

## SATURDAY 16 MAY 2026

## SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b00zsdn)

Mahler's Adagietto  
Gustav Mahler wrote his 5th Symphony during the summers of 1901 and 1902.

The Adagietto 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 Cattle 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 him 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.

## SAT 00:30 It's a Funny Business (m002w7g7)

Eric Morecambe

\*\*\*\* Eric Morecambe joins BBC Radio 4 Extra's 100 Club - born on 14th May, 1926. He died in 1984 aged 58.

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.

## SAT 01:00 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.

## SAT 01:30 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?

Starring Gerry O'Brien.

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 March 2007

## SAT 02:00 Dry Slopes (b00lv1ll)

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.

## SAT 02:30 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.

## SAT 03:00 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 Michell

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

## SAT 03:30 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.

## SAT 03:45 The Little Ottleys (b0100h4s)

Series 1

5. Forgiveness

Much to the dismay of Alymer, Edith has forgiven Bruce for his romantic liaison with another woman.

Conclusion of series 1 of Ada Levenson's witty and wonderful social comedy set in Edwardian London.

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.

## SAT 04:00 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.

## SAT 04:30 Time for Mrs Milliner (m002w7g9)

Episode 4

Susan's broken her leg and is chair-bound - surely nothing now can prevent 30 minutes of uninterrupted heaven with Mrs Milliner?

What's more, the Mrs Milliner episode is the last ever made, and Susan's heroine has gained a royal commission - to design a new Busby!

However Susan hadn't bargained on her husband staying home to look after her...

A final 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

Jamie .... Jonathan Firth

Elsie .... Beth Chalmers

Mr Sparrow .... Stephen Critchlow

Producer Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

## SAT 05:00 Drama on 4 (b09nvr1k)

How Success Ruined Me by Christopher Green

Roy Hudd and Christopher Green tell the lost story of music hall idol, Fred Barnes.

They discover the perils of applause in a comic conversation at Wilton's Music Hall in London.

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.

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.

## SAT 05:45 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.

Read by Holly Hanaway.

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.

Producer: Michael Shannon

A BBC Audio Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2024.

## SAT 06:00 Equus by Peter Shaffer (m002why6)

\*\*\* Playwright Sir Peter Shaffer joins 4 Extra's 100 Club -

born 15th May 1926. He died in 2016 aged 90 \*\*\*

Dysart: "With one particular horse, called Nugget, he embraces. The animal digs its sweaty brow into his cheek and they stand in the dark for an hour - like a necking couple....."

Martin Dysart, a psychiatrist, is asked by a local magistrate to take on an unusual case.

He soon finds himself in the midst of a nightmare - his patient is a 17-year-old boy who's blinded six horses with a metal spike.

Starring Peter Barkworth and Ian Sharrock.

The most shocking play of its day, Peter Shaffer's original stage production opened in 1973 at the National Theatre in London

Martin Dysart ... Peter Barkworth

Alan Strang ... Ian Sharrock

Hesther Salomon ... Jennifer Piercey

Frank Strang ... Malcolm Hayes

Dora Strang ... Jane Wenham

Jill Mason ... Jenny Twigg

Harry Dalton ... Ronald Herdman

A Young Horseman ... Philip Sully

A Nurse ... Jan Care

Other voices:

Richard Gibson

Nigel Greaves

David Parfitt

Jonathan Scott

Special sound by Dick Mills of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Director: David Spenser

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1980.

## SAT 08:00 Going Troppo by Mervyn Stutter (b0076b7g)

Copeland Spode has been marooned on a desert island with his ukelele since 1939.

But now, one man has made it his mission to rescue him.....

Starring Roger Lloyd-Pack and the play's author, Mervyn Stutter

All other parts played by Martin Hyder

Music written and performed by Mervyn Stutter

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

## SAT 08:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrx9)

10. Wicked Villain

"Are these or are these not my underpants?"

Will Roger Ditchley survive his court martial?

A classic tale of struggle, power, personalities and tripe.

Bill Tidy and John Junkin's family saga - based on Tidy's Daily Mirror cartoon strip [1971-1985] parodying John Galsworthy's 'The Forsyte Saga' novels.

Rebecca Fosdyke .... Stephanie Turner

Josiah Fosdyke .... Philip Lowrie

Victoria Fosdyke .... Miriam Margolyes

Tom Fosdyke .... David Threlfall

Albert Fosdyke .... Enn Reitel

Roger Ditchley .... Christian Rodska

The Sergeant .... Trevor Cooper

Schmidt .... David Timson

The Judge .... David Ross

Other parts played by:

Christopher Barr

Sally Grace

Douglas Blackwell

Producer: Alan Nixon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1983.

**SAT 09:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01j8hs)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Can marriage guidance counsellor Ernie help an angry couple?

Meanwhile, Eric reckons Ern needs to spruce-up his act - so

how about writing a musical?

Starring Ernie Wise and Eric Morecambe.

Written by Eddie Braben

Special singing guest: Salena Jones.

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 (m000pqh)**

Series 4

Episode 14

Kenneth Horne gets the freedom of Gigglesway - and

'Hornorama' probes love and marriage.

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 (m000h93s)**

3: The End

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 last 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 CEMETERY CONFESSIONS'

A star-studded cast interprets the final confessions of some of the

many notable occupants of the Cimetiere du Pere-Lachaise,

Paris.

[BBC Radio 4 06/05/2004]

Producer: Mik Wilkojc

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

**SAT 11:00 Equus by Peter Shaffer (m002why6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 13:00 Going Troppo by Mervyn Stutter (b0076b7g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SAT 13:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrx9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 14:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01j8hs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000pqh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 15:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000h93s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 16:00 Earworm by Simon Passmore (b054qfj2)**

Tasked with producing an item for a TV show about Britain's

worst film director, researcher Mia goes in search of the fabled

horror film Earworm and its creator.

Urban myths surround this little known video nasty.

Rumours abound that cast and crew suffered unexplained

accidents during production.

The director went into hiding after destroying all known copies

of the film.

Is TV soundtrack really capable of affecting the viewer in

sinister ways...?

Spurred on rather deterred by the myths, Mia seeks out the

film's secret...

Starring Chloe Pirrie.

Suspense-filled drama written by Simon Passmore

Mia .... Chloe Pirrie

Josh .... Shaun Mason

James .... Justin Salinger

Lena .... Jane Slavin

Charlie .... Ian Coningham

Craig .... David Acton

Lois .... Bettrys Jones

Bookseller .... Paul Heath

Producer .... Jude Akuwudike

Nurse .... Roslyn Hill

Director: Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.

**SAT 16:45 The Shoreline at Sunset by Ray Bradbury (b083h212)**

At summer's end, two beachcombers have the shore to

themselves again, until they discover a strange creature.

A short story by Ray Bradbury, first published in the Magazine

of Fantasy and Science Fiction in March 1959.

Read by Ed Bishop (Ed Straker in Gerry Anderson's 'UFO' for

ITV).

Producer: Rosemary Watts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994.

**SAT 17:00 Equus by Peter Shaffer (m002why6)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**SAT 19:00 Going Troppo by Mervyn Stutter (b0076b7g)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**SAT 19:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrx9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**SAT 20:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01j8hs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000pqh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

**SAT 21:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000h93s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**SAT 22:00 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz (m0016pw7)**

Series 1

Round 2: The World

The problem with quizzes is that the same questions keep

coming up.

Like "What's the largest land mammal?"

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

Luckily, here comes quizzier, 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.

This episode is full of questions for the World Round of the

quiz. Paul asks about the first woman to circumnavigate the

globe, the world's longest river, and the US state which has

Boston as its capital.

The audience, meanwhile, contribute questions about countries

on the equator, wordless national anthems, and matching flags.

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

Written and performed by Paul Sinha.

Additional material Oliver Levy.

Additional questions The Audience

Original music: Tim Sutton

Producer: Ed Morrish

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

2022.

**SAT 22:30 Ivo Graham's Obsessions (m000dgyy)**

Joe Lycett's Obsessions – Series 2

Chelsea Norris and Jack Carroll

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.

BBC Manchester presenter Chelsea Norris shares her love of

boxing, whilst Jack Carroll reveals his obsession with the TV

show 'The Sopranos'.

Joe also welcomes members of the public to share their secret

passions, as well as this week's VOP (very obsessed person),

Alex Bidolak, who through his love of Lego became an official

Master Model Builder.

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 (b04ps720)**

Series 2

Running on Empty

Tom Wrigglesworth is worried for his health with his invite to

an adventure-packed stag weekend of "coasteering" – where

you hurl yourself off tall rocks into the sea!

But that's nothing compared with what his dad's preparing

himself for: the Sheffield marathon. An event he's decided to

enter to get one over on the next door neighbour...

Tom ..... Tom Wrigglesworth

Granny ..... Judy Parfitt

Dad ..... Paul Copley

Mum ..... Kate Anthony

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles

Jupp.

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.

**SAT 23:30 Radio Active (b007jpck)**

Series 5

Music Festival

Mike Flex and Mike Channel host Radio Active's very own live

music extravaganza.

Radio Active is the one and only local national radio station.

Starring:

Helen Atkinson-Wood

Angus Deayton

Geoffrey Perkins

Philip Pope

Michael Fenton-Stevens

Music by Philip Pope, Steve Brown and Geoffrey Perkins.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with John

Docherty, Moray Hunter and Jeremy Pascal.

Producer: Jamie Rix

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1985 .

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**SUN 03:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007jrx9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01j8hs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 04:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000pqh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]

**SUN 05:00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird (m000h93s)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002wjcv)**

Naturalist Castaways

Steve Backshall

Explorer Steve Backshall is castaway by Lauren Laverne.

Steve's BAFTA-winning programmes bring viewers of every

generation closer to nature - from the children's series Deadly

60, featuring close encounters with the most dangerous and

venomous creatures on earth, to Blue Planet Live and

Springwatch.

His interest in the natural world began at a young age, after his

parents decided to swap their terraced house for a smallholding

with goats, ducks and geese.

His big break as a broadcaster arrived when National

Geographic offered him the post of Adventurer in Residence

and he's been taking on the most arduous challenges and

toughest environments on earth ever since. He ran a marathon

in the Sahara and has swum cage-free with great white sharks.

His adventures have also brought him many near-death

moments. He broke his back while rock climbing and recently

almost drowned while kayaking in Bhutan.

