

SATURDAY 09 MAY 2026

SAT 00:00 Sunday Feature (b0857wv1)

David Attenborough - World Music Collector
Sir David Attenborough reveals a side of himself that nobody knows.
He's a collector of music from all over the world.
Hear the stories that surround it, and the music itself.
One of David's first projects was 'Alan Lomax - Song Hunter', a TV series he produced in 1953-4. The famous collector of the blues and folk music of America gathered traditional musicians from all over Britain and Ireland and, for the first time, they appeared on TV. David loved the music, the people and, inspired by Lomax, he became music collector himself.
From the start, there was a connection between wildlife and folk culture broadcasting: BBC natural history staff shared an office, and equipment, with colleagues busy recording traditional songs, tunes and stories. Soon after 'Song Hunter' Attenborough began travelling the world for the series 'Zoo Quest'.
This time the hunt was for animals, captured live for London Zoo. The series also looked at the culture of local people and if he came across music Attenborough recorded it. In Paraguay he met some amazing harp players and recorded what became the series' signature tune. This started a craze. Remember Los Trios Paraguayos?
Wherever he went to make programmes David Attenborough recorded musicians. When the lads carrying the crew's baggage in New Guinea started singing, he taped them. He recorded songs in Borneo longhouses, drumming in Sierra Leone, gamelan music in Java, Aboriginal didgeridoo players and palace music in Tonga.
Attenborough gave the music to the BBC and it has sat, unheard, in the Sound Library ever since. Now he listens again to recordings he made half a century ago. He reveals the memories and stories they evoke, and his delight in the music.
Producer: Julian May
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.
SAT 00:45 The New Elizabethans (b01ljwmd)
David Attenborough
The New Elizabethans: Sir David Attenborough is Britain's well-known broadcaster and naturalist whose landmark Life series changed the way we watched TV and attracted record 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 panelists 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.
SAT 01:00 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
Julieta 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.
SAT 01:30 Whodunnits (b014qncy)
Paul Temple - A Case for Paul Temple
5. In Which Mr Layland Tells the Truth
Hot on the heels of the Valentine gang, Paul and Steve Temple set out on a high-speed midnight drive to the coast.
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
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.
SAT 02:00 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.
SAT 02:30 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.
SAT 03:00 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.
SAT 03:30 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.
SAT 03:45 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (b065xk29)
10. Heartbreak and Escape
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 to Maycomb for her annual visit home.
Feeling heartbroken after fighting with her father, Atticus, Jean Louise packs for New York.
Abridged by Robin Brooks
Concluded by Fenella Woolgar.
Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.
SAT 04:00 Percy Edwards Showdown (b00htwx7)
Sir David Attenborough stars in a new role: radio quizmaster. This show is 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.
With:
Bill Oddie
Alex Horne
Philippa Forrester
Mark Cocker
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 in 1996 aged 88.
Producers: Emma Legg / Julian May
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.
SAT 04:30 Time for Mrs Milliner (m002yymm)
Episode 3
The dynamic Mrs Milliner has secured a contract to be the sole provider of boaters for the 1928 British Olympic team. She's annoyed to discover most of the straw workers have been imprisoned after a general strike!
Just as Susan settles down to watch - once again she's interrupted by a rather forceful charity worker.
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
Wendy Matilda Ziegler
Elsie Beth Chalmers
Joe Stephen Critchlow
Producer Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003
SAT 05:00 An End and a Beginning by Don Haworth (m002vypm)
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.
SAT 06:00 The Milk of Paradise by Alain-Fournier (m002w5k2)
Augustin Meaulnes spends a night at the old chateau.
During a fancy-dress party for a vanished bride, he has a brief but fateful encounter with the lovely Yvonne.
To his friend Francois Seurel (the narrator), this seems the very stuff of fantasy.
Yet time is to prove it real - and for Francois, the watcher over four lives - too real...
A bewitching tale of a young man's dream of happiness.
Starring Timothy Bateson, Albert Finney and Clare Austin.
Alain Fournier's novel Le Grand Meaulnes, first published in 1913.
Translated and adapted by Barbara Bray.
Francois Seurel ... Timothy Bateson
Augustin Meaulnes ... Albert Finney
Yvonne de Galais ... Clare Austin
Jasmin Delouche ... John Scott
M. Seurel ... Frederick Treves
Mme. Seurel ... Catherine Salkeld
Aunt Moineau ... Dorothy Green
Frantz de Galais ... Lyndon Brook
Mme. Meaulnes ... Mary Morell
Desnoues / Uncle Florentin ... Frank Windsor
M. de Galais / Man ... Duncan McIntyre
Ganache / Doctor ... John Cazabon
Firmin ... David Spenser
Marie Louise / Girl 1 ... Patricia Leventon
Peasant Woman / Girl 2 ... Hilda Schroder
Boy 1 ... Anthony Adams
Boy 2 ... Jean England
Boy 3 ... Peter Wilde
Boy 4 ... Clive Parritt
Music composed by Elizabeth Poston. Conducted by Douglas Robinson.
Producer: Barbara Bray
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1959.
SAT 07:45 Archive on 4 (m002w5k4)
Not a Penny off the Pay, Not a Second on the Day
**** BBC Radio 4 Extra marks the centenary of the United Kingdom's only General Strike: 4th-12th May 1926.
Tony Benn explores the causes behind and the legacy of the

1926 General Strike - a dispute which divided the country along class lines.

While miners said that they would rather starve than concede, for some it was just a kind of game, with volunteers fulfilling boyhood dreams by driving trams, buses and trains.

As well as being a pivotal moment for the development of British industrial relations, it was also important for the future of the BBC.

Producer: Andrea Kidd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

SAT 08:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrx8)

9. Roger the Commando

"I'm here to acquaint you with the details of your forthcoming Court Martial."

Now fully recovered, Albert must testify in court...

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

Tom Fosdyke David Threlfall

Albert Fosdyke Enn Reitel

Roger Ditchley Christian Rodska

The Sergeant Trevor Cooper

Schmidt David Timson

Colonel Booodle Larry Lamb

The Judge David Ross

Other parts played by Nick Revell and Sally Grace.

Producer: Alan Nixon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1983.

SAT 09:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show

(b01j9t01)

Series 1

Episode 1

Much-loved comedy duo Eric and Ernie begin their series - trying to work out when they were last on the radio.

But in surprise news, their bachelor flat-share is looking under threat.

Written by Eddie Braben.

Special singing guests: Peters and Lee.

With:

Anne Hamilton

Michael Segal

Arthur Tolcher

Music by Dennis Wilson & His Orchestra.

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1975.

SAT 09:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000pbcy)

Series 4

Episode 13

Kenneth Horne tells the story of Hans Liszt – and Hornerama takes a look at British customs.

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 January 1961

SAT 10:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000h1z5)

2: Strange Days

Had singer Jim Morrison of The Doors not died in mysterious circumstances at the tender age of 27 in 1971 - he would have turned 75 in 2018.

In the second of three programmes, Paul Gambaccini mixes the music and poetry of the man with the influences that moulded the self-proclaimed 'The Lizard King'.

In addition to sharing memories and observations, Paul delves into the BBC archive:

* THE MARRIAGE OF HEAVEN AND HELL'

A unique interpretation of William Blake's 18th century masterpiece

[BBC Radio 3 29/03/1995]

* 'DREADZONE ALDOUS HUXLEY READINGS'

Greg Roberts [now Greg Dread] reads excerpts from 'Brave New World'

[BBC Radio 1 1995]

Producer: Mik Wilkojc

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

SAT 11:00 The Milk of Paradise by Alain-Fournier

(m002w5k2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:45 Archive on 4 (m002w5k4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:45 today]

SAT 13:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrx8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show

(b01j9t01)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000pbcy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000h1z5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Death Duty by Michael Butt (b02x98fc)

In a desperate bid for water, a city-state plagued by drought has instituted a system of so-called Gifts, a weekly lottery that leads to the sacrifice of its young men.

But the Gifts aren't working, and when the man in charge of the system sees his son's number called up, his faith is sorely tested.

Written by Michael Butt.

Edmund Nicholas Jones

Kenny Will Howard

Marianne Christine Absalom

Shelley Tracy Wiles

Lucy Amaka Okafor

Minister Sean Murray

Mr Greene Paul Stonehouse

Mrs Greene Philippa Stanton

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2013.

SAT 16:45 The Dauntless Girl by Kevin Crossley-Holland

(m002w5k6)

"She is afraid of nothing, nothing live or dead".

A young woman completes a challenge of collecting a skull bone from the 'dead-house' for her master. Word of her courage spreads.

Tale of the supernatural written by Kevin Crossley-Holland.

Based on an original British folk story.

Read by John Nettles.

Producer: Nigel Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.

SAT 17:00 The Milk of Paradise by Alain-Fournier

(m002w5k2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:45 Archive on 4 (m002w5k4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:45 today]

SAT 19:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrx8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show

(b01j9t01)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000pbcy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000h1z5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz (m0016hfl)

Series 1

Round 1: Literature

The problem with quizzes is that the same questions keep coming up!

Like "What's the name of the only member of ZZ Top without a beard?"

So the more quizzes you do, the more predictable they get.

Luckily, here comes quizzer, comedian and Rose d'Or winner Paul Sinha with a solution!

In each episode, Paul invites the audience to tell him their favourite quiz questions, before offering up not just different and surprising questions, but also the fascinating stories behind the answers.

The first show is full of questions for the Literature Round of the quiz. Paul asks about the first work of sci-fi to depict a flight to the moon, an author's curiously-labelled filing cabinet and the best-selling British writer still alive at the time of recording.

