Lo The Angel of the Lord - James McMillan, Sung by Capella Nova

Duo Seraphim a12 - Guerrero, sung by the Sixteen

Ye holy angels bright - Choir of Trinity College Cambridge

THU 10:00 Great Lives (m0013963)

Lady Hale on Lady Rhondda

Judge and former President of the Supreme Court, Lady Hale, chooses to nominate the suffragette, businesswoman, and founder of *Time* and *Tide* magazine, Margaret Haig Thomas, also known as Lady Rhondda.

Born in 1883, Lady Rhondda was brought up an only child, in South Wales, by her feminist parents. She survived the sinking of the *Lusitania* and sat on the board of 33 companies, becoming, in 1926, the first and to-date only female president of the Institute of Directors. In 1927, the *New York Tribune* called her 'the foremost woman of business in the British Empire'.

She was also one of the most prominent British feminists of the inter-war years, marching with the Pankhursts and setting fire to a letterbox, for which she was briefly sent to Usk prison.

Lady Rhondda was also the founder and editor of the pioneering, hugely influential weekly paper *Time and Tide*,

which featured women's perspectives and essays by literary greats from Orwell to Bernard Shaw and Virginia Woolf.

The Former President of the Supreme Court, Brenda Hale, believes Lady Rhondda's most important lesson is "that there are always new battles to be fought...You must never give up. You must always go on."

With expert insight from Angela V. John, the author of *Turning the Tide: The Life of Lady Rhondda*.

Presenter: Matthew Parris

Producer: Ellie Richold for BBC Audio in Bristol

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2022.

THU 10:30 Arch Rivals (b0076qjk)

It's a story of modern technology pitted against established craftsmanship and it's being played out in the rarefied atmosphere of the Ballet studio.

Felicity Finch balances the claims of rival ballet shoe makers who are striving to keep the world's finest dancers 'on point'.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.

THU 11:00 Whodunnits (m000461y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 Whodunnits (b014gclv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 12:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002vx9v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7g0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 Hennikay (m001fwb8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre (b08ns9p5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065xchl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 Foul Play (b00z4ftf)

Series 4

The Final Judgement

Crime writers Jessica Mann and James Melville investigate a distinctly 'kinky' matter.

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 (b01ckgfg)

Series 3

Robbed

The two friends, having discovered that their pensions are worthless, take every measure thinkable to survive.

Now Sam tries to remortgage their home...

Nigel William's retirement comedy series, starring Jonathan Pryce and Nicholas Le Prevost.

Peter Jonathan Pryce

Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

Mr Loomis Philip Jackson.

Producer: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

THU 15:00 Blue Veils and Golden Sands by Martyn Wade (b007jvh7)

One of the most colourful and interesting composers of electronic music, Delia Derbyshire was at the forefront of its development. She began with a 10 year 'attachment' to the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Delia is best remembered for her major part in realising BBC TV's distinctive theme for *Doctor Who* composed by Ron Grainer.

Starring Sophie Thompson.

Martyn Wade's drama tells her story of Delia's remarkable years before her early death at 64 in 2001.

Delia Sophie Thompson

Peter Kember Himself

Ron Grainer Martin Hyder

Producer Scott Brooksbank

Anthony Newley Stephen Critchlow

Adviser, arranger and composer of original music: Elizabeth Parker

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

THU 15:45 Short Works (m0022112)

The Stranger by Daisy Johnson

A young woman finds herself in an unusual flat share with a stranger to save money. It begins as a gentle romantic story, then twists into a suspenseful thriller.

Daisy Johnson is a multi-award-winning short story writer whose debut novel *Everything Under* was shortlisted for the 2018 *Man Booker Prize*.

Saffron Coomber starred in *Windrush* drama *Three Little Birds* and *Small Axe* by Steve McQueen.

Written by Daisy Johnson.

Read by Saffron Coomber.

Producer: Allegra McLroy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2024.

THU 16:00 Great Lives (m0013963)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:30 Arch Rivals (b0076qjk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

THU 17:00 Whodunnits (m000461y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 18:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002vx9v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7g0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 19:00 Hennikay (m001fwb8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre (b08ns9p5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 20:00 Foul Play (b00z4ftf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

THU 20:30 HR (b01ckgfg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

THU 21:00 Blue Veils and Golden Sands by Martyn Wade (b007jvh7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 21:45 Short Works (m0022112)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

THU 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002vmlf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 22:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002w2cq)

Chris Cantrell 2/3

Lou Conran chats with comedian Chris Cantrell about working with Amy Gledhill in double act *The Delightful Sausage*, and why he loves village life and being nose-y.