Steve is married to the Olympic champion rower Helen Glover,

and they have a two year old son and twins born earlier this

year.

DISC ONE: Beautiful War by Kings of Leon

DISC TWO: The Wind by Cat Stevens

DISC THREE: Fake Plastic Trees by Radiohead

DISC FOUR: Even After All by Finley Quaye

DISC FIVE: I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles) by Ash Cutler and

Rachael Hawnt

DISC SIX: Last Goodbye by Jeff Buckley

DISC SEVEN: 6 Words by Wretch 32

DISC EIGHT: This Life by Vampire Weekend

BOOK CHOICE: One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel

García Márquez

LUXURY ITEM: A guitar

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles) by

Ash Cutler and Rachael Hawnt

Presenter: Lauren Laverne

Producer: Sarah Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2020.

**SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m74rt)**

Austro-Hungarian army.  
 In this new letter by Symmons Roberts, he imagines a young poet protégé to whom he wants to pass on life experience and thoughts about poetry.  
 Producer - Emma Harding  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in January 2014.  
 \*\*Super-Infinite  
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 This prize-winning biography of John Donne reveals him as an "infinity merchant", a man whose preaching could make his congregation weep, a poet whose "beauty deserved walk-on music".  
 John Donne: pirate, soldier, scholar, priest, inventor of new words and author of some of most intensely and intimately passionate poetry in English. Donne was a Catholic who lost - or left - his faith, from a family of martyrs, whose career led him to become Dean of Saint Paul's Cathedral.  
 Reader - Blake Ritson  
 Written by Katherine Rundell  
 Producer - Allegra McLroy  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2023.  
**SUN 07:30 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (Omnibus) (b093m73b)**  
 Comedian, actor and writer Robert Webb reads his memoir that is both laugh out loud funny and powerfully moving and tender. He's best known for his work with David Mitchell in BBC Radio 4's award-winning That Mitchell and Webb Sound and Channel 4's Peep Show.  
 Omnibus of five parts abridged by Richard Hamilton.  
 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.  
 Producer: Elizabeth Allard  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.  
**SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002wjcz)**  
 Riz Ahmed  
 Oscar winning actor Riz Ahmed chooses 'Ap Jaisa Koi' by Nazia Hassan and 'Gabriel' by Roy Davis Jr.  
**SUN 08:50 The Little Ottleys (b0106tcx)**  
 Omnibus  
 Series 1  
 It's 1908 and Bruce and Edith, The Little Ottleys, as they were called, live in a very new, very small, very white flat in Knightsbridge.  
 And so begins Ada Levenson's witty and wonderful social comedy set in Edwardian London  
 Ada Levenson ..... Haydn Gwynne  
 Bruce ..... Bertie Carvel  
 Edith ..... Juliet Aubrey  
 Hyacinth ..... Alex Tregear  
 Cecil ..... Stuart McLoughlin  
 Anne ..... Jane Whittenshaw  
 Eugenia ..... Joanna Monro  
 Omnibus of Martyn Wade's five-part dramatisation of three short novels:  
 \* Love's Shadow  
 \* Tenterhooks  
 \* Love At Second Sight.  
 Written between 1908 and 1916, they were grouped as 'The Little Ottleys' in 1962.  
 Director: Tracey Neale  
 First broadcast in five-parts on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.  
**SUN 10:00 Meet the Huggets (b00ns2m9)**  
 What Unusual Wallpaper  
 The poor Huggett family are suffering in a summer heat wave. 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 ..... Marion Collins  
 Bobby ..... George Howell  
 Fred Stebbings ..... Charles Lenox  
 Various ..... Kenneth Connor  
 Producer: Jacques Brown  
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1957.  
**SUN 10:30 Frankie Howerd (b007jlh8)**  
 From 7/8/1966  
 The King of Titters asserts that the British are a nation of malingerers.  
 He, meanwhile, is offered a post in the cabinet as Minister of Entertainment - before a hasty reshuffle to Minister of Natural Gas.  
 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.  
**SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002wjcv)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SUN 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m74rt)**  
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**SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m002wjcx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
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**SUN 15:00 Meet the Huggets (b00ns2m9)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SUN 15:30 Frankie Howerd (b007jlh8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]  
**SUN 16:00 Ancient Sorceries by Algernon Blackwood (b007jvxb)**  
 1. Arthur's Journey  
 Timid commuter, Arthur Vezin becomes too enchanted with a sleepy and strange French town and its people to leave. He's slowly drawn more and more into their realm of secrets and talk of ancient memories.  
 And he's also struck by how the residents resemble cats - both in looks and behaviour...  
 Algernon Blackwood's dark tale unabridged in four parts.  
 Read by Philip Madoc.  
 Born in Shooter's Hill and educated at Wellington College, Algernon Blackwood had a varied career, farming in Canada, operating a hotel, and working as a newspaper reporter in New York City before moving to England and starting to write horror stories.  
 He was very successful, writing 10 books of short stories and appearing on both radio and TV to tell them. He also wrote 14 novels and a number of plays, most of which were produced but not published. He was an avid nature lover and many of his stories reflect this.  
 Producer: Lawrence Jackson  
 Made for BBC 7 by BBC Northern Ireland and first broadcast in September 2005.  
**SUN 16:30 Fear on 4 (b007jn6w)**  
 Series 2  
 Dreaming of Thee  
 Lorna is obsessed with a certain dream, which becomes a nightmare and threatens to become reality.  
 The Man in Black sets the scene...  
 Fear on 4 brings you more in a series of nerve-tinglers.  
 Written by Gwen Cherrell  
 The Man In Black ..... Edward de Souza  
 Lorna ..... Karen Archer  
 Cass ..... Moir Leslie  
 Cadenyer ..... Dominic Rickhards  
 Eddie ..... David Goudge  
 Joanne ..... Joan Walker  
 Coroner/Announcer ..... Michael Deacon  
 Director: Gerry Jones  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1989.  
**SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002wjcv)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m74rt)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]  
**SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m002wjcx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**SUN 18:30 How Not to Be a Boy by Robert Webb (Omnibus) (b093m73b)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002wjcz)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]  
**SUN 19:50 The Little Ottleys (b0106tcx)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]  
**SUN 21:00 Meet the Huggets (b00ns2m9)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SUN 21:30 Frankie Howerd (b007jlh8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]  
**SUN 22:00 Revolting People (b00f80zs)**  
 Series 1  
 An Incredible Amount of Storm Clouds  
 Feared British Commander, General Venables arrives and demands some executions by sunset (so he can have the whole day to look forward to them).  
 Not everyone can survive...  
 Sitcom set in 1770, just before the American War of Independence.  
 Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.  
 Sergeant McGurk ..... Andy Hamilton  
 Samuel Oliphant ..... Jay Tarses  
 General Venables ..... Timothy West  
 Captain Brimshaw ..... James Fleet  
 Mary Oliphant ..... Sophie Thompson  
 Ezekiel Spriggs ..... Hugh Dennis  
 Cora Oliphant ..... Felicity Montagu  
 Joshua Oliphant ..... Tony Maudsley  
 Doctor Rutledge ..... Philip Pope  
 Mrs Arbuthnot ..... Susie Blake  
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.  
**SUN 22:30 Alun Cochrane's Fun House (b01s0did)**

Bedroom  
 Comedian Alun Cochrane has a 25-year mortgage which he can only pay off by being funny.  
 Concluding his room by room, stand-up tour of his house - he arrives in his bedroom.  
 His relationship with his house is a complicated one.  
 A hoarder of funny and original observations on everyday life, Alun invites us to help him de-clutter his mind and tidy his ideas into one of those bags that you Hoover all the air out of and keep under your bed.  
 This show will help Alun and his housework 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 (b03w01zk)**  
 Series 3  
 The Travel Piece  
 Damien confronts his hatred of barbecuing while Mullaney is sorting out his 'shoffice'.  
 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  
 Marion Duffett ..... Lesley Vickerage  
 Damien's Mother ..... Selina Cadell  
 Ray Jarrow ..... Christopher Brand  
 Shooting Instructor ..... Christopher Brand  
 Producer: Sam Michell  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2014.  
**SUN 23:30 Paperback Hell (m000pfb0)**  
 Series 3  
 Forbidden Fire  
 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 tale of a young woman's sexual awakening.  
 The bestselling author "Anonymous" reads from a specially adapted version of Forbidden Fire.  
 Written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.  
 Starring:  
 Michael Fenton Stevens  
 Rebecca Front  
 Mel Hudson  
 Alex Lowe  
 Dan Tetsell  
 Producer: Lucy Armitage  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.  
**SUN 23:45 Bunk Bed (m001ptjg)**  
 Series 10  
 Episode 6  
 Late at night, in the dark and in a bunk bed, our tired minds can wander through strange territory before we drift off.  
 Patrick Marber and Peter Curran invite the eminent theatre and film director Sir Richard Eyre, to join them with tales of a production of 'Comedians' and what he loves about his pet dog.  
 Producer: Peter Curran  
 A Foghorn production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2023.