The audience, meanwhile, contribute questions about unusual verbs, literary hotels, and the works of Eric Morecambe.

It's facts, jokes, stories and puns – just the way you like them.

Written and performed by Paul Sinha.

Additional material by Oliver Levy.

Additional questions: The Audience.

Original music by Tim Sutton

Producer: Ed Morrish

A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2022.

SAT 22:30 Ivo Graham's Obsessions (m000d85z)

Joe Lycett's Obsessions - Series 2

Nina Wadia and Elis James

Joe Lycett is back to explore the nation's weird and wonderful obsessions.

He's joined on the sofa by a selection of famous and not-so-famous guests.

Actress Nina Wadia shares her love of driving holidays, whilst comedian Elis James reveals his obsession with Welsh football shirts.

Joe also welcomes members of the public sharing their secret passions, as well as this week's VOP (very obsessed person), Paul Jordan, who has a PHD in Eurovision.

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 (b04p85z2)

Series 2

Point of No Return

After a mere 21 years of service the Wrigglesworth dishwasher has finally packed in.

So Mr Wrigglesworth is bringing Tom's mum and his gran down to London to have it out with the manufacturers at the Ideal Home Show.

A visit which is made inordinately complicated by Mr Wrigglesworth's ambitious travel plans...

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 (b07h1k5h)

Series 5

Wey Hey, It's Saturday

A special train gets named, while Aaron the Aardvark very grudgingly joins the Saturday kids show.

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 Steve Brown, Philip Pope and Geoffrey Perkins.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with John Cantor, John Docherty and Moray Hunter.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1985.

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(m002w5k2)

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SUN 02:45 Archive on 4 (m002w5k4)

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SUN 03:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrx8)

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SUN 04:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show

(b01j9t01)

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SUN 04:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000pbcy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000h1z5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002w5nt)

Naturalist Castaways

Helen Macdonald

Writer and naturalist Helen Macdonald is castaway by Lauren Laverne.

Helen is best known as the author of H is for Hawk which won the 2014 Samuel Johnson Prize and the Costa Book Award, and topped the sales charts. The book chronicles her experiences training a goshawk called Mabel while grieving for her late father.

Helen's father was a staff photographer at the Daily Mirror and her mother was a journalist on local newspapers. In 1975, when Helen was five, her parents bought a house in Terkel's Park, an estate owned by the Theosophical Society.

It was here that Helen became a keen bird watcher and developed a love of the natural world, spending her days in fields and meadows where she collected specimens which she brought home to study.

At the age of 12, she helped out at a local falconry centre and trained her first hawk, a kestrel called Amy. After graduating from Cambridge, she worked for the National Avian Research Centre in Wales before returning to academia.

Her father's death in 2007 prompted Helen to buy Mabel and bring her home to live with her. Training Mabel was Helen's way of dealing with her grief during what she describes as a very dark period of her life. The relationship between her and Mabel became so intense that she says she became more hawk than human.

Helen continues to write books and essays and present programmes about the natural world. She lives in Suffolk with two parrots she calls the Bugs.

DISC ONE: Wayfaring Stranger by Rhiannon Giddens With Francesco Turrisi

DISC TWO: Lully: Le Triomphe de l'Amour: Prélude pour la nuit, composed by Jean-Baptiste Lully, performed by Capriccio

Stravagante Les 24 Violons, directed by Skip Sempé

DISC THREE: Michelangelo by The 23rd Turnoff

DISC FOUR: Ocean by The Velvet Underground

DISC FIVE: 'Corelli' Variations, Op. 42, composed by Sergei

Rachmaninov, performed by Vladimir Ashkenazy (piano)

DISC SIX: When We Were Wolves by My Latest Novel

DISC SEVEN: Point of View Point by Cornelius

DISC EIGHT: Time by Hans Zimmer

BOOK CHOICE: The Karla Trilogy by John Le Carré

LUXURY ITEM: Luxury bedding

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: 'Corelli' Variations, Op. 42, composed by Sergei Rachmaninov, performed by Vladimir Ashkenazy (piano)
 Producer: Paula McGinley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2021.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m45d2)
 Series 1
 Faking Fossils
 Sir David recalls a key moment in his life, when he broke open a piece of Leicestershire limestone and there in his hand was an ammonite.
 Over the intervening years, fossils have fascinated him and he has become a great collector, even of the odd fake.
 Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.
 Producer: Julian Hector
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002w5nw)
 Stories In Verse - Robert Stephens reads Browning and Longfellow
 Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC World Service poetry archive and selects: Stories in Verse:
 * The Pied Piper of Hamlyn by Robert Browning
 * King Robert of Sicily by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.
 The poems are read by Robert Stephens.
 Presented and produced by Joy Boatman.
 First Broadcast on the BBC World Service in 1993.
SUN 07:30 Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre (Omnibus) (b08ps6qw)
 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 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 about probing Shakespeare from every angle and reinventing the classics - as well as 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.
 Omnibus of five episodes
 Nicholas begins by describing his typical day as Director of the National Theatre.
 Producer: Simon Richardson.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2017.
SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002w5ny)
 Mika
 Lebanese-born musician Mika, inherits 'Smells Like Teen Spirit' by Nirvana and passes on 'Pata Pata' by Miriam Makeba.
SUN 08:50 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (Omnibus) (b0671f8p)
 2. Alabama's Race Relations
 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.
 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, she pays a visit to the woman who raised her.
 The family's old housekeeper Calpurnia opens Jean Louise's eyes to the realities of race-relations in her home-state.
 Omnibus of the last five of ten parts abridged by Robin Brooks.
 Concluded by Fenella Woolgar
 Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.
SUN 10:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00nyzjd)
 Clean Linen
 A mix-up at the launderette sparks a whole pile of embarrassment for Joe and Ethel Huggett.
 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
 Jane Alanna Boyce
 Bobby James Langley
 Fred Stebbings Charles Leno
 Detective Alan Keith
 Producer: Jacques Brown
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1959.
SUN 10:30 Frankie Howerd (m002w5p0)
 From 31/07/1966
 The King of Titters has troubles with this landlady!

But he still has time to act as a London tour guide....
 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 15:30 Frankie Howerd (m002w5p0)
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SUN 16:00 Terry Pratchett (b010v5f8)
 Night Watch
 5. Deadline
 Commander Sam Vimes of the City Watch has been thrown back into his own past
 But time is running out there for him to undo the harm done by arch-enemy Carcer, before coming back to his present...
 Conclusion of 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 Onuwkwe
 Reg Shoe Joseph Kloska
 Major Clive Peter Marinker
 Lady Mesarole Rachel Atkins
 Director: Claire Grove
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.
SUN 16:30 Fear on 4 (b007jn40)
 Series 2
 St. Austin Friars
 The Reverend Martin Williams is increasingly disturbed by extra-ordinary events at his church.
 He's determined to find out what's happening but soon discovers he's bitten off more than he can chew...
 The Man in Black sets the scene...
 Fear on 4 brings you more in a series of nerve-tinglers.
 Written by Robert Westal and dramatised by Stephen Wyatt
 The Man In Black Edward de Souza
 Rev Martin Williams Michael Maloney
 Mrs Sheila Williams Melinda Walker
 Larry Harper Michael Deacon
 Phillips Geoffrey Whitehead
 Rubens Clifford Norgate
 Betyl John Moffat
 William Henry Drogo David March
 Miss Drogo (Celicia) Margaret Robertson
 The Police Sergeant Michael Graham Cox
 Secretary Jo Kendall
 Bishop Norman Bird
 Director: Martin Jenkins
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1989.
SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002w5nt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m45d2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m002w5nw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
SUN 18:30 Balancing Acts: Behind the Scenes at the National Theatre (Omnibus) (b08ps6qw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002w5ny)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]
SUN 19:50 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (Omnibus) (b0671f8p)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]
SUN 21:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00nyzjd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:30 Frankie Howerd (m002w5p0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
SUN 22:00 Revolting People (b007jzgg)
 Series 1
 A Helluva Lot of Storm Clouds
 Cora discovers she is pregnant, which is embarrassing as she and Ezekiel haven't yet consummated their marriage.
 Meanwhile Mary and Captain Brimshaw can hardly control their passion.
 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
 Doctor Rutledge Philip Pope
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.
SUN 22:30 Alun Cochrane's Fun House (b01rvpvt)
 The Bathroom
 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 bathroom.
 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.
 Written by 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 (b03vd7cx)
 Series 3
 The After-Dinner
 The tranquility of the Trench household is breached once again when Damien's mother calls to say she's coming to stay while Damien's father is on a silent retreat.
 No sooner has she arrived than she starts setting about trying to be helpful, which only irritates Damien more.
 So he's forced to spend some time away by accepting the offer of an after-dinner speaking engagement, something he's never tried before...
 Sitcom written by and starring Miles Jupp, charting the life of cookery writer Damien Trench and his partner Anthony.
 Damien Trench Miles Jupp
 Anthony Justin Edwards
 Ian Frobisher Philip Fox
 Damien's mother Selina Cadell
 Jennifer Priyanga Burford
 Heckler David Seddon
 Nigel Thingummy Michael Bertenshaw
 Producer: Sam Michell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.
SUN 23:30 Paperback Hell (m000p7cb)
 Series 3
 Deadline: News
 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: the exciting world of the BBC foreign correspondent, as John Thomas reads from his autobiography: Deadline: News.
 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 2005.
SUN 23:45 Bunk Bed (m001pmn8)
 Series 10
 Episode 5
 Late at night, in the dark and in a bunk bed, your tired mind can wander through strange territory before you drift off.
 Patrick Marber and Peter Curran muse on the advantages of having once been 'Big in the 1990s', and about Toyah and Robert Fripp.
 Squeamish chuckles about finding death in the countryside, and Patrick winning a Tony Award in New York in 2023.
 Producer: Peter Curran
 A Foghorn production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2023.