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

THU 22:30 Any Bloke (b007jxqg)

Series 1

Roots

Phil has promised to take Sophie to a local playgroup, but which one?

There's Oakwood where all the Volvos go or Foxgrove which is in the middle of a council estate...

Starring Jim Sweeney and Caroline Quentin.

Gary Brown's comedy series about family life in the 1990s.

Phil.....Jim Sweeney

Sarah.....Caroline Quentin

Fay.....Shirley Stelfox

Liam.....Steve Steen

Gerald.....Lloyd Peters

Gavin.....Paul Clarkson

Sophie.....Nadine Balantyne

Edna.....Yvonne Edgell

Brenda.....Toni Palmer

Carol.....Melanie Hudson

Stacey....Kim Barry

Producer: Ann Jobson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1993.

THU 23:00 Beyond The Back of Beyond (m002vxbc)

4. Mad

Lost in the Amazon jungle, malaria takes its toll on our explorers with somewhat startling side effects.

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

Mark Nell Warhurst

Brian Paul Barnhill

Mawa Jacey Salles

Luke Mark Benton

Joyce Marlene Sldaway

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.

THU 23:15 Life on Egg (b09k840g)

Series 1

Method

The Egg, floating on a giant prehistoric egg in the middle of the ocean, is Britain's most remote prison.

Harry Hill stars as the Governor.

When famous movie star Brad De Deprrio comes to visit The Egg in order to research a film role, the team are predictably excited to welcome him.

But will they be able to put up with his outrageous showbiz demands, especially when he asks to share a cell with The Egg's most dangerous prisoner?

Governor Harry Harry Hill

Anne Karen Bartke

Peter Marek Larwood

The Minister Tanya Moodie

Tim the Helicopter Pilot Dan Maier

Brad De Deprrio Demetri Goritsas

Written by Dan Maier

Producer: Sam Michell

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January 2018.

THU 23:30 Small Scenes (b071x4ny)

Series 3

Episode 1

More overblown, melodramatic scenes from modern life.

Meet the woman who uncovers the conspiracy behind cryptic crosswords - and a saxophonist tortured by his inability to play the solo from *Baker Street*

Plus what happens if you buy Chris de Burgh's old house?

Award-winning sketch show.

Starring:

Daniel Rigby

Mike Wozniak

Cariad Lloyd

Henry Paker

Jessica Ransom

Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike

Wozniak, with additional material from the cast.

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.

FRIDAY 08 MAY 2026

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FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (m0004fx7)

Stand By For West - Battle For Inspector West

7. Mastermind at Midnight

Supervillain Carosian's plans finally become evident.

But he's not the only mastermind behind the criminal enterprise.

Patrick Allen stars in the gripping conclusion.

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

Julietta Eva Stuart

Carosian Francis de Wolff

DS Hubert Gill Trevor Bannister

Arthur Morley Preston Lockwood

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1967.

FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (b014qncy)

A Case for Paul Temple

5. In Which Mr Layland Tells the Truth

Hot on the heels of the Valentine gang, Paul and Steve set out

on a high speed midnight drive to the coast.

In this 2011 recreation of the 1946 vintage crime serial, Paul

and Steve brave great danger to reveal the identity of the

mysterious West End drug dealer known only as 'Valentine'...

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Sheila Baxter Melody Grove

Mary Eliza Langland

Charles Kelvin Nick Underwood

Sir Gilbert Dryden Michael Mackenzie

Layland Robin Laing

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.

FRI 07:00 Dry Slopes (b00lr3nz)

Series 1

The Day of Judgement

Perpetually unemployed and friendless loser Angus Dry

agonises over the death of a bee.

Nick Ball's sitcom about the unemployed son of a high-flying

mother.

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 (b007jn7v)

Series 5

A Winter's Tale

Harold admits he's planning a holiday - but without his dad

Albert.

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

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in June 1974.

FRI 08:00 To Hull and Back (b09rx3vt)

Series 3

Last Chance Salon

On her way back from Hull station - after failing to get onto

Vidal Sassoon hairdressing course in London - Sophie is

knocked over by a car.

By way of compensation the driver, Alison, a frequent church-

goer, offers Sophie a disused hair salon she can access via her

church outreach work.

Sophie accepts Alison's offer. But with only a week to make it a

going concern, will she manage to make a success of it?

Starring Lucy Beaumont and Maureen Lipman.

Lucy Beaumont's warm-hearted sitcom about Sophie's efforts to

escape her overbearing mother, Sheila.

