

SATURDAY 30 MAY 2026

SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b00dnjrn)

Series 7

So What

Visionary jazz musician Miles Davis joins BBC Radio 4 Extra's 100 Club – born 26th May 1926. He died in 1991 aged 65

On 2nd March 1959, Miles Davis and his sextet began recording a new album: "Kind of Blue".

The first track was "So What" and the album became the best selling Jazz album of all time.

This programme tells the stories of people whose lives have been changed by this piece of music.

Featuring:

Clemency Burton-Hill

Jonathan Eno

Estelle Kokot

Ashley Kahn

Dr Richard Niles

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

SAT 00:30 The Lost Cockney Voice (b08n4hmb)

What does the way we speak say about us?

Why do we still judge each other that way? And why do so many of us still feel the need to "improve" our accent to fit in? Cole Moreton did that as a teenager, trying to escape London's East End, but now he goes back to understand where he came from - and to search for the unique but vanishing voice of his late grandmother's generation.

They grew up during and after wartime listening to posh announcers on the wireless and sounded half Cockney, half like the Queen. Can there be any women like that left in the same place today, transformed as it is by immigration and gentrification?

The East Enders have left for Essex and Kent and experts say true Cockney will die out within a couple of decades.

Meanwhile a new accent is emerging on the old streets - Multicultural London English. Cole meets modern grandmothers of all backgrounds in the East End today, as he searches in vain for the voice of his Nan.

The real Queen sounds more like a Cockney than she used to - but she's not available for interview.

Dame Vera Lynn sings him a bedtime lullaby. June Brown, who plays Dot Cotton, says they don't talk proper Cockney on BBC TV's EastEnders any more - it's all "lazy talk" now.

But finally, Cole finds Beryl, a formidable force in Forest Gate at the age of 91, who sounds exactly like his Nan.

Producer: Jonathan Mayo

A TBI Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.

SAT 01:00 Detective (b04fgwcj)

Series 2

5. Four Faces of Crime

DS Brook and DC Harrison meet the eccentric Mr Parsons.

Meanwhile a gruesome meat axe murder is investigated...

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.

Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran Detective Sergeant Dave Brook and Christopher Blake as Detective Constable Blair Maxton.

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

DC Harrison Peter Cleall

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

Judy Jacqueline Tong

Peter Parsons Derek Francis

Tommy Johnny Wade

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1982.

SAT 01:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmx1)

Operation Luna

10. The Citadel

Stranded in Earth's past, the Voice tries tempting Captain Jet Morgan and his crew out into the city of the aliens.

Starring Andrew Faulds and Alfie Bass.

Futuristic tale set in 1965 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 May 1958.

SAT 02:00 Flying the Flag (b00br86w)

Series 3

Whose Rubbish Is It Anyway?

"Lights going up, walls coming down - the West is starting to look a bit lost without someone to blame for all its troubles".

Her Majesty's Ambassador Mackenzie continues to dispense his own blend of British Foreign Policy, despite the arrival of Glastnost, Perestroika - and a container ship of toxic waste...

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Return of the Eastern Bloc embassy sitcom written by Alex Shearer.

HM Ambassador Mackenzie Dinsdale Landen

Helen Moir Leslie

Spiro Stephen Greif

Christopher Benjamin Colonel Surikov

William Frost Peter Acre

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1990.

SAT 02:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnjq)

Series 6

Loathe Story

When Harold starts sleepwalking, he gives dad Albert a fright.

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

Psychiatrist Graham Stark

Bunty Jo Manning Wilson

Mrs Kennington-Stroud Margot Boyd

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.

SAT 03:00 To Hull and Back (b09v2x5b)

Series 3

Welcome to the Family

Sophie auditions for the panto at New Hull Theatre so she can show Imran she's more than just a huddresser.

But when Sophie doesn't get a part, Sheila decides to take matters into her own hands so she can see her daughter on that famous stage, fulfilling her dreams.

And of course, more importantly, so she can impress the committee for Kirkella ladies golf...