MONDAY 11 MAY 2026

MON 00:00 Terry Pratchett (b010v5f8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]
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MON 03:50 Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee (Omnibus) (b0671f8p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Meet the Huggets (b00nyvzd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Frankie Howerd (m002w5p0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b09rzxgl)

A Charles Paris Mystery - Dead Room Farce

1. Sabotage?

A series of nasty accidents befall the cast of the play Charles set to appear in.

Is it bad luck or is someone out to sabotage the production?

As ever, Charles is his own worst enemy, a louche lush who can resist anything except temptation especially in the form of women and alcohol. His intentions may be good but somehow the results always go wrong.

He's been out of work so long now he feels he may never get a job and he's driving Frances his semi-ex-wife mad.

So when he's offered a small role in an awful play up in

Rugland she nearly pushes him out the door.

But as always with Charles murder is never far behind.

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

Simon Brett's mystery novel, first published in 1997.

Dramatised in four parts by Jeremy Front.

Charles Paris Bill Nighy

Frances Suzanne Burden

Maurice Jon Glover

Suzi Jan Ravens

Freddie Philip Bretherton

Tony Clive Hayward

Mark Rupert Holliday Evans

Lisa Isabella Inghbal

Cabbie David Reakes

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2018

MON 06:30 Whodunnits (b0151nxt)

Paul Temple - A Case for Paul Temple

6. In Which Valentine Strikes

Sir Graham joins Paul Temple to look for the gang's hideaway - but they fall into a deadly trap.

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

Sheila Baxter Melody Grove

Mary Eliza Langland

Charles Kelvin Nick Underwood

Layland Robin Laing

Sergeant Turner Michael Mackenzie

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.

MON 07:00 Educated Evans by Edgar Wallace (b03yzlyf)

A Judge of Racing

Can the 1920s tipster help a friend in trouble and acquire

valuable information along the way?

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

Justice Belfont - Simon Treves

Mrs Clunes - Elizabeth Mansfield

Mr Chubble-Chine - Jeremy Browne

Music by Philip Glassborow and Rick Cardinall.

Director: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1996.

MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jggq)

Series 2

The Day the Balloon Went Up

The Verger gets tied up with disastrous consequences. Can the platoon set him free? And where will they hide the barrage balloon?

Captain Mainwaring gets carried away with the platoon's war effort.

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

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

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee

Vicar Frank Williams

The Verger Edward Sinclair

Squadron Leader Michael Knowles

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975.

MON 08:00 The Architects (b03zdkk7)

Series 1

Multi-Faith

25 years on, Sir Lucien is still bitter about the rejection of his designs for Shakespeare's Globe in reinforced concrete. Finally he's going to do something about it.

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

Justin Ben Crowe

Planning Officer Carolyn Pickles

Dawn Susie Riddell

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2014.

MON 08:30 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (b092cnpl)

1. Bittersweet

Comedian, actor and writer Robert Webb looks back on his bittersweet childhood in Lincolnshire.

He also shares wise words on masculinity's pitfalls.

Best known for his work with David Mitchell on BBC Radio 4's award winning That Mitchell and Webb Sound and Channel 4

TV's Peep Show, Robert has written a memoir that is both laugh out loud funny and powerfully moving and tender.

An uneasy early childhood growing up in Lincolnshire, is followed by schoolboy crushes on girls and boys, to discovering a talent for making people laugh, to grief, and to becoming a husband and father.

As his life story unfolds, Robert questions the expectations thrust on boys and men and reflects on how these have shaped the man he is today.

Abridged in five parts by Richard Hamilton.

Written and read by Robert Webb.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

MON 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b00zzsdg)

Series 1

1. Life in Knightsbridge

Ada Levenson's witty and wonderful social comedy begins in 1908, set in Edwardian London.

Bruce and Edith are known as 'The Little Ottleys'.

Pretty and delightful Edith Otley is married to pompous Bruce.

She adores her son, Archie and thinks herself content with her life in the very new, very concise, very white flat in Knightsbridge but often thought that if Hyacinth Verney wasn't a friend, life would be very dull.

The beautiful and wealthy Hyacinth is in love with Cecil Reeve but it appears he is love with someone else. Is Hyacinth's heart destined to remain broken?

As Edith ponders on Hyacinth's dilemma, she finds her own heart suddenly beating that bit faster when she meets the clever, charming and very handsome Aylmer Ross.

Dramatised in five episodes by Martyn Wade.

Ada Levenson Haydn Gwynne

Bruce Bertie Carvel

Edith Juliet Aubrey

Hyacinth Alex Treegar

Cecil Stuart McLoughlin

Anne Jane Whittenshaw

Eugenia Joanna Monro

Taken from three short novels written by Ada Levenson

between 1908 and 1916:

* Love's Shadow

* Tenterhooks

* Love At Second Sight

They were grouped together in 1962 under the title of 'The Little Ottleys'.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m002vx46)

Series 33

2. Pets, The Brain, Breakfast and Shopping

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.

Alan Davies, Celya AB, Ian Smith and Angela Barnes are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as pets, the brain, breakfast and shopping.

The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4

MON 09:30 How to Have a Better Brain (b065ssr8)

1. Exercise

Evidence-based, information-rich and full of smart tips and techniques, this series delivers a practical and optimistic guide to boosting brain power throughout our lives.

Drawing on the latest neurological research into protecting and preserving cognitive function, journalist and broadcaster Sian Williams (currently studying for an MSc in Psychology) investigates the best ways to avert, and in some cases even reverse, mental deterioration.

Sian begins by analysing the importance of physical exercise to brain health.

With:

* Dr Alan Gow

* Dr Hannah Critchlow

* Neuropsychologist Dr Catherine Loveday

* Her mum, Scilla, a former Consultant Psychiatrist who's using exercise to combat her memory loss.

Producer: Dixi Stewart

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002w5t1)

Wellbeing: Burnout

Deacon Judith Marshall, City Centre Minister in Leeds, leads a service focussed on Wellbeing about burnout.

Judith considers Jesus' words in Matthew 11, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Theme: Wellbeing: Burnout

Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

Music

I heard the voice of Jesus say - St Martin's Voices

To be in your presence - Noel Richards

My Peace I give you - Reading Phoenix Choir

MON 10:00 Last Chance to See (m0002c9r)

Ralph, The Fragrant Parrot of Codfish Island

First in a series of six quests in search of weird, exotic and endangered animals.

With writer Douglas Adams and conservationist Mark Carwardine

The duo head to New Zealand in search of the endangered Kakapo.

He is large, green and has forgotten how to fly, which is worrying as there are fewer than 50 kakapos left.

With Peter Jones.

Producer: Gaynor Shutte

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1989.

MON 10:30 The Thrilla in Manila (b01rr48f)

Manila, 1975. President Ferdinand Marcos maintains a tight grip over his nation.

For three years martial law has silenced opposition and strengthened his rule but what he longs for most is international prestige and national love.

What he needs is the greatest sporting event his nation has ever seen. A titanic clash between the two greatest heavyweights of their day, Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier.

The whole world would watch as one of boxing's most brutal and legendary fights unfolded, but how on earth did the fight ever take place?

John McDonald gets the inside story from those commanded by the Philippines dictator to make boxing history.

Producer: Mark Burman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b09rzxgl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Whodunnits (b0151nxt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 Educated Evans by Edgar Wallace (b03yzlyf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jggq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 The Architects (b03zdkk7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (b092cnpl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 The Little Ottleys (b00zzsdg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b01457q5)

Series 61

Episode 5

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

With:

Tony Hawks

Gyles Brandreth

Pam Ayres

Miles Jupp

Subjects include: Dr Johnson, French Toast, My High Visibility

Jacket, Grunting Female Tennis Players, Between the Lines,

The Folly of Youth and Skinny Dipping

Created by Ian Messier.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.

MON 14:30 Miracles R Us (b00sjpjd)

Postcards

A woman engages Caroline to stay in her Sussex cottage to post daily pre-written postcards to her husband at home.

Caroline and Sylvia are dubious but need the cash. They gain her assurance and promise not to draw attention to themselves.

So it's off for a well-paid long weekend away.

What could possibly go wrong?

Starring Anna Massey and Deborah Findlay.

Comedy about two women who run a cleaning service together by Lesley Bruce.

Sylvia Anna Massey

Caroline Deborah Findlay

Vivi / Mrs Davies Gabrielle Lloyd

Constable Galloway Alex Lowe

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.

MON 15:00 Drama on 4 (m00026lj)

The Bottle Factory Outing by Beryl Bainbridge

Actors Maxine Peake and Diane Morgan met auditioning at drama school, where they fell in love with a darkly comic novel. English writer Beryl Bainbridge's 'The Bottle Factory Outing' was first published in 1974 and shortlisted for the Booker Prize. Maxine and Diane have wanted to play the two hapless yet hilarious central characters, ever since.

Freda and Brenda are two young women, living in a cramped North London bedsit, working in a wine-bottling factory.

And so here they are, performing it at the BBC Radio Theatre, where they start by introducing it to the audience and talking about their love for the book and what makes it so good.

With Sue Johnston as the narrator of the book, and Jonathan Keeble as all the male characters.

Abridged by Abigail Youngman.