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**MON 00:00 Ancient Sorceries by Algernon Blackwood (b007jvxb)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 00:30 Fear on 4 (b007jn6w)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]  
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]  
**MON 05:30 Frankie Howerd (b007jlh8)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]  
**MON 06:00 The Events at Black Tor (b089072d)**  
 2. The Unquiet Dead  
 After their brush with violent death, PC Jamie Hewitt and Father Probert uncover further evidence of the forces of darkness.  
 A mysterious letter has sparked a terrifying chain of events for policeman Jamie and his wife Pam.  
 Starring Brian Peck and Bob Grant.  
 Roy Clarke's thriller serial set on the bleak Yorkshire Moors.  
 PC Jamie Hewitt ..... Brian Peck

Pam Hewitt ..... Juliet Cooke  
Sergeant ..... James Beck  
Father Probert ..... Bob Grant  
Vicar ..... Robert Wallace  
Maggie ..... Ella Atkinson  
Coroner ..... Laurence Bould  
Director: Alan Ayckbourn  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1968.  
**MON 06:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmqp)**  
Operation Luna  
1. Countdown to Peril  
It's 1965. Captain Jet Morgan is in Australia.  
He's there to prepare for 'Operation Luna' - set to be man's first trip to the Moon.  
Starring Andrew Faulds and Alfie Bass.  
Written and produced by Charles Chilton.  
Jet Morgan .... Andrew Faulds  
Lemmy Barnett .... Alfie Bass  
Doc .... Guy Kingsley-Poynter  
Mitch .... David Williams  
Other parts by John Cazabon.  
Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.  
The original 1953 recordings of this futuristic series were erased.  
This series was re-recorded and first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1958.  
**MON 07:00 Educated Evans by Edgar Wallace (b03zxbq1)**  
A Matched Pair  
Can the 1920s tipster avoid police plans and see off a new 'educated' rival?  
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  
Old Sam .... Simon Treves  
The Great Lizo .... Elizabeth Mansfield  
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 (b007jpkw)**  
Series 3  
A Man of Action  
When a landmine sparks martial law, a reporter catches Captain Mainwaring in charge.  
The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.  
Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.  
Captain Mainwaring .... Arthur Lowe  
Sergeant Wilson .... John Le Mesurier  
Corporal Jones .... Clive Dunn  
Private Frazer .... John Laurie  
Private Pike .... Ian Lavender  
Private Godfrey .... Arnold Ridley  
Warden Hodges .... Bill Pertwee  
Private Walker ..... Larry Martyn  
Town Clerk ..... Julian Orchard  
Mr Norris ..... Jonathan Cecil  
Inspector Baker ..... Fraser Kerr  
Announcer ..... John Snagge  
Producer: John Dyas  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1976.  
**MON 08:00 The Break (b0b2j4mg)**  
Series 2  
The Longest Day  
Andy returns to his uncle's seaside home.  
Welcome back to Flamford.  
Oddly, the town has been taken over by Brad Pitt and some Hollywood Nazis.  
Starring Philip Jackson, Tom Palmer and Alison Steadman.  
Comedy by Ian Brown and James Hendrie set in the eccentric seaside town of Flamford following City burn-out Andy Chambers.  
Frank ... Mark Benton  
Corrine & Joyce ... Alison Steadman  
Jeff ... Tom Palmer  
Andy ... Philip Jackson  
Truepenny ... Rasmus Hardiker  
Station Tannoy / Kerry & Steph ... Shobna Gulati  
Producer: Gordon Kennedy  
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2018.  
**MON 08:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b0b9wcf0)**  
The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole  
1. The Trouble with Sex  
Adrian has his first experiences of birth and death.  
He soldiers bravely on through the many challenges that life throws at him, and wins a place in our hearts with his charming naivety.  
Sue Townsend's exquisitely funny and heart-breaking chronicle of a teenager now aged 15 - growing up in the Midlands in the 1982.  
Adrian's parents are back together and his mother is pregnant,

much to Adrian's surprise and embarrassment.  
As the summer holidays begin, Adrian is still troubled by his spotty skin, but he continues to feel that his intellectual prowess sets him apart from his peers. His aspirations for poetic fame and fortune are undimmed.  
While his mother heads off with her women's group to Greenham Common, Adrian's own interest in politics starts to grow, alongside his dislike for Margaret Thatcher.  
As his parents struggle to make ends meet and sort out their differences, Adrian enjoys a more settled relationship with Pandora but is eager to move things on a stage further.  
Abridged in five parts by Sara Davies.  
Read by Harry McEntire.  
Producer: Alexa Moore  
A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2018.  
**MON 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b012qq7v)**  
Series 2  
1. The Visitor  
It's 1916. The Little Ottleys, as they were called, have a new daughter and have moved from their very concise flat to a very concise house.  
Time has passed and Edith has tried to forget Aylmer Ross. A little difficult when you are married to someone like Bruce. But they are about to have a visitor...  
Continuing Ada Leverson's witty and wonderful social comedy set in early 20th century London.  
Dramatised in five parts by Martyn Wade.  
Ada Leverson ..... Haydn Gwynne  
Edith ..... Juliet Aubrey  
Bruce ..... Bertie Carvel  
Madame Frabelle. .... Jane Whittenshaw  
Director: Tracey Neale  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.  
**MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m002w5qk)**  
Series 33  
3. Words, Bears, The French and Mushrooms  
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.  
Tony Hawks, Zoe Lyons, Mark Steel and Fern Brady are the panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as words, bears, the French and mushrooms.  
The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith.  
Producer: Jon Naismith  
A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4  
**MON 09:30 Ingenious (m000h2cp)**  
1. The Ginger Gene  
Dr Kat Arney finds out what we are made of one gene at a time. Redheads - famed and feared throughout history. From strawberry blonde to sultry auburn, red hair always stands out in a crowd.  
But where does the redhead gene come from? Does it really affect the way we feel pain? And are redheads really endangered?  
Dr Kat Arney finds out with the help of:  
\* Jacky Collis Harvey, author of "Red: A History of the Redhead"  
\* Ginger gene expert Professor Ian Jackson from the University of Edinburgh  
\* Some spicy mice.  
Presenter: Kat Arney  
Producer: Beth Sagar-Fenton  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.  
**MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002wj11)**  
Ascension - Jacob's Ladder  
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
Theme: Ascension: Jacobs Ladder  
Presenter: Reverend Canon Ann Easter.  
Reading: Genesis 28:10-19  
Music:  
O God our help in ages past - Lou Fellingham  
Lead me Lord - Bolton Junior Choir  
The God of Abraham Praise - St Martin's Voice  
**MON 10:00 Last Chance to See (m0002h5y)**  
Gone Fishing!  
Douglas and Mark go in search of a tragic Chinese river princess: the Yangtze River dolphin.  
Series in which writer Douglas Adams and conservationist Mark Carwardine go in search of weird, exotic endangered animals.  
With Peter Jones.  
Producer: Gaynor Shutte  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1989.  
**MON 10:30 My Dad's Diary (b04b6bs3)**  
How a prisoner of war diary found on a beach in Japan in 1945, was returned to the daughter of the writer 45 years later.  
Mary Kiehn talks about the diary written by her father Noel Good.  
Narrated by Derek Jacobi.  
Producer: Martin Kursik  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1999.  
**MON 11:00 The Events at Black Tor (b089072d)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 11:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmqp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**MON 12:00 Educated Evans by Edgar Wallace (b03zxbq1)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jpkw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**MON 13:00 The Break (b0b2j4mg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**MON 13:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b0b9wcf0)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**MON 13:45 The Little Ottleys (b012qq7v)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b014fblm)**  
Series 61  
Episode 6  
Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition.  
With:  
Paul Merton  
Sheila Hancock  
Tony Hawks  
Graham Norton  
Subjects include: Shakespeare's Globe, Red Sky At Night, The Meat Raffle, Mother in Law Jokes, Thunder Storms, The Paper Boy, Ulterior Motives, Stepping Into The Spotlight, Matching Socks and Second Best  
Created by Ian Messiter.  
Producer: Tilusha Ghelani  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.  
**MON 14:30 Miracles R Us (b00sm8tu)**  
Lot 243  
Caroline's car gives up the ghost and the business can't afford to repair it.  
So when they're asked to bid for a lot at a country house auction, they wonder how on earth they can get there.  
Sylvia rides to the rescue and once there, Caroline makes a new friend and Sylvia meets a kindred spirit...  
Starring Anna Massey and Deborah Findlay.  
Comedy about two women who run a cleaning service together  
Written by Lesley Bruce  
Sylvia ..... Anna Massey  
Caroline ..... Deborah Findlay  
Lauren ..... Madeleine Bowyer  
Lambourn ..... Trevor Peacock  
Carl Bailey ..... Nigel Hastings  
Auctioneer ..... Michael Shelford  
Producer: Katie Tyrrell  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2010.  
\*\* Music and stings from the music of Nick Drake. Theme: "When the Day is Done" and stings: "Time of No Reply" and "Cello Song".  
**MON 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000qhgn)**  
Dinner with Dylan by Jon Canter  
"My name's Jon Canter and I'm a Bobaholic.  
That means I'm addicted to the songs and mystery of Bob Dylan. But it's an addiction from which I never want to recover, because it's sustained and nourished and challenged me for nearly 50 years.  
There are millions of people like me and this play is dedicated to them. But it's also dedicated to the people who know and love Bobaholics and have to live with their addiction, which isn't always easy."  
Drama about three grown men - Bobaholics - who meet in a restaurant to chat about the meaning of life and Dylan.  
It's set in 2017, in the week when Dylan played a series of shows at the London Palladium and after an accidental meeting between playwright Jon Canter and writer and producer Richard Curtis.  
This is what happened next...  
Himself ..... Richard Curtis  
Himself ..... Kerry Shale  
Himself ..... Lucas Hare  
Herself ..... Eileen Atkins  
Sam ..... Akbar Kurtha  
Director: Clive Brill  
A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2021.  
**MON 16:00 Last Chance to See (m0002h5y)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**MON 16:30 My Dad's Diary (b04b6bs3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]  
**MON 17:00 The Events at Black Tor (b089072d)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 17:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmqp)**  
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**MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b014fblm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]  
**MON 20:30 Miracles R Us (b00sm8tu)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**MON 21:00 Drama on 4 (m000qhg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m002w5qk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 22:30 Sindhusan (b0b9z4p1)**

The Marriage Marathon

Getting married is like a sprint.

You work together towards a finishing line, and once you're over the line, there are cheers and applause.

Staying married?

That's a marathon. A long, hard slog, that takes its toll mentally and physically.

Comic Sindhu Vee has been married to her Danish husband for over 20 years, and despite culture clashes, interference from in-laws, and three London-born children who prefer to call her "bruv" - her marriage is still going strong.

Written and performed by Sindhu Vee.

Script Editor: Robin Morgan

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

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

**MON 22:45 Jessica Fostekew: Sturdy Girl Club (m001kxhw)**

Series 1

## 3. Olympic Lifting

Jessica Fostekew's stand-up series about strong women.

Things start getting technical as we look into the world of Olympic Lifting and get familiar with the 'Snatch' and the 'Clean and Jerk'.

Jess talks to Champion Olympic lifters Emily Campbell and Zoe Smith about dealing with the opinions of others, their route into the sport and what to eat if you want to get strong (spoiler, the answer is - your dinner).

Jess also takes part in an Olympic Lifting competition, where she's very much a newbie but has a lot of fun!