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

Nigel the Director Mike Bubbins

Imran Shane Zaza

Producer: Sam Michell

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

SAT 03:30 The Lonely Londoners by Sam Selvon

(b03phydw)

5. Contemplation

As summer comes to the city, Moses's friend Harris organises a dance.

Meanwhile, Moses contemplates his life after ten years in London.

Sam Selvon's rich and touching 1956 novel about the lives of a group of Caribbean immigrants in London.

Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths.

Concluded by Don Warrington.

Producer: Sara Davies

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

SAT 03:45 The Little Otletys (b01ljwm2)

Series 3

5. What's to be Done?

Aylmer confronts Vincy - believing him to be involved with Edith.

Miss Flummerfelt calls round to see Bruce - and meets Edith.

There's also news of someone returning from Wyoming...

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

Dramatised by Martyn Wade

Ada/Narrator Haydn Gwynne

Bruce Ifan Meredith

Edith Juliet Aubrey

Aylmer Jonathan Firth

Vincy Sam Alexander

Miss Flummerfelt.....Susie Riddell

Music used: "Forgotten Dreams" - Max Jaffa with the Palm

Court Orchestra

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

SAT 04:00 Wordaholics (b01dhhps)

Series 1

Episode 5

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:

Jack Whitehall

Milton Jones

Natalie Haynes

Susie Dent

Written by Jon Hunter and James Kettle.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

SAT 04:30 Ballylenon (b007k4hw)

Series 1

Episode 2

A "gramophone record recital" is the Irish town's cultural

highlight of 1953 - the start of something big?

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

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Phonsie Doherty TP McKenna

Muriel Maconchy Margaret D'Arcy

Vera Maconchy Stella McCusker

Vivienne Boal Aine McCartney

Guard Gallagher John Hewitt

Stumpy Bonnar Gerard McSorley

Eithne Ni Phartlain Marcella Riordan

Aubrey Frawley Dominic Letts

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1994.

SAT 05:00 The Quest of Donal Q by David Ashton

(b018bcjc)

Based on the template of Don Quixote, The Quest of Donal Q, is the story of two rival brothers who journey through Scotland in search of a childhood sweetheart.

Written by David Ashton especially for Brian Cox and Billy Connolly.

Donal and Sandy were separated in an orphanage.

Donal was adopted by a wealthy couple and taken off to California while Sandy was never chosen and was left to live in not quite so sunny Dundee.

The estranged brothers meet up 10 years later and must seek out the girl they both loved at the orphanage - beautiful Jeanette - who apparently needs a knight in shining armour.

So begins a journey that will make or break the bond between brothers...

Donal Billy Connolly

Sandy Brian Cox

Hamish/Mr Quigley John Kiely

Jeanette/Leonora Sandy McDade

Fergus/Mungo Forbes Masson

Mother/Maybelle Lindy Whiteford

Mary Helen Mackay

Margo/Mrs Quigley Tracey Wiles

Gilchrist Carl Prekopp

Prester John/Ernie David Ashton

Candy Victoria Inez Hardy

Director: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.

SAT 06:00 Marilyn and Ella Backstage at the Mocambo

(b07djzwp)

Iconic actress Marilyn Monroe joins BBC Radio 4 Extra's 100 Club – born June 1st 1926. She died in 1962 aged just 36

1950s Hollywood: Marilyn Monroe sets out to help Ella

Fitzgerald challenge racial prejudice.

Starring Julia Ford and Alibe Parsons.

Bonnie Greer's drama is inspired by the remarkable true story of how the film star helped to launch the singer's American west coast career at Hollywood's world-famous Mocambo Night Club.

Marilyn Monroe Julia Ford

Ella Fitzgerald Alibe Parsons

Norman Granz Stuart Milligan

Feldman Rolf Saxton

Morrison/Lee Strasberg Kerry Shale

Karim Fred Fortas

Flossie Bonnie Greer

Singer: Ruby King

Pianist / Musical Director: Steve Brown

Producers: Pauline Harris and Vivien Rosenthal

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2005.