Freda Maxine Peake

Brenda Diane Morgan

Narrator Sue Johnston

Butcher/ Rossi/ Patrick/ Vittorio/ Brenda's Dad..... Jonathan Keeble

Producer: Beth O'Dea

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

MON 15:45 Short Works (m00244xh)

Swimming Lessons by Elly Griffiths

Maggie has taken early retirement and left London to spend more time with her mother by the coast.

After her city life as a doctor, she now faces her anxieties - while building her relationship with her not always easy mum.

A warm and delicately moving story by the award-winning author Elly Griffiths of the Ruth Galloway thriller series.

Read by Rosie Cavaliero.

Producer: Allegra Mellroy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2024.

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MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b01457q5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

MON 20:30 Miracles R Us (b00sjpjd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

MON 21:00 Drama on 4 (m00026lj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

MON 21:45 Short Works (m00244xh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m002vx46)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 22:30 Sindhustan (b0b930kz)

Unmarried Freaky Giant

Stand-up comedian Sindhu Vee considers the subject of marriage.

As an Indian woman growing up in the 1970s and 1980s, Sindhu was naturally heading for an arranged marriage.

But at 5'10" in a country where the average woman is just 5 feet tall, she posed an enormous problem for her mother.

Who was going to be the lucky guy?

Written and performed by Sindhu Vee.

Script Editor: Robin Morgan

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2018.

MON 22:45 Jessica Fostekew: Sturdy Girl Club (m001kpts)

Series 1

2. Powerlifting

Jessica Fostekew's stand-up series looking at women's weightlifting continues, with an introduction to Powerlifting - squat, bench press and deadlift.

We hear from one of the top-ranking strongest female Powerlifters in Britain - 'Princess of Iron' Sharon Eggleton.

Plus comedian and fanatical powerlifter Fern Brady, on just how brilliant and grounding it is to feel strong, not enjoying being a team player and how the rise in female take-up of the sport is beginning to counter the toxic masculinity of the free-

weights area.

Written and performed by Jessica Fostekew.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

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

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002whs3)

Amy Mason 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering speaks to writer and comedian Amy Mason.

MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m002vxdz)

Series 120

4. The people have spoken

Recorded on Friday morning. Andy and the panel dig into the election results from 7 May. Who's done well? Who's done not so well? And how does this have anything to do with The Grand National? Also up for discussion is the Met Gala and the legend that is Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday.

Written by Andy Zaltzman.

With additional material by: Mike Shephard, Cameron Loxdale, Stephanie Kemp and Angela Channell

Producer: Georgia Keating

Executive Producer: Pete Strauss

Production Coordinator: Asha Osborne-Grinter

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

Recorded by Jerry Peal and Jon Calver

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k4j3)

Series 2

The Coach Trip

The Museum's annual away day heads to a medieval fayre in Chaversham.

Written and performed by:

Marcus Brigstocke

Danny Robins

Dan Tetsell

With Lucy Montgomery.

Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

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Steve Gerda Stevenson

Sir Graham Gareth Thomas

Major Peters Greg Powrie

Supt. Wetherby Richard Greenwood

Sheila Baxter Melody Grove

Mary Eliza Langland

Charles Kelvin Nick Underwood

Sir Gilbert Dryden Michael Mackenzie

Jules Condré John Paul Hurley

Supt. Bradley Simon Tait

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.

TUE 07:00 Minor Adjustment (b0b3jncg)

At the End of the Rainbow

Richard gets exciting news from Hollywood and his wildest dreams seem about to come true.

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

Joel Bennett Kerry Shale

Nick Kim Wall

Dr Thompson Rachel Preece

Charlotte's Mother Patience Tomlinson

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1996.

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (m001t937)

Vintage Goons

The Missing 10 Downing Street

10 Downing Street is missing. Can Inspector Seagood and Eccles solve the case?

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 Walter Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Roy Spear

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 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 (m001ypzj)

Series 8

5. The Make Off

Policeman turned stand-up Alfie Moore takes his audience through more real-life crime scenarios.

When does forgetting to pay become a police matter? Accidentally walked off with bottle that's not been scanned? Put a croissant through as a roll? Forgot to pay for your petrol?

Alfie explores the legal ins and outs of the 'make off'.

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 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (b092f8wp)

2. The Decision

Recalling his school years - Robert Webb reaches a tough decision and a new talent is uncovered.

Meanwhile, the conventional demands of masculinity prove confounding as he reflects on the relationships that will define him in later years.

Robert reads his own funny and moving memoir.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

TUE 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b0100214)

Series 1

2. The Dinner Party

At a dinner party thrown by the Mitchells, the clever, charming and very handsome Aylmer Ross makes quite an impression on

both Bruce and Edith Ottley.
Ada Levenson's witty and wonderful social comedy set in Edwardian London.
Dramatised by Martyn Wade.
Ada Levenson Haydn Gwynne
Bruce Bertie Carvel
Edith Juliet Aubrey
Aylmer Jonathan Firth
Hyacinth Alex Tregear
Anne Jane Whittenshaw
Cecil Stuart McLoughlin
Director: Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.
TUE 09:00 Nature Table (m002vycw)
Series 5
5: Mind-controlling Caffeine & Kinky Lamprey
In this episode Sue hears about mind-controlling Caffeine, kinky Lamprey, Poisonous tomatoes and sassy Sticklebacks.
'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: comedian and singer Jordan Gray, ethnobotanist James Wong and wildlife cameraman and fish expert Jack Perks.
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: Jordan Gray, James Wong & Jack Perks.
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 How to Have a Better Brain (b065v44t)
2. Relaxation
Evidence-based, information-rich and full of smart tips and techniques, this series delivers a practical and optimistic guide to boosting brain power throughout our lives.
Drawing on the latest neurological research into protecting and preserving cognitive function, journalist and broadcaster Sian Williams (currently studying for an MSc in Psychology) investigates the best ways to avert, and in some cases even reverse, mental deterioration.
This time, Sian analyses the importance of stress management to brain health.
With:
* Dr Annette Bruhl
* Dr Hannah Critchlow
* Neuropsychologist Dr Catherine Loveday
* Her mum, Scilla, a former Consultant Psychiatrist who's using exercise to combat her memory loss.
Producer: Dixi Stewart
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.
TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002w5x0)
Wellbeing: Breathe
Corin Pilling, Officer for Vocational Flourishing at the Methodist Church, leads a service focussed on Wellbeing about breathe. He explores the vision of the valley of dry bones in Ezekiel chapter 37, and the promise, "I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life."
Theme: Wellbeing: Breathe
Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-6
Music:
O God our Help in Ages Past - Lou Fellingham
Great are you Lord - Sons & Daughters
Breathe on me Breath of God - Maranatha Vocal Band
TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m001w73r)
Joe Talbot and Nancy Medina
Artistic Director of Bristol Old Vic, Nancy Medina and Idle band member Joe Talbot join Harriett Gilbert to discuss their favourite choose books by Junot Diaz, Bell Hooks and Douglas Adams
The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz
Publisher: Faber
All About Love by Bell Hooks
Publisher: William Morrow
The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy by Douglas Adams
Publisher: Pan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2024.
TUE 10:30 The First Private Eye (b00768yq)
Crime writer Val McDermid launches her own private investigation into the life of Allan Pinkerton
He was the Glasgow-born man who gave the world the term "private eye".
He also brought his own particular brand of justice to the Wild West.
'Queen of Crime' Val McDermid is the creator of 'Karen Pirie' and 'Wire in the Blood'.
Producer: Lynsey Moyes
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.
TUE 11:00 Whodunnits (b09sqvxx)
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TUE 11:30 Whodunnits (b015cmrw)

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TUE 13:45 The Little Ottleys (b0100214)
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TUE 14:00 Hoax! (m002w5x3)
From 9/1/1992
Denis Norden, Victor Spinetti and Richard Stilgoe tell the stories.
Tim Brooke-Taylor and the audience try to spot the hoax.
Devised by Ian Messier
Producer: Edward Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1992.
TUE 14:30 The Cavity Within (b00770f8)
Episode 2
Marty is settling into his new job at the newly privatised dental practice.
But why are there suddenly no patients?
Sitcom with teeth written by Jim Poyser.
Marty Chris O'Dowd
Pete Jeff Rawle
Daisy Sara Crowe
Tim/Dave Mark Straker
Anna Christine Kavanagh
Mr. Holmes John Rowe
Leo Don Gilet
Mrs Wenkins Tracy Wiles
Director: Peter Kavanagh
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.
TUE 15:00 Every Book In The World by Nick Warburton (b0077113)
The real-life Victorian bibliomaniac, Sir Thomas Phillipps, aimed to own a copy of every book in the world.
But his mania came at a price.
A Victorian road movie, Nick Warburton's play is a study in obsession.
Sir Thomas Phillipps Benjamin Whitrow
Elizabeth Phillipps Lia Williams
Herbert Peter Gunn
Director: Mark Smalley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.
TUE 15:45 Mission Control: Hannibal One by Len Deighton (m002w5x6)
'Others had been here, but only for a few hours at a time. We were the first soldiers to come, and now it looked as if we would be the first men to wage war here. It was a bleak, barren, metallic landscape like none other I had ever seen...'
A Roman commander faces an exceptional foe – as Hannibal leads his troops and more over the Alps.
Roman history given a 20th century linguistic flavour.
Written by Len Deighton.
Read by Gabriel Woolf.
Producer: Barbara Crowthor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1976.
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TUE 22:00 Nature Table (m002vycw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
TUE 22:30 And the Winner Is... (b00r90qh)
Series 1
Episode 3
Matt Lucas hosts his alternative awards show – The Lucases.
Awards include the Lucas for Sexiest British Prime Minister, the Lucas for the Jamiest Celebrity, the Lucas for Most Effective Diet and the Lucas for Least Boring Shakespeare