Written and Performed by Jessica Fostekew

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

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

**MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m002w8cn)**

Series 120

## 5. Starmer psychodrama

What a week it's been for the Prime Minister. In the aftermath of seismic local elections results, there's been non-stop Labour party in-fighting. Wes Streeting has resigned as Health Secretary so the race for Labour leader is seemingly on - who will throw their hat in the ring? Will Andy Burnham, i.e. the King of the North, make his move? In other news, the panel discuss Trump's state visit to China and why the Royal Navy has to redesign women's uniforms over 'inappropriately placed' buttons.

Helping Andy make sense of it all this week is Nish Kumar, Ian Smith, Katy Balls and Mhairi Black.

Written by Andy Zaltman.

With additional material by: Alex Kealy, Ruth Husko and Claire Rammelkamp

Producer: Georgia Keating

Executive Producer: Richard Morris

Production Coordinator: Asha Osborne-Grinter

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

Recorded by David Thomas

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

**MON 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b007k4r1)**

Series 2

## By Royal Appointment

Discover the joys of musical theatre, learn all about the wonder of the sea, plus marvel at the monarchy with the museum's new royal theme park.

Written and performed by:

Marcus Brigstocke

Danny Robins

Dan Tetsell

With Lucy Montgomery.

Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2005.

**TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026****TUE 00:00 Last Chance to See (m0002h5y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

**TUE 01:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmqp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

**TUE 02:00 Educated Evans by Edgar Wallace (b03zxb1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

**TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jpkw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

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**TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b014fblm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

**TUE 04:30 Miracles R Us (b00sm8tq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

**TUE 05:00 Drama on 4 (m000qhg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

**TUE 06:00 The Events at Black Tor (b0890hpm)**

3. The Fires of Hell

PC Jamie Hewitt and Father Probert face fresh terrors - while Pam Hewitt is in danger of her life.

A mysterious letter has sparked a terrifying chain of events for policeman Jamie and his wife Pam.

Starring Brian Peck and Bob Grant.

Roy Clarke's thriller serial set on the bleak Yorkshire Moors.

PC Jamie Hewitt ..... Brian Peck

Pam Hewitt ..... Juliet Cooke

Father Probert ..... Bob Grant

Brown ..... Colin Edwynn

Director: Alan Ayckbourn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1968.

**TUE 06:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmrp)**

Operation Luna

2. Moon Music

It's 1965. Captain Jet Morgan and his crew battle to make their landing on the Moon as the world looks on.

Starring Andrew Faulds and Guy Kingsley-Poynter.

Written and produced by Charles Chilton.

Jet Morgan .... Andrew Faulds

Lemmy Barnett .... Alfie Bass

Doc .... Guy Kingsley-Poynter

Mitch .... David Williams

Other parts played by:

John Cazaban

Alan Keith

Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.

The original 1953 recordings of this futuristic series were erased.

This series was re-recorded and first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1958.

**TUE 07:00 Minor Adjustment (b0b4ff7s)**

Overture and Beginners Please

Kate's in the school play, while Sarah has a problem with a client - and her husband Richard.

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

Pat Humphreys .... Penelope Nice

Annie .... Teresa Gallagher

The Headmaster .... Brian Bowles

Robbie .... Robbie Gill

The Policeman .... Sebastian Brennan

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1996.

**TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b0b08vbj)**

Vintage Goons

Giant Bombardon

With the war going badly, Neddie Seagoon is tasked with finding a huge leather cannon.

Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.

Starring:

Peter Sellers

Harry Secombe

Spike Milligan

Valentine Dyall

First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.

With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.

Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.

Announcer: Wallace Greenslade

Producer: Roy Spear

The original show was first broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1954 with special guest Michael Bentine.

This is a re-recording from October 1958 with an edited script - made by the BBC Transcription Service for broadcast overseas.

First BBC broadcast on BBC Radio 7 in October 2009.

**TUE 08:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001yysv)**

Series 8

## 6. Domestic Violence

When should the police get involved in people's personal lives? Ever worried about a friend's new partner even when they tell you everything is 'fine'?

In this week's episode, police officer turned comedian Alfie Moore, looks into helping someone who might be under 'coercive control'.

Details of support for domestic abuse are available at [bbc.co.uk/actionline](http://bbc.co.uk/actionline).

Written and presented by Alfie Moore

Producer: Sam Holmes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2024.

**TUE 08:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b0b9wsnr)**

The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole

## 2. Special Delivery

Adrian's mother needs money so abandons her 'young' son which ends up in the newspaper.

Then Adrian has to take a taxi to the hospital, put on a mask and gown and support his mother in the delivery room.

Sue Townsend's funny and heart-breaking chronicle of a teenager now aged 15 - growing up in the Midlands in the 1982.

Abridged by Sara Davies

Read by Harry McEntire

Producer: Alexa Moore

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2018.

**TUE 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b012r6kc)**

Series 2

## 2. Waiting

Edith is devastated to discover that her former lover Aylmer Ross has been injured in the War.

She's desperate to know how seriously hurt he is ...

Ada Levenson's witty and wonderful social comedy set in early 20th century London.

Dramatised by Martyn Wade.

Ada Levenson ..... Haydn Gwynne

Edith ..... Juliet Aubrey

Bruce ..... Bertie Carvel

Aylmer ..... Jonathan Firth

Madame Frabelle ..... Jane Whittenshaw

Dulcie ..... Leah Brotherhead

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

**TUE 09:00 Nature Table (m002w5v0)**

Series 5

## 6: Climate Change

Sue hears about some hopeful responses to Climate Change: how garden ponds can lock in carbon, how different animal poos - and our own - can do their bit and how seaweed could be the answer to our future.

'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 Felicity Ward, science writer Jules Howard, zoologist Lucy Cooke and ethnobotanist James Wong.

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: Felicity Ward, Jules Howard, Lucy Cooke and James Wong.

Written by: Jon Hunter and Jenny Labille.

Additional material by: Jade Gebbie.

Researcher: Catherine Beazley

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Sound Editor: Jerry Peal

Music by: Ben Mirin

Production Coordinator: Caroline Barlow &amp; Sarah Nicholls

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

**TUE 09:30 Ingenious (m000h0fx)**

## 2. The Breast Cancer Gene

Dr Kat Arney finds out what we are made of one gene at a time. For centuries doctors have noticed that some types of cancer seem to run in families, but it was only recently that we've started to pin down the genetic culprits.

One of these hit the headlines in 2013 when actress Angelina Jolie announced she had a defect in the BRCA1 gene, which can significantly increase the chances of developing breast, ovarian or prostate cancer.

Jolie had breast removal surgery in order to reduce her risk of getting ill.

So how does it feel to find out you carry a faulty BRCA gene? What can you do about it? And could new research into these genes help lead to revolutionary new cancer treatments?

Dr Kat Arney speaks to:

\* Caitlin Brodnick, author of 'Dangerous Boobies: Breaking Up with My Time-Bomb Breasts'

\* Cancer researcher, Dr Serena Nik-Zainal of Cambridge University.

Producer: Beth Sagar-Fenton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.

**TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002wkfm)**

Ascension - Psalms of Ascent

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

Theme: Ascension - Psalms of Ascent

Presenter: Jay Hulme

Reading: Psalm 121

Music:

Psalm 121 (chant by Walford Davies) - St Martin's Voices (BBC Recording)

Do not be afraid (Stopford) - St Martin's Voices

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills - Daily Service Singers

**TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b09794s6)**

Sally Lindsay and Jonathan Harvey

Actress Sally Lindsay and playwright Jonathan Harvey join Harriett Gilbert to discuss favourite books by Sue Townsend, Christopher Douglas and Angela Carter.

The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole by Sue Townsend

Publisher: Puffin

I, An Actor, by Nicholas Craig.

(Written by Christopher Douglas and Nigel Planer).

Publisher: Methuen

Wise Children by Angela Carter

Publisher: Vintage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017

**TUE 10:30 Famed For Its Knitting (b01bmlt8)**

"The number-one-selling brand within the mature woman's weekly magazine sector"

The life and changing times of WOMAN'S WEEKLY - as it celebrated its centenary in 2011 - a period of unprecedented economic turmoil in the publishing industry.

Back in the 1980s, the magazine was an anachronism - very old school, very pink, catch-lined "Famed for its Knitting".

Journalist Clare Jenkins held a variety of roles on the magazine from a spell as "The Man Who Sees" to covering for the astrologer (after they had a heart attack).

For the rest of the time, she was a sub-editor and celebrity interviewer, ranging from Hollywood stars like Joan Fontaine and Gloria Grahame, to Jenny Agutter and Nicholas Parsons.

The knitting department made balaclavas and sleeveless jumpers for models like Roger Moore and Sandra Howard. It was decidedly mono-cultural, too - an edict from on high forbade the use of non-white faces. It also forbade any mention of sex, so fictional heroines were virginal, while letters mentioning sexual difficulties had to be rewritten before appearing on the problem page.

The magazine achieved a different kind of status after being immortalised in a Victoria Wood song ... "beat me on the bottom with the Woman's Weekly".

Clare takes an affectionate but sharp-edged look at everybody's granny's favourite cup-of-tea read.

How has it managed to survive?

Producer: Lindsay Leonard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

**TUE 11:00 The Events at Black Tor (b0890hpm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

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**TUE 14:00 Genius (b00802hh)**

Series 3

Rob Newman

From high-tech hitching to brushes with fingernails.

Dave Gorman asks comedian Rob Newman to select the public's best loopy idea.

Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

**TUE 14:30 The Cavity Within (b00770js)**

Episode 3

Having lost their patients, the dental team take extreme measures to rustle up a clientele.

So why are Marty and Pete dining in the dark?

Sitcom with teeth written by Jim Poyser.

Marty .... Chris O'Dowd

Pete .... Jeff Rawle

Daisy .... Sara Crowe

Tim .... Mark Straker

Anna .... Christine Kavanagh

Mr. Holmes .... John Rowe

Doreen .... Tracy Wiles

Bloke .... Sam Dale

Brendan .... Paul Richard Biggin

Woman .... Emma Noakes.

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

**TUE 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000xtb0)**

I Don't Believe You by Robert Forrest

On the 17th May, 1966 Bob Dylan played Manchester Free Trade Hall - one of the most famous (or infamous) concerts in rock history.

Anger and loathing surrounded Dylan on that 1966 tour.

Many felt betrayed because he was leaving the folk tradition behind by turning electric. One heckler shouted "Judas".