SAT 07:00 Shopping by Kevin Wong (m002x3ww)

A mother is desperate to find the perfect partner for her son.

Comedy drama written by Kevin Wong

David ... David Yip

Mother ... Barbara Yu-Ling

Fay ... Choy-Ling Man

Produced at BBC Manchester by Tony Cliff.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991.

SAT 07:30 The Earth Transformed by Peter Frankopan

(Omniibus) (m002x3wy)

Peter Frankopan's epic history on how the changing climate has shaped the rise and fall of civilisations.

Read by Hugh Bonneville.

In his acclaimed history, Peter Frankopan takes us from the Big Bang to the present and beyond.

Here he shows us that the natural world has always been a defining factor in the twists and turns that global history has taken since the beginning of time.

Discover the role that volcanic eruptions, oceanic shifts, rainfall and solar activity have played in physically, economically and politically shaping our world.

There's also an exploration of how the evolution of religion; the rapacious colonial appetite for commodities, and technological interventions in weather patterns have shaped societies and cultures all over the world.

As the planet heads towards a future defined by global

warming, this book offers up salutary reflections.

Omniibus of five episodes abridged by Katrin Williams.

*** Peter Frankopan is Professor of Global History at Oxford

University and Senior Research Fellow at Worcester College.

The Earth Transformed went straight into the best-seller lists following publication.
His 2015 book, *The Silk Roads: A New History of the World* was named one of the 'Books of the Decade' 2010-2020 by the Sunday Times. Published in 2018, *The New Silk Roads: The Present and Future of the World* won the Human Sciences prize of the Carical Foundation.
Producer: Elizabeth Allard
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2023.
SAT 08:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007js02)
12. Flaming Fosdykes
'We're being forced out of business by them flaming Fosdykes'. Fire blazes and plotting's afoot...