Play.
Nominations are provided by guests:
Richard Herring
Sarah Millican
David Walliams
But the ultimate decision is down to the whim of the host.
Who will walk off with their very own Lucas?
Will it be John Major, Margaret Thatcher or Spencer Perceval;
Victoria Beckham, Peaches Geldof or Her Majesty the Queen;
Do exercise and eat sensibly, Divorce or the Matt Lucas Diet;
Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet or No Sex Please We're British
walk away with a gong?
Script written by Ashley Blaker, Bill Matthews and Ged Parsons.
Producer: Ashley Blaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2010.
TUE 23:00 Josie Long: Romance and Adventure (b074zw4l)
Series 1
Episode 1
A sitcom from award-winning comedian Josie Long about a young woman trying to build a new, more fulfilling life for herself in Glasgove.
Glasgow is the indie band theme park, where Josie will finally be happy and accepted. But almost as soon as she de-trains at Queen Street Station she begins to think she's made a big mistake.
Josie sets about finding friends, a place to live and a new job.
Based on characters from the short films "Romance and Adventure" and "Let's Go Swimming" by Josie Long and Douglas King.
Written by Josie Long.
Josie Josie Long
Darren Darren Osborne
Roddy Sanjeev Kohli
Kerry Hatty Ashdown
Eleanor Clare Grogan
Chris Michael Bertenshaw
Mona Rebecca Hamilton
Fraser Chris Pavlo
Producer: Colin Anderson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2016.
TUE 23:30 Forty Nights in the Wildebeest (b008kxkn)
Episode 6
Dan Freedman and Nick Romero push the pun count beyond the pain threshold.
Including:
Eavesdropping on BBC Radio 4 newsreaders after hours and Visiting The Planet of the Grapes.
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 06:00 Whodunnits (b09thl68)
A Charles Paris Mystery - Dead Room Farce
3. Suspicions
The director of the revival of a 70s farce has dropped dead.
Charles Paris is its star – but another premature death suspiciously soon follows.
The actor-cum-sleuth attempts to find out if foul play is afoot.
Bill Nighy stars as actor-cum-sleuth, Charles Paris.
Simon Brett's novel dramatised by Jeremy Front.
Charles Paris Bill Nighy
Frances Suzanne Burden
Maurice Jon Glover
Suzi Jan Ravens
Bernard Sean Murray
Freddie Philip Bretherton

Tony Clive Hayward
 Lisa Isabella Inchbald
 Waitress Abbie Andrews
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2018.
WED 06:30 Whodunnits (b015p864)
 Paul Temple - A Case for Paul Temple
 8. In Which Paul Temple Meets Valentine
 Paul and Steve Temple return to the Esplanade Hotel for a final showdown with a ruthless enemy.
 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
 Sheila Baxter Melody Grove
 Mary Eliza Langland
 Charles Kelvin Nick Underwood
 Sgt. Hodson John Paul Hurley
 Supt. Bradley Simon Tait
 Producer: Patrick Rayner
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2011.
WED 07:00 After Henry (b007k204)
 Series 1
 Going Away
 Sarah's keen to book a holiday, but can't manage to get away from her family.
 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
 Alison Mary Maddox
 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 June 1985.
WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007jzg0)
 Series 1
 The Monte Carlo Rally
 The Lad competes in the famous motor race in a very classic car - provided by Sid...
 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
 Special guests:
 Brian Johnston
 Raymond Baxter
 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 (b0b1sycz)
 Series 1
 The 'Haters'
 Daliso Chaponda looks at the relationship between the UK and Africa.
 Both countries have had a long a complicated past. Looking at their history, Daliso is our relationship guidance counsellor, helping us navigate the rocky historical waters between the two places.
 A Malawian comedian who grew up all over the world, Daliso straddles cultural divides. He will help us all better understand how to sort out our differences. Or not...
 Now, Daliso looks at the people on both sides who don't want the relationship to work.
 Written and performed by Daliso Chaponda
 The Other Guy... James Quinn
 Theme music by Lawi.
 Image by Steve Ullathorne.
 Producer, Carl Cooper
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2018.
WED 08:30 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (b092fszx)
 3. Heartbreak
 It's the beginning of the sixth form and Robert's vexed diaries reveal that his virginity is weighing him down.

But it's not long before the laughter is brought to an abrupt stop by heartbreak.
 Robert Webb continues his own funny and moving memoir.
 Abridged by Richard Hamilton.
 Producer: Elizabeth Allard.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.
WED 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b01002xy)
 Series 1
 3. Attraction
 Aylmer Ross has fallen madly in love with Edith Ottley and she with him, but they are resigned to being apart.
 Ada Levenson's witty and wonderful social comedy set in Edwardian London.
 Dramatised by Martyn Wade.
 Ada Haydn Gwynne
 Bruce Bertie Carvel
 Edith Juliet Aubrey
 Aylmer Jonathan Firth
 Hyacinth Alex Tregear
 Anne Jane Whittenshaw
 Cecil Stuart McLoughlin
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.
WED 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002v7yhm)
 Nina Gilligan: Goldfish
 Nina Gilligan's head has become a goldfish bowl... distorted reflections, empty speech bubbles, thoughts tapping against the glass. She drifts through the murk, waiting for the filter to kick back in.
 She starts with a plan. Or tries to. But it won't stay put. Words go missing, stories double back, and a voice in her head keeps butting in at the worst possible moment.
 "Car food." Petrol. That sort of thing. The right word is there somewhere... just not when she needs it.
 Recorded live at the Frog and Bucket Comedy Club in Manchester. Nina is thinking and talking at the same time, not always in the same direction.
 As everything loops, slips, and resurfaces, Nina tries to hold onto what matters, and finds herself seeing some memories in a completely different light.
 Written and performed by Nina Gilligan.
 Produced by Carl Cooper.
 Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman.
 Sound design: Chris McClean.
 A BBC Studios Production
WED 09:30 How to Have a Better Brain (b065vsdz)
 3. Stimulation
 Evidence-based, information-rich and full of smart tips and techniques, this series delivers a practical and optimistic guide to boosting brain power throughout our lives.
 Drawing on the latest neurological research into protecting and preserving cognitive function, journalist and broadcaster Sian Williams (currently studying for an MSc in Psychology) investigates the best ways to avert, and in some cases even reverse, mental deterioration.
 This time, Sian analyses the importance of mental exercise to brain health.
 * Professor Nazanin Derakhshan
 * Dr Hannah Critchlow
 * Neuropsychologist Dr Catherine Loveday
 * Her mum, Scilla, a former Consultant Psychiatrist who's using exercise to combat her memory loss.
 Producer: Dixi Stewart
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002w89x)
 Wellbeing: Belonging
 Therapist Judy Potts explains the importance of belonging to positive mental health, reflecting on the words of Paul in Romans chapter 12.
 "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another."
 Theme: Wellbeing: Belonging
 Reading: Romans 12:9-18
 Music:
 Belovedness - Sarah Kroger
 You Say/Who You say I am - Caleb and Kelsey
 Goodness of God - Philippa Hanna
WED 10:00 Nexus: Norfolk's Forgotten TV Station (m0013smq)
 Paul Hayes tells the story of Nexus, the student TV station at the University of East Anglia in Norwich
 Discover the surprising range of guests who agreed to be interviewed on-air, including Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise.
 Featuring interviews with Philip Bird, Michael Palin and Arthur Smith and many more.
 Special thanks to the University of East Anglia, the Students' Union and UEA-TV
 Archive Source:
 Matthew Sylvester
 Derek Williams
 Producer Paul Hayes
 First broadcast on BBC Radio Norfolk in April 2021.
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WED 13:45 The Little Ottleys (b01002xy)
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WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0010ndq)
 Series 16
 Episode 1
 Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Holly Walsh welcome:
 * Comedian and writer Jamie MacDonald
 * Art critic and author Jennifer Higgie
 * Artist Francis Hamel
 The Museum's Guest Committee donate a blue badge to talk about the ways the country is becoming more accessible, the first self portrait ever painted of an artist at work at the easel - painted by Catharina van Hemessen in 1548.
 Researchers: Mike Shepherd, Mike Turner, Emily Jupitus and Jack Chambers of QI.
 Producer: Anne Miller
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2021.
WED 14:30 Alison and Maud (b007k449)
 Series 2
 Men Misbehaving But Only Slightly
 The sisters plan a celebration for the 85th birthday of Father - including chocolate cake!
 Starring Denise Coffey and Miriam Margolyes.
 Sue Limb's Bed and Breakfast sitcom about sisters Alison and Maud and their guests at the Abbeyfield Guest House in Norwich.
 Alison Denise Coffey
 Maud Miriam Margolyes
 Father Joss Ackland
 Mr Mullet Chris Emmett
 Bernard Geoffrey Whitehead
 Leslie Nicholas Grace
 Producer: Jonathan James-Moore
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.
WED 15:00 A Thousand Ships by Mark Haddon (m002w89z)
 "Sorceress, victim, whore, wife"
 Just some of the myths Helen of Troy recalls about herself as a young woman.
 She remembers the pain of being trapped inside a face and body so beautiful that no one could see past them to the person underneath.
 No one, that is, except Paris - a Trojan prince.
 Starring Jane Lapotaire.
 Mark Haddon's moving poetic reconstruction of the life of Helen of Troy.
 Helen ... Jane Lapotaire
 Hecuba ... Ann Mitchell
 Paris ... Michael Legge
 Farmer ... John Baddeley
 Priam ... Christopher Godwin
 Theseus ... Adam Godley
 Director: Peter Kavanagh
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.
WED 15:45 Short Works (m001w8rj)
 Byres Road by Rhiannon Tise
 A woman returns to Glasgow after 30 years and meets her old University boyfriend.
 Written by Rhiannon Tise.
 Read by Sharon Small.
 Rhiannon has written many original dramas and adaptations for BBC Radio 3 and 4 and her plays have been performed at theatres including the Royal National Theatre, the Royal Court and The Lyric Hammersmith.
 Her ten-part adaptation of George Eliot's The Mill on The Floss won Best Radio Drama at the 2020 VLV Awards for Excellence in Broadcasting. This is her first radio story.
 Producer: Jeremy Osborne
 A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2024.
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WED 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002vyhm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 22:30 Britain in Bits with Ross Noble (m0000y9y)
Episode 1

Ross Noble's surreal magazine show featuring celebrity guests and stories from around Britain - the best bits, the worst bits, the fascinating bits and the downright strange bits.