Robert Forrest's play focuses on events just outside the concert hall, as two young Dylan fans meet by chance, each wrestling with a more personal sense of betrayal.

Catriona is Irish, charming and a spinner of yarns. Davey, a shipyard apprentice from Glasgow, finds her fascinating, but he believes dishonesty is all around him: is Catriona just another liar?

But, then, what is Davey doing with a wad of stolen bank notes? Catriona .... Lucianne McEvoy

Davey .... Martin Quinn

Directed at BBC Scotland by Bruce Young.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2021.

**TUE 15:45 Sunday Feature (m0017lqy)**

Dylan and the Ferry

New Generation Thinker and Bob Dylan fan Dafydd Mills

Daniel, investigates the story behind the iconic image of Bob

Dylan on the poster for the 2005 documentary 'No Direction

Home' directed by Martin Scorsese.

It's a black and white photo of Dylan on a small car ferry. The

ferry was called The Severn Princess and it transported drivers

across the River Severn, between England and Wales. Dylan

was using the Aust Ferry to take his new electric guitar and

sound into Wales.

Dafydd returns to the actual scene of the photograph in the

company of Tim Ryan and Sue Kingdom, who are running a

campaign to preserve The Severn Princess, which is docked on a

beach near Chepstow.

He also talks to Richard F. Thomas, author of Why Dylan

Matters, about the so-called "Judas Tour".

Producer Stephen Hughes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in May 2022.

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**TUE 21:00 Drama on 4 (m000xtb0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**TUE 21:45 Sunday Feature (m0017lqy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**TUE 22:00 Nature Table (m002w5v0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 22:30 And the Winner Is... (b00rf11j)**

Series 1

Episode 4

Matt Lucas hosts his alternative awards show - The Lucases - as

selected by his guests.

Awards include the Lucas for The Most Disappointing Film

Sequel, Most Unhelpful Proverb, Greatest Ever Couple and

Most Depressing School Subject.

Nominations are provided by Matt's guests:

Stephen K Amos

Jon Richardson

Jo Caulfield

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

Script written by Ashley Blaker, Bill Matthews and Ged

Parsons.

Producer: Ashley Blaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 2010.

**TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002wrr0)**

Phil Ellis 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy

Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp chats to the

comedian Phil Ellis.

**TUE 23:00 Josie Long: Romance and Adventure (b075tddy)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Josie swears off romance and almost immediately finds herself in

a budding relationship with Darren's former flatmate, Roddy.

Comedy drama from award-winning comedian Josie Long

about a young woman trying to build a new, more fulfilling life

for herself in Glasgow.

Based on characters from the short films "Romance and

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

Douglas King.

Josie ..... Josie Long

Darren ..... Darren Osborne

Roddy ..... Sanjeev Kohli

Kerry ..... Hatty Ashdown

Eleanor ..... Clare Grogan

Chris ..... Michael Bertenshaw

Janie ..... Georgie Glen

Mona ..... Rebecca Hamilton

Fraser ..... Chris Pavlo

Written by Josie Long.

Producer: Colin Anderson

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in April 2016.

**TUE 23:30 Chain Reaction (b03m81pm)**

Series 9

Terry Christian talks to Kevin Bridges

Manchester's media legend and Scotland's comedy superstar in

the talk tag show where the guest becomes the next interviewer.

Writer and broadcaster Terry Christian chats to his favourite

comedian, Kevin Bridges.

Recorded with an audience, the interviews focus on the life,

career and the passions of the interviewee, but often prove to be

as revealing about the interviewer.

Producer: Carl Cooper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2013.

**WEDNESDAY 20 MAY 2026**

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 Genius (b00802hh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:30 The Cavity Within (b00770js)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:00 Drama on 4 (m000xtb0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:45 Sunday Feature (m0017lqy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 The Events at Black Tor (b08919pf)**

4. The Hounds of Hell

The police move in - and Pam, Jamie and Probert are trapped - as the terrifying chain of evil events continues on the Yorkshire Moor.

A mysterious letter has sparked terror for policeman Jamie and his wife Pam.

Starring Brian Peck and Bob Grant.

Roy Clarke's thriller serial set on the bleak Yorkshire Moors.

PC Jamie Hewitt ..... Brian Peck

Pam Hewitt ..... Juliet Cooke

Sergeant ..... James Beck

Father Probert ..... Bob Grant

Tramp ..... Harry Markham

Director: Alan Ayckbourn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1968.

**WED 06:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jms4)**

Operation Luna

3. Disturbing Visions

Captain Jet Morgan is disturbed by visions and a sense of

foreboding - as his rocket fails to respond.

Starring Andrew Faulds and David Williams.

Written and produced by Charles Chilton.

Jet Morgan .... Andrew Faulds

Lemma Barnett .... Alfie Bass

Doc .... Guy Kingsley-Poynter

Mitch .... David Williams

Other parts played by:

David Jacobs

Duncan McIntyre

Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.

The original 1953 recordings of this futuristic series were

erased.

This series was re-recorded and first broadcast on the BBC

Light Programme in April 1958.

**WED 07:00 Gush (b04y52ct)**

Episode 1

What could divide two close friends, the aristocratic Foxwell

Cravate and American tycoon Max Pomeroy so far apart that

their rivalry has come to threaten the human race?

There's only one way to find out - with flashbacks.

Ian Hislop and Nick Newman's epic tale of bitter rivals whose

destinies are tragically intertwined.

Set in Durban at the Transworld Oil Conference - aping the

style of the best TV mini-series of the 90s.

Foxwell Cravate ..... Martin Jarvis

Max Pomeroy ..... Mac McDonald

Arabella Derbyshire ..... Felicity Montagu

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## Series 1

A House on the Cliff

The Lad's after a new home, but is it really the best idea to get Sid to build it?

Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With:

Moira Lister

Bill Kerr

Sidney James

Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.

Music recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1955.

**WED 08:00 Daliso Chaponda: Citizen of Nowhere (b0b3d421)**

## Series 1

Border Patrol

Malawian comedian Daliso Chaponda looks at the relationship between the UK and Africa.

The UK and Africa have had a long a complicated past. This series looks at the history of this relationship and Daliso is our relationship guidance counsellor, helping us navigate the rocky historical waters between the two places.

A Malawian comedian who grew up all over the world, Daliso straddles cultural divides. He will help us all better understand how to sort out our differences. Or not...

In this final episode, Daliso talks about the process of immigration.

Written and performed by Daliso Chaponda.

The Other Guy ... James Quinn

Theme tune by Law.

Image by Steve Ullathorne.

Producer: Carl Cooper

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

**WED 08:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b0b9z4nm)**

The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole

3. Christmas 1982

The second book in the exquisitely funny Adrian Mole series by Sue Townsend.

Adrian continues to battle valiantly against the slings and arrows of growing up and his own family's attempts to scar him for life. Following on from The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13 3/4, it is now 1982 and Adrian is 15 and it's about to be 1983 - O level year.

Adrian worries about the state of the world and people's morals, so he visits a vicar hoping for guidance. He also attends his first funeral - Queenie has died leaving Bert alone.

Reader: Harry McEntire

Abridger: Sara Davies

Producer: Alexa Moore

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2018.

**WED 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b012r6jv)**

## Series 2

3. That Old Feeling

Aylmer Ross has returned to London and the attraction between him and Edith is as electric as it ever was.

But where do they go from here..?

Ada Leverson's witty and wonderful social comedy set in early 20th century London.

Dramatised by Martyn Wade.

Ada Leverson ..... Haydn Gwynne

Edith ..... Juliet Aubrey

Bruce ..... Bertie Carvel

Aylmer ..... Jonathan Firth

Madame Frabelle ..... Jane Whittenshaw

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

**WED 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002w5yy)**

John Tothill Forgives Your Sins

In a world of crossfit and kink-shaming, budgeting and meal prep, John Tothill presents the antidote to self-improvement.

In this episode John tackles the workplace - rejecting the nauseating barrage of self-betterment and productivity, in favour of your worst impulses and transgressions.

Listen, we all have regrets that make us wince to remember and consider booking a one-way ticket to Nepal. But do you know what the biggest killer in the UK is? That's right: shame. So come on in, darlings. Curl up with a lovely big pint of Negroni and share your naughtiest stories. John is here to celebrate your vices and absolve you of your sins. You have nothing to be ashamed of.

Producer: Sasha Bobak

Executive Producer: Pete Strauss

Co-Writer: Eve Delaney

Production Coordinator: Asha Osborne-Grinter

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

**WED 09:30 Ingenious (m000h1m8)**

3. The Milkshake Gene

Dr Kat Arney finds out what we are made of one gene at a time. Are you dairy intolerant? If so, you're not alone – more than two-thirds of adults in the world are unable to digest delicious milkshakes and other dairy products properly.

10,000 years ago all humans were like that. So why on earth did some of us evolve the ability to tuck into cheese, butter and cream with a vengeance?

And why are farming - and farting - vital parts of the story?

Dr Kat Arney finds out, with the help of:

Evolution expert Professor Mark Thomas of UCL.

Producer: Beth Sagar-Fenton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.

**WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002wkfg)**

Ascension - Psalms of Ascent

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

Theme: Ascension - Psalms of Ascent

Presenter: Sandra Godley.

Reading: Psalm 122

Music:

Ancient of Days - Becca Folkes & Psalms x Saints

He watching over Israel - London Symphony Orchestra and Choir

The Light of the World - Richard Smallwood

**WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b01lz7yk)**

Anthony Burgess: A Clockwork Archive

Anthony Burgess is best known as the author of A Clockwork Orange, first published in 1962.

Burgess was born in 1917 in one of the poorest areas of North Manchester. It was entirely unpredictable that such a major literary figure and polymath would spring from such a humble background.

He remained in Manchester until he graduated from the University, but never went back to live there and was careful to disguise his Northern accent.

Paul Morley - a fellow Northern exile - visits some of the key landmarks of Burgess's early life - Xaverian College where he was taught by strict Catholics from the Xaverian Brothers; the

Free Trade Hall where he heard the Hallé Orchestra; Central Library where he began a lifelong process of self-education.

Paul also considers Burgess's continuing passion for writing classical music; his first creative ambition was to be a composer.

He wrote over 200 pieces of classical music, including full-length symphonies and a ballet. Very little of his music was performed during his lifetime, but it is now attracting interest from musicians and academics.