Sophie Lucy Beaumont

Sheila Maureen Lipman

Jean Kerrie Marsh

Ernie Norman Lovett

Alison Annie Sawle

Trish Debra Baker

Producer: Sam Michell

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

February 2018.

FRI 08:30 Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the

National Theatre (b08ns9w1)

5. 50 Years

Nicholas Hytner concludes his inside story of 12 years at the

helm of Britain's greatest theatre.

Recollections of the birth of NT Live and The National's 50th

Anniversary commemorations.

Intimate, candid and insightful, Balancing Acts is a passionate

exploration of the art and alchemy of making theatre.

Written and read by Nicholas Hytner

Producer: Simon Richardson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.

FRI 08:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065xk29)

10. Heartbreak and Escape

The final episode of Harper Lee's explosive second novel which

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.

But mid-50s 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.

Heartbroken after her fight with her father, Atticus, Jean

Louise packs for New York.

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 Brightly

(m0022kfw)

Series 1

2. The Best Friend I Locked Up

Challenged by Babs to find a single person he's never wronged,

Brightly's search leads them to Cornwall and to best friend Russ

Blackshark. Whilst Brightly and Babs re-run Russ's stag do,

Churlington gets into a spot of bother auditing the family tin

mine.

Lord Christian Brightly 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 Brightly 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 Brightly's

friends, family and the entirety of high society).

Written by Christian Brightly & Amy Greaves

Cast:

Lord Christian Brightly Christian Brightly

Babs Jessica Knappett

Churlington Colin McFarlane

Russ Blackshark David Reed

Reticent Tom Nimisha Odredra

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A DLT Entertainment Production for BBC Radio 4

Christian Brightly 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

(@brightlybuoy). 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 Hidden Histories of the Information Age

(b04m3jcy)

5. GPS

Aleks Krotoski explores technological innovations and cultural

events from the age of communication.

Soldiers traditionally learned to find their way around with a

compass and a map.

Aleks Krotoski explores how GPS transformed navigation

during the first Gulf War in 1991.

An early brick sized GPS device is on display in the

'Information Age' gallery at the Science Museum in London.

This gallery tells the story of the evolution in how we

communicate with each other. The objects in the

exhibition represent cultural moments from the last 200 years -

not just technological innovations.

Aleks Krotoski tells the story of the development of GPS, from

its first use by the US military to now being a part of every

modern mobile phone, with Dr Tilly Blyth and Dan Green of

the Science Museum, historian Professor Jeremy Black of

Exeter University and a British soldier whose life was saved by

it in the first Gulf War.

Producer: Deborah Cohen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002vymk)

Angels - Powerful Creatures

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Angels - Powerful Creatures

Presenter: Revd Dr Emma Whittick

Reading: Revelation 1: 1-11

Music:

Round the Lord in Glory Seated - Welsh Chamber Singers

Come Holy Ghost Our Souls Inspire - Cambridge King's

College Choir

Love Divine All Loves Excelling - Welsh Chamber Singers

FRI 10:00 Sunday Feature (b0857vwl)

David Attenborough - World Music Collector

David Attenborough reveals a side of himself that nobody

knows, as a collector of music from all over the world. We hear

the stories that surround it, and the music itself.

One of David Attenborough's first projects was 'Alan Lomax -

Song Hunter', a television series he produced in 1953

audiences. He received more public votes to be a New Elizabethan than anyone else in the 2012 Radio 4 series "The New Elizabethans" celebrating public figures to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Starting as a trainee producer at the BBC in 1952 making shows like 'Animal, Vegetable, Mineral' and 'Zoo Quest' he became Controller of BBC 2 in 1965. There he shook up the schedule, commissioning programmes such as 'Man Alive', 'Monty Python's Flying Circus' and 'Civilization'.

But despite being promoted to Director of Programmes for BBC 1 and 2 in 1969, Attenborough's heart lay in programme-making and he resigned from the BBC to present and write Life on Earth. This was the first in the Life series with unforgettable scenes such as Attenborough encountering Dian Fossey's mountain gorillas in Rwanda.

Since then, Attenborough's films have pushed the boundaries of wildlife film-making and his hushed tones enthusing about the natural world have earned him the title "greatest living national treasure".

The New Elizabethans have been chosen by a panel of leading historians, chaired by Lord (Tony) Hall, Chief Executive of London's Royal Opera House. The panellists were Dominic Sandbrook, Bamber Gascoigne, Sally Alexander, Jonathan Agar, Maria Misra and Sir Max Hastings.