With TV presenter and author, Fern Britton.

Piers reports on the new musical about to make a splash in London's West End - Boulangerie du Honte, a prequel to Les Misérables.

We also hear about the rise in pickpockets and how we can protect ourselves, and an amazing story about an unlikely pregnancy in Yorkshire.

Written by and starring Ross Noble.

With:

Emma Sidi

George Fouracres

Hadley Fraser

Summer Strallen

Producer: Matt Stronge

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

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002whsg)

Amy Mason 2/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering chats again to writer and comedian Amy Mason.

WED 23:00 Thom Tuck - Goes Straight to DVD (b01s0dd9)
Bollywood

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

This time, he looks at the bright lights of Bollywood: love triangles, comedy and dare devil thrills.

All set to a background of songs and dancing in a melodramatic extravaganza.

It's a synopsis which heavily influence Thom's stories of his upbringing in Bangladesh.

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

WED 23:30 The Skewer (m002vyj1)

Series 16

3. Local Elections and a Middle Eastern Ship-Show

Local elections here and a complete ship-show in the Middle East.

The multi-award-winning satire is back 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 (m000611k)

Series 2

Pig

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

Jenna and Dana meet Ruby Thudd, a young woman who shares her apartment with an ex-micro pig called Cleopatra.

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

Jessie Cave

Producer: Suzy Grant

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

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2026

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THU 06:00 Whodunnits (b09v8hkm)

A Charles Paris Mystery - Dead Room Farce

4. Closure

Charles Paris is starring in a 1970s farce.

It might as well be a whodunnit with an old friend murdered during rehearsals.

The cast seem to have secrets they don't want shared, but who would go as far as murder to protect themselves?

The actor-cum-amateur sleuth is determined to find out.

Starring Bill Nighy.

Conclusion of Simon Brett's novel.

Dramatised by Jeremy Front.

Charles Paris Bill Nighy

Frances Suzanne Burden

Maurice Jon Glover

Suzi Jan Ravens

Bernard Sean Murray

Freddie Philip Bretherton

Tony Clive Hayward

Lisa Isabella Inchbald

Gina Ellie Darvill

Celebrant David Reakes

Baxter/Cross Trainer Adam Fitzgerald

Waitress Kath Weare

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2018

THU 06:30 The Fall by Stacey Aumonier (m002w7f0)

Petty criminals are one thing.

But petty criminals who become murderers are another.

Inspector Tolozan is on to one such villain named Jules - a man who is terrified of heights.

What a weakness to use in order to extract a confession!

Starring Clive Swift and Alfred Burke.

Written by Stacy Aumonier.

Adapted by Michael Robson.

Inspector Tolozan Clive Swift

Jules Destourney Alfred Burke

Dr Lancret Geoffrey Beevers

Edgar Thomas William Ashley

Gabriel Foret Nigel Lambert

Francois Mossel Alan Haines

Devised and directed by Derek Hoddinot.

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in February 1976.

THU 07:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002w7f2)

Series 3

All Change

Russell Farrow has a chance of promotion. But is he built for life in the fast lane?

Or will his Brightco colleagues dump him on the hard shoulder?

Starring Bernard Cribbins and Frank Thornton.

Andrew Palmer's sitcom about the battles of wheeler-dealer and self-made tycoon Jimmy Bright and his strait-laced chief

accountant, Russell Farrow.

Jimmy Bright Bernard Cribbins

Russell Farrow Frank Thornton

Nan Forbes Annette Crosbie

Randall John Graham

Sir William Frederick Treves

Sue Plant Annee Blott

Producer Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1990.

THU 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7g2)

Series 2

Become a Rock Star The Burkiss Way

Starting at the end, this show is brought to you in reverse order.

The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living - radio's Funky

Correspondence Course.

With heavy sounds from:

Jo Kendall

Nigel Rees

Chris Emmett

Fred Harris

Meaningful words from Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

With producer Simon Brett getting it all together.

Cult sketch show first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March

1977.

THU 08:00 Hennikay (m001g35x)

Series 1

4. Going Home

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.

Things have come to a head for Guy. He has lost his job, he's running out of money and, most worrying of all, his 11-year-old

imaginary friend, Hennikay, is still a very permanent – and annoying – fixture in his life. No matter how hard he tries to

persuade him that he doesn't exist, he just can't get him to leave. And so in a last-ditch attempt to understand why his old friend

has returned from his childhood and just what he wants, Guy decides to go back home to where it all started and see his Mum

– who unfortunately for him, is not imaginary.

Over the years Guy has found that trips back to his boyhood home never go smoothly, but this one becomes spectacularly rocky. As mother and son share some uncomfortable home truths, family skeletons are dragged out of cupboards and Guy gets stuck in a bush.

As always, Hennikay is there to save the day and this time in the most unexpected way. Because, as he tells Guy, just because he's imaginary, doesn't mean he's not real.

Written by David Spicer.

Guy Bill Bailey

Tony Dave Lamb

Marika Elizabeth Carling

Sheila Miranda Richardson

Hennikay Max Pattison

Producer: Liz Anstee

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

THU 08:30 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (b092fyw6)

4. Hygiene

A new domestic arrangement and Dad's unexpectedly fastidious guidelines on hygiene prove a challenge to his 17 year old son.

At the same time, there are wise words on grief, rage and masculinity.

Robert Webb continues his own funny and moving memoir.

Abridged by Richard Hamilton.

Producer: Elizabeth Allard.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.

THU 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b0100jq3)

Series 1

4. Separation

Ada Levenson's witty and wonderful social comedy set in Edwardian London.

Edith is missing Aylmer terribly and she has written asking him

to return but will he...?

Dramatised by Martyn Wade.

Ada Haydn Gwynne

Aylmer Jonathan Firth

Bruce Bertie Carvel

Edith Juliet Aubrey

Mavis Deeviya Meir

Cecil Stuart McLoughlin

Eugenia Joanna Monro

Anne Jane Whittenshaw

Hyacinth Alex Tregear

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.

THU 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002vyky)

Geoff Norcott's Working Men's Club S2

S2 E3: Baby Daddy

Geoff Norcott examines modern masculinity in this second series of his stand-up show, by creating the safe space of a

working men's club so he can speak freely about the problems men are facing and how we might go about fixing them in a

way that benefits everyone.

This week, Geoff looks at the early years of fatherhood –

before you can kick a ball around with them, or give them inspiring words of wisdom as a stirring score plays behind you.

What does it mean to be a "good dad" to a baby? 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: who would win in a fight between Ben Shephard

and Dermot O'Leary?

Written and presented by ... Geoff Norcott

Recorded by ... Sean Kerwin

Production manager ... Dawn Williams

Executive producer ... Caroline Raphael

Producer ... Ed Morrish

THU 09:30 How to Have a Better Brain (b065xcge)

4. Sleep

Evidence-based, information-rich and full of smart tips and techniques, How To Have A Better Brain delivers a practical

and optimistic guide to boosting brain power throughout our lives.

Drawing on the latest neurological research into protecting and preserving cognitive function, journalist and broadcaster Sian

Williams, currently studying for an MSc in Psychology,

investigates the best ways to avert, and in some cases even

reverse, mental deterioration.

In this episode Sian analyses the importance of sleep to brain health with Professor Angela Clow, Dr Hannah Critchlow, and

neuropsychologist Dr Catherine Loveday and her mum, Scilla, a former Consultant Psychiatrist who started keeping a sleep

diary to combat memory loss.

Producer: Dixi Stewart

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002w7f4)

Ascension Day

Rev Laura Darrall explores the feast of the Ascension through the eyes of Mary Magdalene. In an imaginative first-person

monologue, she brings to life the disciples' leap of faith and the moment of blessing as Christ ascends into the heavens.

Theme: Ascension Day

Presenter: Laura Darrall

THU 10:00 Great Lives (b0076xqm)

Morecambe and Wise

Actress Penelope Keith nominates legendary comedy double-act Morecambe and Wise as masters of classless entertainment.

On Christmas day in 1977, almost 29 million people sat down to

watch Morecambe And Wise on BBC ONE.

With false noses galore, Penelope co-starred alongside them in Ernie's play Cyrano de Bergerac. After this show, the duo defected back to ITV.

So will Penelope's two heroes stand up to intensive scrutiny from Mathew Parris and merit the description of having led great lives?

With Eric Morecambe's son Gary, who offers some fascinating insights into his father's background and how he viewed his success.

Producer: Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.

THU 10:30 Sounds Natural (m001znc9)

Eric Morecambe

Comedian Eric Morecambe chats to Derek Jones about his combined enthusiasm for birdwatching and fishing.