Burgess's legacy includes not only 33 published novels, two autobiographies and a large amount of journalism but a previously unheard archive of about 800 audio cassettes and home movies.

Paul Morley visits The International Anthony Burgess

Foundation in Manchester, which is cataloguing this rich, diverse and remarkable archive.

Contributors include:

\* Dr Andrew Biswell, biographer of Anthony Burgess and

Director of The International Anthony Burgess Foundation

\* Paul Phillips, author of a book about Burgess's music

\* Dr Kevin Malone, an expert on the music Burgess himself

wrote for his own dramatised version of A Clockwork Orange

Producer: Nick Holmes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

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**WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0010wz0)**

## Series 16

Episode 2

Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Holly Walsh welcome:

\* Comedian Evelyn Mok

\* Historian Dr Alun Withey

\* Screenwriter Allan Scott

Evelyn talks about the rivalry between Gothenberg and Stockholm and donates the Swedish Dragon Gate to the

Museum - it was intended to be the country's first Chinatown but things didn't go according to plan.

Dr Alun discusses his research into beards which led to the media dubbing him the 'maven of shaving' and Allan talks about his time running a Scottish whisky company before becoming a screenwriter and working with Garry Kasparov on The Queen's Gambit.

Researchers: Mike Shepherd, Mike Turner and Jack Chambers of QI.

Producer: Anne Miller

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

**WED 14:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b007k1f1)**

## Series 2

Episode 1

Chantal's biological clock is ticking.

She knows she must have a baby and she desperately needs to find a mate.

Pamela remembers that feeling only too well.

So does Merv and wishes he didn't.

But for Chantal the hunt for a suitable piece of trouser is on!

Return of the sitcom written by and starring Mervyn Stutter.

Merv ..... Mervyn Stutter

Pam ..... Lill Roughley

Dibden ..... John Challis

PC Dilkes ..... Michael Mears

Chantal ..... Tracy-Ann Oberman

Producer: Mario Stylianides

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

**WED 15:00 So Very Secret by Barbara Pym (m002wkfj)**

Harriet Jekyll from the Foreign Office, visits her friend

Cassandra near Oxford for a holiday during the Second World War.

But she never returns from the local hairdresser and Cassie becomes entangled in an intricate and dangerous espionage plot.

It takes her from her quiet village to London and to Shropshire.....

Starring Amanda Root and Miriam Margolyes.

Comedy thriller set in England in 1941 - So Very Secret, an

unfinished novel by Barbara Pym

Dramatised by Elizabeth Proud

Cassandra Swann ... Amanda Root

Harriet Jekyll ... Miriam Margolyes

With:

Chris Emmett

Chris Pavlo

Nigel Anthony

Elizabeth Proud

Josie Kidd

Producer: Sioned William

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

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**WED 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002w5yy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 22:30 Britain in Bits with Ross Noble (m000113w)**

## Series 1

Episode 2

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 Lesley Joseph, who talks about her new one woman show on ice.

Piers investigates the history of advertising and its future, and we find out about the Queen's canine friends.

Written by and starring Ross Noble.

With:

Hadley Fraser

George Fouracres

Emma Sidi

Summer Strallen

Producer: Matt Stronge

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

**WED 23:00 Welcome to Wherever You Are (b09gkh2f)**

## Series 1

Episode 1

Andrew Maxwell hosts a truly global stand-up show

Comedians perform from wherever on the planet they happen to be, to an audience in the BBC Radio Theatre, London.

With:

Alice Fraser

Storm Xu

Bassem Youssef

From Sydney, The Bugle podcast co-host Alice Fraser talks cricket and colonialism.

Emerging star Storm Xu in Shanghai reveals his problems with dating.

World-renowned satirist Bassem Youssef explains why he had to move to Los Angeles from his native Egypt (spoiler: it turns out dictators don't like you making jokes about them).

Producer: Ed Morrish

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

\*\* Photo credit: Matt Stronge

**WED 23:30 The Skewer (m002w5z9)**

Series 16

Hard Labour

Streeting wants in and Starmer styles it out.

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

Producer: Jon Holmes

An unusual production for BBC Radio 4

**WED 23:45 The East Coast Listening Post (m000677v)**

Series 2

Laugh

American reporters and sisters, Jenna and Dana Johnson, are

back in the UK to investigate the people of Great Britain.

In this episode, Jenna and Dana meet Mick Tanner from the historic town of Luton, who is undergoing therapy to change his laugh in the pursuit of love. To meet someone new, Mick agrees to take part in a reality dating show called 'Rapid Banter'. 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

Nick Mohammed

Producer: Suzy Grant

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

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 03:45 The Little Ottleys (b012r6vj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0010wz0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 04:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b007k1f1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

**THU 05:00 So Very Secret by Barbara Pym (m002wkwfj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 06:00 The Events at Black Tor (b0891gks)**

5. The Things that Emerge with the Dark

Despite a full-scale police investigation under way into the chain of chilling events, policeman Jamie is still in danger...

A mysterious letter has sparked terror for policeman Jamie and his wife Pam.

Starring Brian Peck and Bob Grant.

Roy Clarke's thriller serial set on the bleak Yorkshire Moors.

PC Jamie Hewitt ..... Brian Peck

Pam Hewitt ..... Juliet Cooke

Sergeant ..... James Beck

Father Probert ..... Bob Grant

Superintendent ..... David Mahlowe

Chief Inspector ..... Ronald Harvi

Spider One ..... Douglas Fielding

Spider Two ..... John Nettles

Spider Three ..... Colin Bell

Director: Alan Ayckbourn

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1968.

**THU 06:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmsm)**

Operation Luna

4. Is There Anybody Out There?

Captain Jet Morgan and his crew face catastrophe when their rocket loses power.

Starring Andrew Faulds and Alife Bass.

Written and produced by Charles Chilton.

Jet Morgan .... Andrew Faulds

Lemmy Barnett .... Alfie Bass

Doc .... Guy Kingsley-Poynter

Mitch .... David Williams

Other parts played by:

David Jacobs

Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.

The original 1953 recordings of this futuristic series were erased.

This series was re-recorded and first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1958.

**THU 07:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002wkrk)**

Series 3

Island in the Sun

Jimmy Bright has discovered an unspoilt tropical paradise.

He wants Brightco to be the first to get out there and spoil it!

Perhaps his secretary should accompany him...?

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

Helen .... Sue Holderness

Sue Plant .... Annee Blott

Producer Edward Trott

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1990.

**THU 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jq7tm)**

Series 2

Replace The Burkiss Way

Smile, you're on Candid Cat!

Genghis Khan fun in The Burkiss Way to Dynamic Living

As we conclude the second series of radio's correspondence course - if we were to hold auditions for this time slot, you might take over from:

Jo Kendal

Nigel Rees

Chris Emmett

Fred Harris

Or have a chance to write scripts like Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Or even (if your luck doesn't hold) end up like producer Simon Brett.

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

**THU 08:00 All Those Women (b09ny2yh)**

Series 3

Episode 1

Return of Katherine Jakeways' sitcom about four generations of women living under one roof.

Hetty's trying to talk Maggie out of lunch with an old friend who Maggie doesn't actually like.

Meanwhile Jen's work placement isn't going entirely to plan and Emily's getting in a muddle.

All Those Women explores familial relationships, ageing, marriages - it's about life and love and things not turning out quite the way that you'd expected them to.

Join Hetty, Maggie, Jen and Emily as they struggle to resolve their own problems, and support one another.

Hetty ..... Marcia Warren

Maggie ..... Lesley Manville

Jen ..... Sinead Matthews

Emily ..... Lucy Hutchinson

Nerys ..... Vicki Pepperdine

Bobby ..... Paul Barber

Emily's Friend ..... Katie Redford

Producer: Alexandra Smith

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

**THU 08:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b0b9zpbs)**

The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole

4. Plans to Escape

Adrian feels neglected by his parents - would anyone even notice if he left home?

So he joins Barry Kent's gang for a taste of nihilism.

The second book in the exquisitely funny Adrian Mole series by Sue Townsend.

Abridged by Sara Davies.

Read by Harry McEntire.

Producer: Alexa Moore

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2018.

**THU 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b012r7js)**

Series 2

4. Madame Frabelle

Bruce and Madame Frabelle appear to be two of a kind and

Edith has set Aylmer thinking by telling him that Dulcie is in love with him...

Ada Leverson's witty and wonderful social comedy set in early 20th century London.

Dramatised by Martyr Wade.

Ada Leverson ..... Haydn Gwynne

Edith ..... Juliet Aubrey

Bruce ..... Bertie Carvel

Aylmer ..... Jonathan Firth

Madame Frabelle ..... Jane Whittenshaw

Hyacinth ..... Alex Tregear

Dulcie ..... Leah Brotherhead

Lady Conroy ..... Joanna Monro

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

**THU 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002w355)**

Geoff Norcott's Working Men's Club S2

S2 E4: 'Er Indoors

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 men in a romantic relationship with women - and why they aren't honest about their partner's faults. Is there a social taboo around men admitting to problems in their relationships, or are women just better than men so there's less to complain about?

As ever, these serious points are intercut with "manly hypotheticals", the sort of questions men ask each other to avoid talking about stuff that matters, like - would you rather

duel Jacob Rees-Mogg with a sword or a pistol?

Written and presented by ... Geoff Norcott

Recorded by Sean Kerwin

Production manager: Dawn Williams

Executive producer: Caroline Raphael

Producer: Ed Morrish

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4

**THU 09:30 Ingenious (m000h0v8)**

4. The Alzheimer's Gene

Dr Kat Arney finds out what we are made of one gene at a time.

Alzheimer's is a devastating disease - so would you want to know whether it lies in your future? Some online tests say they can tell you how likely you are to develop it, based on which version you have of a single gene. But can we really believe the stats? Would you want to know your own risk level? And what good, bad - and just plain weird - responses do people have to finding out?

Dr Kat Arney makes up her mind about whether to take the test, with the help of social scientist Dr Richard Milne and genetic counsellor Professor Anna Middleton.

Presenter: Kat Arney

Producer: Beth Sagar-Fenton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.

**THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002wkrw)**

Ascension - Psalms of Ascent

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

Theme: Ascension - Psalms of Ascent

Presenter: Sharon Grenham-Thompson.