They were asked to choose: "Men and women whose actions during the reign of Elizabeth II have had a significant impact on lives in these islands and/or given the age its character, for better or worse."

Presenter: James Naughtie

Producer: Clare Walker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

FRI 11:00 Whodunnits (m0004fx7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 11:30 Whodunnits (b014qncy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 12:00 Dry Slopes (b00lr3nz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jn7v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 13:00 To Hull and Back (b09rx3vt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre (b08ns9wl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065xk29)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 14:00 Percy Edwards Showdown (b00htwx7)

David Attenborough stars in a new role: radio quizmaster - in a show all about Percy Edwards, who enjoyed a 70 year career impersonating birds and beasts.

That was a first, and so is this programme - a documentary game-show, combining the strange story of Percy's life, with archive of his impersonations, interviews with those who knew him, and a quiz.

Contestants include: Bill Oddie and Alex Horne.

Sir David will play bird calls for the teams to identify, some of which will be Percy's impressions, so can they tell the difference? They will also be asked to identify circumstances - a cry of distress, alarm or a sexy song?

Woven into the rounds will be snippets about Percy's life and impact.

Percy discovered his talent for talking like animals aged seven. Eventually he could produce the sound of over 600 birds, and some other beasts (his was the voice of the killer whale in Orca, the alien in Alien and he provided sheep noises for Kate Bush's song The Dreaming).

Percy Edwards died aged 88 in 1996.

Producers: Emma Legg and Julian May

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

FRI 14:30 Time for Mrs Milliner (m002vymm)

Episode 3

A four-part comedy drama written by Lynne Truss, starring Jane Asher.

Susan is determined that for just 30-minutes each week she will sit down and enjoy her favourite TV show 'Mrs Milliner', set in the world of hat selling.

But every time she settles down to watch, somebody or something stops her - in this episode, she is yet again interrupted, this time by a rather forceful charity worker.

Meanwhile, the dynamic Mrs Milliner has secured a contract to be the sole provider of boaters for the 1928 British Olympic team, but to her annoyance most of the straw workers have been imprisoned after a general strike.

Mrs Milliner Jane Asher

Susan Caroline Harker

Gerald Jonathan Coy

Wendy Matilda Ziegler

Elsie Beth Chalmers

Joe Stephen Critchlow

Producer Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003

FRI 15:00 An End and a Beginning by Don Haworth (m002vymp)

Tom is an affable man in his middle 50s. He's worked happily for many years with a pipe laying gang.

The prospect of early retirement is not something he would look forward to.

Stars Bert Parnaby as Tom.

Written by Don Haworth.

Director: Richard Wortley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.

FRI 16:00 Sunday Feature (b0857wv1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:45 The New Elizabethans (b011jwmd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

FRI 17:00 Whodunnits (m0004fx7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Whodunnits (b014qncy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Dry Slopes (b00lr3nz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jn7v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 19:00 To Hull and Back (b09rx3vt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

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FRI 20:00 Percy Edwards Showdown (b00htwx7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Time for Mrs Milliner (m002vymm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 An End and a Beginning by Don Haworth (m002vymp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Many Wrongs of Lord Christian Brightly (m0022kfw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 22:30 Josh Howie's Losing It (m0000xx0)

Series 2

The Playgroup

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

Monique has work so Josh has to take their son to his playgroup single-handed.

What could possibly go wrong?

Sitcom starring Josh Howie and Pippa Evans.

Written by Josh Howie.

Josh Josh Howie

Monique Pippa Evans

With:

Paul Chahidi

Caroline Mabey

Natasha Radski

Xavi Spencer

Emma Jay Thomas

Producer: Ashley Blaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2018.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002w2ds)

Chris Cantrill 3/3

Lou Conran chats once again with comedian Chris Cantrill and tonight they're covering how to stay healthy at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and work-in-progress shows.

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

FRI 23:00 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007jlx9)

Series 2

Leonardo da Vinci

A profile of the Italian artist and scholar.

Was Leonardo da Vinci a genius or a hopeless absent-minded buffoon?

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

With:

Martin Hyder

Melanie Hudson

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2001.

FRI 23:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00bg3gf)

Series 2

Episode 1

Laura reveals 1001 uses for peas, misses a meeting and shuns a caravan owner.

Award-winning comedian Laura Solon's sketch and character comedy series

With:

Rosie Cavaliero

Ben Moor

Ben Willbond

Written by Laura Solon. With additional material by Holly

Walsh and Jon Hunter.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.