Amongst his choice of recordings from the BBC Sound Archives..

The Pink-Footed Goose

Kingfisher

Honey Buzzard

Badger

Produced at BBC Bristol by John Burton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1975.

THU 11:00 Whodunnits (b09v8hkm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 The Fall by Stacey Aumonier (m002w7f0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 12:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002w7f2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7g2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 Hennikay (m001g35x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (b092fyw6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:45 The Little Otteleys (b0100jq3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 Foul Play (b00zljzj)

Series 4

Death and Two Copies, Please

Crime writers Tim Heald and Margaret Yorke puzzle over a case of robbery gone wrong.

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 October 1998.

THU 14:30 HR (b01cw7kn)

Series 3

Gambled

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

Now they're hoping for a lottery win.

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

Peter Jonathan Pryce

Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

Dustman Gerard McDermott

Producer: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

THU 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000xk9t)

Ready Player Marx by by Sean Grundy and Cara Jennings

Nell Barlow and Hollie Edwin star in a satirical and emotional drama about the battles, firings and dirty tactics a group of video game workers face trying to unionise in the £50 billion gaming industry. Inspired by real events.

"Go, SuperMario, Go... Solidarity is built from struggle."

Video game workers Laura in the UK and Rachel in the US are close to breakdowns with their 100-hour weeks, making violent game content, dealing with industry racism and sexism. They want to start a union to protect themselves and start secret meetings inside virtual gaming worlds where they attract a group of like-minded protestors. But all is not what it seems when the mysterious Marx-XXX appears on the scene. And in the real world they see just how nasty the industry can get when bosses want to bring them down.

"Remember Lara Croft... Revolution is the locomotive of history."

It's a story of love, betrayal, socialism and dark secrets when two young people fight for their rights and take on capitalism as they journey through online game worlds - a bank heist in AutoPimp, undersea adventures in Noctopus, laser battles in Astratrack, beach fun in VolleyUppy, shoot and score in Glasshouse, and fighting demon dragons in Spangenhelm. The couple bring to life the fun of game worlds and celebrate gaming having a positive role in the world.

"You know, PacMan, real power is in the workplace"

Written by Sean Grundy and Cara Jennings.

Laura Nell Barlow

Rachel Hollie Edwin

Eva Jennifer English

Steve Matt Addis

Gary Paul Panting

Benedict Jonathan Aris

Mum Elizabeth Carling

Director: Liz Anstee

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

THU 16:00 Great Lives (b0076xqm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:30 Sounds Natural (m001znc9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

THU 17:00 Whodunnits (b09v8hkm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 17:30 The Fall by Stacey Aumonier (m002w7f0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 18:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002w7f2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7g2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 19:00 Hennikay (m001g35x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (b092fyw6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:45 The Little Otteleys (b0100jq3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 20:00 Foul Play (b00zljzj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

THU 20:30 HR (b01cw7kn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

THU 21:00 Drama on 4 (m000xk9t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002vyky)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 22:30 Any Bloke (b007jxzf)

Series 1

Little Porkies

"I admire you Phil, you have a bright yellow aura... and Liam says you're the most sickeningly honest bloke he has ever known..."

Can Martha manage to trick Phil into revealing the truth about his mate?

Starring Jim Sweeney and Caroline Quentin.

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

Phil.....Jim Sweeney

Sarah.....Caroline Quentin

Liam.....Steve Steen

Fay.....Shirley Stelfox

Gerald....Lloyd Peters

Gavin.....Paul Clarkson

Sophie....Nadine Balantyne

Martha....Rebecca Front

Sam....Ben Brown

Producer: Ann Jobson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1993.

THU 23:00 Beyond The Back of Beyond (m002w7f7)

5. Dirt

In the Amazon, rescued by the Wet People, our two intrepid explorers believe they have found a damp paradise.

Sitcom written by and starring Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst.

Mark Neil Warhurst

Brian Paul Barnhill

Mawa Jacey Salles

Luke Mark Benton

Sandra Rosie Cavallero

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.

THU 23:15 Life on Egg (b0910fqz)

Series 1

Stand-In

When Peter is sent back to the mainland to undergo some urgent diversity training, Harry and Ann are given a replacement guard by The Minister.

Warder Leo Hatchet is a tough, uncompromising new screw and soon makes his mark on the prison's regime. But in doing so, has he destroyed The Egg's ambiance?

And what about Peter? Will The Minister allow him to return to

The Egg if Hatchet's already doing his job quicker and better?

Governor Harry Harry Hill

Ann Karen Bartke

Peter Marek Larwood

The Minister Tanya Moodie

Tim the Helicopter Pilot Dan Maier

Warder Leo Hatchet Dan Maier

Prisoner Gyles Brandreth Gyles Brandreth

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 (b072n66g)

Series 3

Episode 2

More overblown, melodramatic scenes from modern life.

Meet the woman who uncovers the conspiracy behind cryptic crosswords, discover the real reason that dairy products have pictures of cows on them plus a man who's addicted to giving lifts.

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.

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FR/ 00:00 Great Lives (b0076xqm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FR/ 00:30 Sounds Natural (m001znc9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]

FR/ 01:00 Whodunnits (b09v8hkm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FR/ 01:30 The Fall by Stacey Aumonier (m002w7f0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

FR/ 02:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002w7f2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FR/ 02:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jr7g2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FR/ 03:00 Hennikay (m001g35x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

FR/ 03:30 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (b092fyw6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FR/ 03:45 The Little Otteleys (b0100jq3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]

FR/ 04:00 Foul Play (b00zljzj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FR/ 04:30 HR (b01cw7kn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FR/ 05:00 Drama on 4 (m000xk9t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FR/ 06:00 The Events at Black Tor (b08898tk)

1. Such as Sit in Darkness

PC James Hewitt has been posted to the bleak Yorkshire Moors.

Being more of a townie, he's appalled by the prospect of pedalling over miles of open country, exposed to bitter winds in pursuit of rural criminals.

But far from the quiet life he and his wife Pam are expecting - the arrival of a mysterious letter sparks a terrifying chain of events and their first encounter with the powers of evil...

Starring Brian Peck and James Beck.

Alan Ayckbourn directs.

Roy Clarke's six-part thriller serial.

PC Jamie Hewitt Brian Peck

Pam Hewitt Juliet Cooke

Sergeant James Beck

Father Probert Bob Grant

Radio Voice Heather Stoney

Director: Alan Ayckbourn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1968.

FR/ 06:30 Hallows End by Bill Murphy (b007k2zc)

Wealthy Dubliner Dermot McPhail misguidedly buys a Gothic mansion on the wild coast of west Cork.

But things start going dramatically wrong when the unscrupulous property developer and his pampered wife Clodagh move in during the renovation.

Is someone sabotaging Dermot's dream, or is the ancient curse of Hallows End at work?

Bill Murphy's whodunnit.

Dermot Gerry O'Brien

Clodagh Ann Marie Horan

Patrick Darragh Kelly

Aoife Helen Norton

Martin/Barman Simon Delaney

Produced at BBC Northern Ireland by Lawrence Jackson.

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in 2007

FR/ 07:00 Dry Slopes (b001v1l1)

Series 1

Families and How to Conceive Them

Friendless, jobless Angus breaks free from his sheltered-life shackles to go on a date.

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 May 1995.

FR/ 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnbp)

Series 5

Men of Property

Albert and Harold set out to buy the freehold of their rag and bone yard.

Starring Wilfrid Brambell and Harry H Corbett.

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

Written for BBC TV and adapted for BBC Radio by Ray

Galton and Alan Simpson.

Albert Wilfrid Brambell

Harold Harry H Corbett

With:

Norman Bird

Jeanne Cook

Michael McClain
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in June 1974.
FRI 08:00 To Hull and Back (b09sn1hl)
 Series 3
 Stockholm Syndrome
 Sophie tries to find some new customers for the Hull salon. However, in doing so, she unwittingly attracts the attention of a couple of animal rights activists who are looking for somewhere new to protest...
 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
 Waitress Kerrie Marsh
 Imran Shane Zaza
 Mo Mike Bubbins
 Producer: Sam Mitchell
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2018.
FRI 08:30 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (b092g97b)
 5. The Reckoning
 The boy becomes a man.
 General expectations of masculinity and role models from his past catch-up with Robert and there's a reckoning.
 Robert Webb concludes his own funny and moving memoir. Abridged by Richard Hamilton.
 Producer: Elizabeth Allard.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.
FRI 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b0100h4s)
 Series 1
 5. Forgiveness
 Ada Leverson's witty and wonderful social comedy set in Edwardian London.
 Much to the dismay of Alymer, Edith has forgiven Bruce for his romantic liaison with another woman.
 Dramatised by Martyn Wade.
 Ada Haydn Gwynne
 Aylmer Jonathan Firth
 Bruce Bertie Carvel
 Edith Juliet Aubrey
 Mavis Deeivya Meir
 Anne Jane Whittenshaw
 Eugenia Joanna Monro
 Hyacinth Alex Tregear
 Cecil Stuart McLoughlin
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.
FRI 09:00 The Many Wrongs of Lord Christian Brighty (m0022s9c)
 Series 1
 3. The Village I Abandoned
 Babs persuades absentee landlord Brighty that he has to visit his estate village for the first time ever to make it up to the estate villagers, but their visit swiftly descends into a mystery. With Brighty away, Churlington defies specific instructions NOT to clean the East Wing.
 Lord Christian Brighty is the talk of the Regency 'Ton' - a celebrated libertine, a heartthrob and a hero to many. But close-up, he is a spoilt, impetuous, life-ruining bastard... Or at least he was. Because his carefree life of infinite privilege has been upended by an encounter with his new chambermaid - the uneducated but forthright Babigail - who became the first person to tell him the unvarnished truth about his selfish behaviour. Overnight, his lifelong trust that everyone loved him had been replaced with a gnawing fear that Babs was right.
 So now, with his narcissism collapsing and a need to prove to Babs he is actually a good person, Lord Brighty is determined to fix all his past wrongs. And by extension all the ills of Regency society. Accompanying him in his quest are Babs (elevated beyond her station to a chambermaid-cum-adviser role), and his butler, Mr Churlington. Although Churlie would prefer everything to stay exactly as it used to be (as would all Brighty's friends, family and the entirety of high society).
 Written by Amy Greaves & Christian Brighty
 Cast:
 Lord Christian Brighty Christian Brighty
 Babs Jessica Knappett
 Churlington Colin McFarlane
 Gibbs David Reed
 Susannah / Old Meg Katia Kvinge
 Fanny Nimisha Oedra
 Script Editor David Reed
 Sound & Recording David Thomas
 Photographer Will Hearle
 Production Assistant Katie Sayer
 Producer Ben Walker
 A DLT Entertainment Production for BBC Radio 4
 Christian Brighty and Amy Greaves are award-winning comedians. Their viral sketches based on Bridgerton, Poldark and Jane Austen have catapulted them to viral stardom, securing Christian's place as the internet's answer to Mr Darcy and amassing 150 million views across TikTok and Instagram (@brightybuoy). Amy and Christian both have a deep love of the work Jane Austen, traditional regency romance (not smut), and historical romance set in the regency (smut).
FRI 09:30 How to Have a Better Brain (b065xhmt)