Reading: Psalm 123

Music

The Spheres - Ola Gjeilo

Tenebrae

CD: Ola Gjeilo (Decca)

Open thou mine eyes - John Rutter

Cambridge Singers

CD: Be thou my vision (Collegium)

Be still for the presence of the Lord

St Philip's Boys Choir

CD: Angel Voices (Demon Music Group)

The Ground - Ola Gjeilo

Tenebrae

CD: Ola Gjeilo (Decca)

**THU 10:00 Great Lives (p00glwk0)**

Nevil Shute

Broadcaster Adam Hart-Davis attempts to convince presenter Francine Stock of the "greatness" of engineer and writer Nevil Shute.

He managed to combine a scientific and literary career, writing such bestsellers as 'A Town Like Alice' and 'On the Beach'. With Heather Mayfield (Nevil Shute's eldest daughter).

Producer: John Byrne

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

**THU 10:30 My Empire Of Dust (b012r7jx)**

Cologne-based artist Wolfgang Stoecker has collected samples of dust from historic buildings across Europe and beyond.

With the help of scientists and an electro-microscope at Augsburg University, he's analysed the dust and discovered it contains tiny fossils, dust from the Sahara, pollutants of various kinds and human debris.

Aeolian research, research into dust particles and sediments, is an established branch of geographical study, often concerned with the history and future of climate change, desertification and landscape erosion.

But as Wolfgang has discovered, dust can also tell us something about human culture.

John Campbell is the Dean's Verger at Lincoln Cathedral. He received Wolfgang's initial email with some scepticism but it made sense too, because dust is often on his mind as the person responsible for the upkeep of this great building.

He collected two samples for Wolfgang's collection: 'secular' dust near the entrance, where the traffic of feet is greatest, and 'sacred' dust, near the altar, where traces of candles, incense and sacred silverware are to be found.

Everyone leaves a trace of themselves behind in the dust.

Producer Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

**THU 11:00 The Events at Black Tor (b0891gks)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**THU 11:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmsm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**THU 12:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002wkrk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**THU 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jq7tm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**THU 13:00 All Those Women (b09ny2yh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**THU 13:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b0b9zpbs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**THU 13:45 The Little Ottleys (b012r7js)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**THU 14:00 Foul Play (b00zshr3)**

Series 4

Murder for Starters

Crime writers Robert Barnard and Lindsey Davis probe who wielded a deadly skewer.

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 His Master's Voice (b007s76v)**  
1. A New Editor  
'The Blue Touch Paper' has become so blue that it's lost its touch.  
Its readership is down due to an old approach, old age, and death, so it's time to appoint a new editor who favours compassionate Cameron conservatism.  
Starring Robert Hardy.  
Mark Tavener's political satire set in the offices of 'The Blue Touch Paper' - an archaic Tory magazine.  
Lord Malan ..... Robert Hardy  
Keith ..... Tony Gardner  
Anna ..... Amelia Bullmore  
Giles ..... Michael Maloney  
Katrina ..... Rachel Atkins  
With:  
Beth Chalmers  
Simon Treves  
Eve Webster  
Producer: Dawn Ellis  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.  
**THU 15:00 Duckie by Roger Williams (m0016s7)**  
Matinee idol and celebrated composer Ivor Novello is struggling to come to terms with being sent to prison at the height of his fame.  
Will his career be shattered by the scandal?  
Or will his many admirers keep the flames of his popularity burning...?  
Starring Michael Fenton Stevens.  
Written by Roger Williams.  
Ivor Novello .... Michael Fenton Stevens  
Bobbie Andrews .... Martyn Ellis  
Dora Constable... Alex Alderton  
Minnie Ryanor .... Nickie Rainsford  
Noel Coward / Eddie.... David Holt  
Heywood / Barry .... Robert Harper  
Mills / Rev Williams ... Dorian Thomas  
Director: Geni Hall-Kenny.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.  
**THU 15:45 Play Chopsticks for Me by Alex Shearer (b04d0k13)**  
Stromberg is a great piano teacher; a perfectionist, painstaking and methodical.  
But his student suspects that The Great Stromberg is a fraud.  
Alex Shearer's short story read by Jonathan Keeble.  
Producer: Pam Fraser Solomon  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.  
**THU 16:00 Great Lives (p00glwk0)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**THU 16:30 My Empire Of Dust (b012r7jx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]  
**THU 17:00 The Events at Black Tor (b0891gks)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**THU 17:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmsm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**THU 18:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002wkrk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**THU 18:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jq7tm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**THU 19:00 All Those Women (b09ny2yh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**THU 19:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b0b9zbps)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**THU 19:45 The Little Otleys (b012r7js)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**THU 20:00 Foul Play (b00zshr3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]  
**THU 20:30 His Master's Voice (b007s76v)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]  
**THU 21:00 Duckie by Roger Williams (m0016s7)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]  
**THU 21:45 Play Chopsticks for Me by Alex Shearer (b04d0k13)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]  
**THU 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002w355)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**THU 22:30 Any Bloke (b007jy78)**  
Series 1  
Males On Wheels  
"Why are you so pathetically insecure...? I'm just the dowdy drudge you leave behind when you go on your business trips."  
How will Phil overcome his jealousy while Sarah's in Paris?  
Starring Jim Sweeney and Caroline Quentin.  
Gary Brown's comedy series about family life in the 1990s.  
Phil.....Jim Sweeney  
Sarah.....Caroline Quentin  
Fay.....Shirley Stelfox  
Liam.....Steve Steen  
Gerald.....Lloyd Peters  
Gavin.....Paul Clarkson  
Sophie.....Nadine Balantyne  
With:  
Rachel Atkins  
Mark Straker

Producer: Ann Jobson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1993.  
**THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002wwr6)**  
Phil Ellis 2/3  
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp chats again to the comedian Phil Ellis.  
**THU 23:00 Beyond The Back of Beyond (m002wks1)**  
6. Matrimony  
Have our two intrepid explorers, Mark and Brian, finally discovered true love?  
Conclusion of the sitcom series written by and starring Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst.  
Mark .... Neil Warhurst  
Brian .... Paul Barnhill  
Mawa .... Jacey Salles  
Sandra .... Rosie Cavaliero  
Luke .... Mark Benton  
Producer: Sally Avens  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.  
**THU 23:15 Life on Egg (b09m1008)**  
Series 1  
Whale  
When a rare pair of whales start ramming The Egg as part of their mating ritual, Harry and the team are forced to take evasive action to save the prison.  
But their efforts are soon hindered by the arrival of ardent conservationist Jo-Jo Peebles, hell-bent on protecting the whales at any cost.  
Who will crack first? Harry? Jo-Jo? Or The Egg...?  
Governor Harry ..... Harry Hill  
Ann ..... Karen Bartke  
Peter ..... Marek Larwood  
The Minister ..... Tanya Moodie  
Jo-Jo Peebles ..... 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 (b0739rfy)**  
Series 3  
Episode 3  
More overblown, melodramatic scenes from modern life.  
Meet the man who can't get enough towels, a saxophonist who is tortured by his inability to play the solo from Baker Street and a late night visit from a charity burglar.  
Award-winning sketch show.  
Starring:  
Daniel Rigby  
Mike Wozniak  
Cariad Lloyd  
Henry Paker  
Jessica Ransom  
Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike Wozniak, with additional material from the cast.  
Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.  
  
**FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026**  
  
**FRI 00:00 Great Lives (p00glwk0)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 00:30 My Empire Of Dust (b012r7jx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 01:00 The Events at Black Tor (b0891gks)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 01:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmsm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002wkrk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jq7tm)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]  
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**FRI 06:00 The Events at Black Tor (b0891m27)**  
6. The Deepest Dark  
As the sect begin their ceremony, the police move in.  
As Jamie moves closer, he recognises one of the worshippers in the firelight...  
Starring Brian Peck, Juliet Cooke and Bob Grant.  
A mysterious letter has sparked a terrifying chain of events for

policeman Jamie and his wife Pam.  
Conclusion of Roy Clarke's thriller serial set on the bleak Yorkshire Moors.  
PC Jamie Hewitt ..... Brian Peck  
Pam Hewitt ..... Juliet Cooke  
Sergeant ..... James Beck  
Father Probert ..... Bob Grant  
Superintendent... David Mahlowe  
Brown..... Colin Edwynn  
Palmer..... John Nettles  
Dog handler.... Robert Powell  
Director: Alan Ayckbourn  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1968.  
**FRI 06:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmt2)**  
Operation Luna  
5. The First of Many  
The stalled rocket ship prevents Captain Jet Morgan and his crew from making their return to Earth.  
Starring Andrew Faulds and Guy Kingsley-Poynter.  
Written and produced by Charles Chilton.  
Jet Morgan .... Andrew Faulds  
Lemmy Barnett .... Alfie Bass  
Doc .... Guy Kingsley-Poynter  
Mitch .... David Williams  
Other parts played by:  
David Jacobs  
Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.  
The original 1953 recordings of this futuristic series were erased.  
This series was re-recorded and first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in April 1958.  
**FRI 07:00 Dry Slopes (b00ly7e2)**  
Series 1  
Dry Wit  
Friendless, jobless Angus writes a requiem to himself. He is really a genius, you know  
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.  
**FRI 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jmf)**  
Series 5  
Men of Letters  
Albert butts in as Harold attempts to write an article for the church magazine.  
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  
The Vicar .... Anthony Sharp  
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 (b09cmm7)**  
Series 3  
Fourth in Show  
When Sophie's new boyfriend Imran tells her he doesn't like her glasses, she's desperate for a pair of Givenchy designer specs. But the salon's client list is still worryingly short and she can't get the money together.  
So when she hears a dog show is coming to town with big cash prizes to be won for well groomed pets, Sophie realises how she might be able to make her designer dreams a reality.  
Meanwhile, Sheila makes a worrying discovery and Jean meets a potential girlfriend...  
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  
Baker ..... Debra Baker  
Dotty ..... Annie Sawle  
Producer: Sam Michell  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2018.  
**FRI 08:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b0b9zgd1)**  
The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole  
5. The Love of a Good Woman  
Adrian Mole runs away from home with the dog, but nobody seems to notice his absence.  
Margaret Thatcher calls a general election.  
The second book in the exquisitely funny Adrian Mole series by Sue Townsend.  
Abridged by Sara Davies.  
Read by Harry McEntire,

Producer: Alexa Moore

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2018.