5. Diet
 Evidence-based, information-rich and full of smart tips and techniques, How To Have A Better Brain delivers a practical and optimistic guide to boosting brain power throughout our lives.
 Drawing on the latest neurological research into protecting and preserving cognitive function, journalist and broadcaster Sian Williams, currently studying for an MSc in Psychology, investigates the best ways to avert, and in some cases even reverse, mental deterioration.
 In this episode Sian analyses the importance of diet to brain health with Professor Barbara Sahakian, Dr Hannah Critchlow, and neuropsychologist Dr Catherine Loveday and her mum, Scilla, a former Consultant Psychiatrist who took up eating chocolate every day to combat memory loss.
 Producer: Dixi Stewart
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.
FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002w7g4)
 Wellbeing: Beauty
 Rev Laura Darrall explores the deep, interwoven relationship between faith, nature, and wellbeing. Accompanied by music from St Martin's Voices and original poetry by Laura, the act of worship is marked by stillness, reflection, and a sense of restoration.
 Theme: Wellbeing - Beauty
 Presenter: Laura Darrall
 Reading: Psalm 19:1-8
FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b00zsdns)
 Mahler's Adagio
 Gustav Mahler wrote his 5th Symphony during the summers of 1901 and 1902. The Adagio is the 4th movement which is thought to have been inspired by falling in love with Alma who he married around this time.
 This single movement is the composer's most well-known piece of music. It was famously used in the 1971 Luchino Visconti film Death in Venice. It was also conducted by Leonard Bernstein at the mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, New York on the day of the burial of Robert Kennedy.
 Composer David Matthews explains the significance of this piece in Mahler's output.
 Psychoanalyst Anthony Cante describes listening to it with his mother during her last days of dementia.
 Malcolm Reid tells how this piece signified a change in himself as a young man in the British police force with narrow, racist views, to hearing it in Australia and shifting to becoming a liberal.
 And Helen Epstein explains why it was played at her mother's funeral.
 Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.
 Producer: Rosie Boulton
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.
FRI 10:30 It's a Funny Business (m002w7g7)
 Eric Morecambe
 Much-loved comedian Eric Morecambe looks back to his early days in showbiz, supporting Luton FC and meeting his comic-partner Ernie Wise.
 Series in which some of the country's greatest comedians reminisce with Mike Craig.
 Producer Mike Craig.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in July 1976.
 **** Eric Morecambe joins BBC Radio 4 Extra's 100 Club - born on 14th May, 1926. He died aged 58 in 1984
FRI 11:00 The Events at Black Tor (b08898tk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 11:30 Hallows End by Bill Murphy (b007k2zc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 12:00 Dry Slopes (b00lv11)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnbp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 13:00 To Hull and Back (b09sn1hl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 13:30 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (b092g97b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 13:45 The Little Ottleys (b0100h4s)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
FRI 14:00 Wordaholics (b01cvk8d)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 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:
 Susie Dent
 Natalie Haynes
 Jack Whitehall
 Milton Jones
 Written by Jon Hunter and James Kettle
 Producer: Claire Jones.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.
FRI 14:30 Time for Mrs Milliner (m002w7g9)
 Episode 4
 The final episode of Lynne Truss's comedy drama, starring Jane Asher.
 Susan has broken her leg and is chair-bound - surely this will be her chance just to sit back for a glorious 30-minutes of

uninterrupted heaven with her hat heroine?
 And this particular episode of Mrs Milliner is the last one they ever made!
 However, Susan hadn't bargained on her husband staying at home to look after her...
 Mrs Milliner Jane Asher
 Susan Caroline Harker
 Gerald Jonathan Coy
 Jamie Jonathan Firth
 Elsie Beth Chalmers
 Mr Sparrow Stephen Critchlow
 Producer Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.
FRI 15:00 Drama on 4 (b09nvr1k)
 How Success Ruined Me by Christopher Green
 Roy Hudd and Christopher Green discover the perils of applause in a comic conversation at Wilton's Music Hall, where they tell the lost story of music hall idol Fred Barnes.
 Fred was a queer icon and music hall star 'in the Greek style', who topped the national circuit in 1911. At the height of his fame, he would be seen about town in his trademark white suit and hat, with a pet marmoset on his shoulder.
 But Fred's tragic family history, sudden success and enormous wealth were too hard to handle. His addictions and flamboyant offstage adventures proved his ruin, and after being branded 'a menace to His Majesty's fighting forces', Fred was banned from the stage by his employers. He sold his memoir 'How Success Ruined Me' to the papers, but was last seen in Southend pubs, singing any song for a drink - now with a chicken perched on his shoulder.
 Chris and Roy play out (and argue about, and rewrite) the vital moments from Fred's private and public life, while reflecting frankly on the perils of applause, addiction and identity in their own performing lives - with jokes, chat and songs.
 Roy Hudd, OBE, died in March 2020.
 Words and music by Christopher Green.
 Christopher Green himself
 Roy Hudd himself
 Matthew Todd himself
 with John Orchard on the piano
 Director: Jonquil Panting
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.
FRI 15:45 Short Works (m00237mw)
 Rainbow Day by Soula Emmanuel
 A trans woman Ruby and her colleagues at an LGBTQ+ charity give a presentation on inclusion in the workplace.
 An original short story commissioned by BBC Radio 4 from the author Soula Emmanuel.
 Soula Emmanuel was born in Dublin to an Irish mother and a Greek father. She has written for IMAGE magazine, Rogue Collective and the Project Arts Centre, and has had fiction published by The Liminal Review. She was longlisted for Penguin's WriteNow programme in 2020. In 2024 her debut novel Wild Geese won the Lambda Literary Award for Transgender Fiction, and the Gordon Bowker Volcano Prize at the UK Society of Authors Awards.
 Read by Holly Hanaway.
 Producer: Michael Shannon
 A BBC Audio Northern Ireland Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2024.
FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b00zsdns)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
FRI 16:30 It's a Funny Business (m002w7g7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
FRI 17:00 The Events at Black Tor (b08898tk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
FRI 17:30 Hallows End by Bill Murphy (b007k2zc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
FRI 18:00 Dry Slopes (b00lv11)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
FRI 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnbp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
FRI 19:00 To Hull and Back (b09sn1hl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
FRI 19:30 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (b092g97b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
FRI 19:45 The Little Ottleys (b0100h4s)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
FRI 20:00 Wordaholics (b01cvk8d)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
FRI 20:30 Time for Mrs Milliner (m002w7g9)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
FRI 21:00 Drama on 4 (b09nvr1k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
FRI 21:45 Short Works (m00237mw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]
FRI 22:00 The Many Wrongs of Lord Christian Brighty (m0022s9c)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
FRI 22:30 Josh Howie's Losing It (m000110r)
 Series 2
 The Cake
 Stand-up comic Josh and his wife battle to come to terms with the arrival of their first child.
 Josh and Monique organise their son's first birthday party. However Monique isn't happy when she realises Josh has only invited a certain group of people.
 Sitcom starring Josh Howie and Pippa Evans.
 Written by Josh Howie.

Josh Josh Howie
Monique Pippa Evans

With:

Dana Alexander

Gavin Forward

Judith Jacob

Ed Kear

Jo Romero

Producer: Ashley Blaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2018.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002whth)

Amy Mason 3/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering chats once more to writer and comedian Amy Mason.

FRI 23:00 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007md98)

Series 2

Che Guevara

A profile of the revolutionary leader who became a left-wing hero, despite chronic asthma.

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

With:

Martin Hyder

Carla Mendonca

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

FRI 23:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking

(b00bw01s)

Series 2

Episode 2

Divorcee Carol has a fruit surplus and Adrian is asked to be a Bond girl.

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

With:

Rosie Cavaliero

Ben Moor

Ben Willbond

With additional material by Stephen Carlin, Ben Moor and Charlie Miller.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.