**FRI 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b012r998)**

Series 2

5. Cat out of the Bag

Has Madame Frabelle discovered Edith's secret love for Aylmer?

Ada Levenson's witty and wonderful social comedy set in early 20th century London.

Dramatised by Martyn Wade.

Ada Levenson ..... Haydn Gwynne

Edith ..... Juliet Aubrey

Bruce ..... Bertie Carvel

Aylmer ..... Jonathan Firth

Madame Frabelle ..... Jane Whittenshaw

Director: Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

**FRI 09:00 The Many Wrongs of Lord Christian Brighty (m0022zj4)**

Series 1

4. The Lord I Shot

Brighty's decision to right a wrong – killing a man in a duel – leads to a bust-up with Babs. Whilst she goes full tilt for revolution, Brighty and Churley are left mentoring a young proto-rake. Will the schism in the gang ever be repaired? Lord Christian Brighty is the talk of the Regency 'Ton' - a celebrated libertine, a heartthrob and a hero to many. But close-up, he is a spoilt, impetuous, life-ruining bastard... Or at least he was. Because his carefree life of infinite privilege has been upended by an encounter with his new chambermaid - the uneducated but forthright Babigail - who became the first person to tell him the unvarnished truth about his selfish behaviour. Overnight, his lifelong trust that everyone loved him had been replaced with a gnawing fear that Babs was right.

So now, with his narcissism collapsing and a need to prove to Babs he is actually a good person, Lord Brighty is determined to fix all his past wrongs. And by extension all the ills of Regency society. Accompanying him in his quest are Babs (elevated beyond her station to a chambermaid-cum-adviser role), and his butler, Mr Churlington. Although Churley would prefer everything to stay exactly as it used to be (as would all Brighty's friends, family and the entirety of high society).

Written by Christian Brighty & Amy Greaves

Cast:

Lord Christian Brighty ..... Christian Brighty

Babs ..... Jessica Knappett

Churlington ..... Colin McFarlane

Dowager / Fleetsbee ..... Nimisha Odedra

Monty ..... Joz Norris

Manon ..... Chiara Goldsmith

John ..... David Reed

Script Editor ..... David Reed

Sound & Recording ..... David Thomas

Photographer ..... Will Hearle

Production Assistant ..... Katie Sayer

Producer ..... Ben Walker

A DLT Entertainment Production for BBC Radio 4

Christian Brighty and Amy Greaves are award-winning comedians. Their viral sketches based on Bridgeton, 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 Ingenious (m000h263)**

5. The Cyclops Gene

Dr Kat Arney finds out what we are made of one gene at a time.

What links cyclops lambs, poisonous flowers, and six-toed cats?

They're all involved in the story of a gene called Sonic

Hedgehog - yes, that is its real name – which has its genetic fingers in all kinds of developmental processes.

Sonic Hedgehog helps to decide how many bits you have, where they go, and whether you're symmetrical, so it's not surprising that when Sonic makes mistakes there can be serious consequences.

We take a look at the mind-bogglingly intricate process of creating a body, and the key role our favourite blue hero plays in making sure everything goes to plan.

Dr Kat Arney is joined by hedgehog experts:

\* Dr Bob Riddle of the US National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

\* Professor Robert Hill of Edinburgh University

\* Dr Natalia Riobo-Del Galdo of Leeds University.

Producer: Beth Sagar-Fenton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2020.

**FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002wkv0)**

Elijah's Ascension

Christian worship and music with Rev Dr Marjory MacLean, a team minister in Orkney Islands Church of Scotland.

Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

**FRI 10:00 Soul Music (m000xr7r)**

Smalltown Boy by Bronski Beat

This disco classic tells a powerful story: that of a young, gay man leaving his homophobic small town for the freedom of the big city.

Released in 1984, Smalltown Boy continues to resonate and has become an anthem for the LGBTQ+ community.

The track appeared on their album 'The Age of Consent' which

drew attention to the inequality between the ages at which heterosexual people and homosexual men were legally able to have sex.

Taking part in the programme:

Shaun Delenty, an ex primary school leader and author who developed an award winning LGBT+ training programme

'Celebrating Difference-Inclusion For All' which he now delivers to students and staff around the world.

Paul Flynn, journalist and author of 'Good As You, 30 Years of Gay Britain'.

Diane Anderson-Minshall, CEO and Editorial Director of Pride Media.

Colin Crummy, freelance journalist

Neil Brand, pianist, composer, writer and broadcaster

Adam Carver aka Fat Butcher, drag artist, creative producer, and community organiser.

Archive: The audio of Jimmy Somerville is taken from the BBC archives

Music: various versions of Smalltown Boy by Jimmy Somerville, and Bronski Beat. Also covers by Dido, and Orville Peck.

Producer: Karen Gregor for BBC Audio in Bristol

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2021.

**FRI 10:30 The Symbols of Bliss (b08y26qf)**

Charles Bliss was a remarkable utopian visionary.

His experiences as a young witness to the pogroms and then Dachau and Buchenwald made him determined to put all his effort into finding a means of bringing about peace between nations.

His big inspiration was his belief that conflict arose when people misunderstood each other, or misinterpreted the other's language.

A new visual language based on ideograms would, he felt, prevent such misunderstanding - and he spent years both perfecting and then trying to sell his new system, which he named Semantography and which has become commonly known as Blissymbolics.

As Michael Symmons Roberts will explain, Bliss and his wife Claire sent thousands of letters to academics and librarians

across the world without success, but then decades later his language was taken up in an entirely unexpected way - as a means of communicating with children with cerebral palsy.

Sadly this apparent turn of good fortune did not lead to a happy ending, and Bliss died an apparently frustrated and lonely man.

Nonetheless, as Michael will explain, he was a great utopian visionary whose determined effort to change the world single-

handedly might not have finally paid off, but he left a great legacy behind in his linguistic achievement and in the thousands

whom he helped to communicate with the world.

Michael meets one of those people, Peter Zein, as well as Shirley McNaughton, the nurse who was one of the key figures

in applying Blissymbolics to special needs education, and Brian Stride, a personal friend and admirer of Bliss.

Producer: Geoff Bird

A Sparklab production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2017.

**FRI 11:00 The Events at Black Tor (b0891m27)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 11:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmt2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 12:00 Dry Slopes (b00ly7c2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jmfD)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 13:00 To Hull and Back (b09tcm7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 13:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b0b9zgd1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 13:45 The Little Ottleys (b012r998)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 14:00 Wordaholics (b01d0prh)**

Series 1

Episode 4

Wordaholics is the comedy panel game all about words.

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

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

Ready to vie for wordy supremacy in the ring:

Natalie Haynes

Michael Rosen

Arthur Smith

Paul Sinha

Written by Jon Hunter and James Kettle

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

**FRI 14:30 Ballylenon (b007nfs3)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, Co Donegal, in 1953, before the days of mass tourism in Ireland - and proper plumbing in every home.

Trouble brews when the McConeys sisters join forces with hotel owner, Phonsie Doherty.

They're campaigning for the demolition of the Georgian courthouse to make way for a car park.

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

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Phonsie Doherty ..... TP McKenna

Muriel Maconchy ..... Margaret D'Arcy

Vera Maconchy ..... Stella McCusker

Vivienne Boal ..... Aine McCartney

Guard Gallagher ..... John Hewitt

Stumpy Bonner ..... Gerard McSorley

Rev Samuel Hawthorne ..... Gerard Murphy

RL Watson ..... Roma Tomelty

O'Brollochain ..... Kevin Flood

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1994.

**FRI 15:00 Marvellous Party by Jon Wynne-Tyson (b08n400b)**

1950s Las Vegas: sparks fly as Noel Coward gets a visit from his old close friend, Esme Wynne-Tyson.

Starring Stanley Baxter and Dorothy Tutin.

A child actress in London's West End, Esme became a close friend of the young Noel Coward.

Here her son, Jon, imagines a meeting in the city of Las Vegas, between his mother and Coward in middle-age.

Written and adapted for radio by Jon Wynne-Tyson.

Noel ..... Stanley Baxter

Esme ..... Dorothy Tutin

Gary ..... Peter Whitman

Waiter/Bellboy/Engineer ..... David Holt

Director: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in May 1994.

**FRI 16:00 Soul Music (m000xr7r)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**FRI 16:30 The Symbols of Bliss (b08y26qf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**FRI 17:00 The Events at Black Tor (b0891m27)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 17:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmt2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 18:00 Dry Slopes (b00ly7c2)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jmfD)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 19:00 To Hull and Back (b09tcm7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (b0b9zgd1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 19:45 The Little Ottleys (b012r998)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 20:00 Wordaholics (b01d0prh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 Ballylenon (b007nfs3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 Marvellous Party by Jon Wynne-Tyson (b08n400b)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**FRI 22:00 The Many Wrongs of Lord Christian Brighty (m0022zj4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**FRI 22:30 Tom Allen Is Actually Not Very Nice (b09ztzpw)**

Tom Allen stars in his very own stand-up comedy special.

Tom explores what happens when his calm and collected exterior collapses, be it when confronting some rowdy teenagers

on a bus or arguing with his Mum's friend Joyce about ham.

He used to be such a nice boy but what has happened to turn him naughty?

With help from the assembled studio audience, Tom works out how best to navigate some tricky social situations and how to

keep a lid on his fury when confronted with life's small injustices.

Featuring:

Gabby Best

Tom has come a long way since winning the BBC Talent New Comedy Award in the 2005 New Comedy Awards, broadcast

on BBC 7 – as Radio 4 Extra was then named.

He's now a regular in 8 out of 10 Cats, Mock The Week and the Royal Variety Performance amongst many others.

Producer: Richard Morris

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

**FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002wvrb)**

Phil Ellis 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy

Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Jake Yapp chats again to the comedian Phil Ellis.

**FRI 23:00 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007nfb6)**

Series 2

Billie Holiday

A profile of the American singer and songwriter.

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 (m0001dd2)**

Series 2

Episode 3

Office life, relationships and 'Lottie Come Home'.

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

With:  
Rosie Cavaliero  
Ben Moor  
Ben Willbond  
Written by Laura Solon.  
With additional material by Stephen Carlin, Ben Moor and  
Charlie Miller.  
Producer: Colin Anderson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.