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
Roger Ditchley Christian Rodska
von Richtofen Larry Lamb
With:
Nick Maloney
Nick Revell
Sally Grace
John Dougal
Christopher Barr
Producer: Alan Nixon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1983.
SAT 09:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01jznr9)
Series 1
Episode 4
Baby talk for Eric and it's bath-time for Ernie - but is he really that hairy?
Starring Ernie Wise and Eric Morecambe.
Written by Eddie Braben.
Special singing guest: Wilma Reading.
With:
Anne Hamilton
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 (m000qb6k)
Series 4
Episode 16
Kenneth Horne looks for a housekeeper - and Hornerama investigates Magic and Mystery.
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 February 1961.
SAT 10:00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse (m000vqtg)
2. Carry On
"Everything in life that's any fun, as somebody wisely observed, is either immoral, illegal or fattening." PG Wodehouse, *Girl in Blue* [1970]
Alexander Armstrong attended the special dedication to PG Wodehouse [1881-1975] at Westminster Abbey in September 2019, where parts of this programme were recorded.
Alexander continues his three-part celebration of the author's work.
Wodehouse was widely regarded as the greatest comic author of the 20th century, and during these three one-hour episodes, we'll hear a collection of some his best loved work, including a celebration of his creations, such as the feckless Bertie Wooster and his phlegmatic manservant, Jeeves, and his many other characters. All brought to life on radio by stars including Simon Cadell, Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.
Plus rare interviews and archive along with contributions from fans, friends and family.
Alexander is president of the PG Wodehouse Society - which attracts followers from all over the world.
Producer: Stephen Garner
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in January 2020.
SAT 11:00 Marilyn and Ella Backstage at the Mocambo (b07djzwp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 12:00 Shopping by Kevin Wong (m002x3ww)
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SAT 12:30 The Earth Transformed by Peter Frankopan (Omnibus) (m002x3wy)
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SAT 13:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007js02)
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SAT 14:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01jznr9)
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SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000qb6k)
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SAT 15:00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse (m000vqtg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Spine Chillers (b088stfn)
Mrs M by David Campton
Mrs Meadowsweet offers visitors to her country guesthouse a truly carefree holiday.
Everybody is so happy. A little vague perhaps, but certainly happy...
Newcomers Madge and Arthur are suspicious.
Can Mrs M win them over?
Written by David Campton.
Mrs Meadowsweet Rosemary Leach
Madge Anne Jameson
Arthur Roger Hume
Simon Terry Molloy
Miss Brazenose Joyce Gibbs
Inga Patricia Gallimore
Directed by Peter Windows at BBC Birmingham
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1984.
SAT 16:45 Edinburgh Haunts (b03fttgq)
The Misadventures of Magnus Lovatt by Susie Maguire
An actor at the Edinburgh Festival performs a one man show of a Robert Louis Stevenson story.
But the words begin to echo back to him in a deeply unsettling way...
Continuing our series of newly commissioned ghost stories set in Edinburgh.
Susie Maguire's tale draws on the city's theatrical history.
Read by Steven McNicoll
Producer: Allegra McLroy
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2013.
SAT 17:00 Marilyn and Ella Backstage at the Mocambo (b07djzwp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 18:00 Shopping by Kevin Wong (m002x3ww)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
SAT 18:30 The Earth Transformed by Peter Frankopan (Omnibus) (m002x3wy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 19:45 The Fosdyke Saga (b007js02)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 20:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01jznr9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000qb6k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse (m000vqtg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz (m00174f1)
Series 1
Round 4: Everything
So the more quizzes you do, the more predictable they get.
Luckily, Paul Sinha is inviting 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 time, it's a general knowledge round. Paul asks about Popes, toy companies and Nazis. The audience, meanwhile, contribute questions about cars, Margaret Rutherford quotes and Nazis.
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
Sound engineer: Jerry Peal
Producer: Ed Morrish
A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in May 2022.
SAT 22:30 Tim Key's Poetry Programme (b09rycmw)
Series 4
Continuity
Tim Key explores a variety of themes through his comic poems.
His first focus is the concept of the unobtainable.
Misunderstandings, Siberian waitresses and a surprising new love interest come thick and fast.
Written and presented by Tim Key
With musical support from Tom Basden.
Producer: James Robinson
A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2018.
SAT 23:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b04tjft4)
Series 2
Earning Your Corn
Tom's mum is not best pleased with Tom's dad.
He pressgangs her into helping out at a celebration he's planning to celebrate 168 years since the repeal of the Corn Laws ("Well, it'd be tempting fate to hold on for the bicentenary").
They've chosen the Toby Carvery as a suitable dining venue.
Meanwhile, Tom has decided to buy a flat in London, much to his gran's chagrin.
Tom Tom Wrigglesworth

Granny Judy Parfitt
Dad Paul Copley
Mum Kate Anthony
Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle.
Additional material by Miles Jupp.
Producer: Katie Tyrrell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.
SAT 23:30 28 Acts in 28 Minutes (b008kmqx)
Series 2
Episode 2
28 performers have just 60 seconds in which to entertain the audience in this traditional variety show.
Featuring established stand-ups, and some newer talent
The whole thing is presided over by John Humphrys, who sits at the side of the stage with a stopwatch, ready to cut the microphone when the time is up.
And hey - if there's an act you don't like, well, there's another one along in 55 seconds or so...
Arthur Smith
Catherine Williams
Natalie Haynes
Murray Lachlan Young
Dave Fulton
Harald Dubois [Kevin Eldon]
Paul Sinha
Fat Tongue
Mick Miller
I Am Kloot
Dr. Phil Hammond
Pappy's Fun Club
Five Live Drive
Dan Evans
Faultless & Torrance
Joe Wilkinson
Joolz Denby
Paul Carezza
Philip Pope
Carrie Quinlan
Lady Agatha [Lizzie Roper]
Mark Maier
Hils Barker
The Pros from Dover
Andy Zaltzman
Billy Bennett [Andrew Sachs]
Jimmy Cricket
Marcus Brigstocke
Producers: Rohan Acharya and Ed Morrish
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

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SUN 05:00 The Inimitable PG Wodehouse (m000vqtg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002x3x1)
Naturalist Castaways
Carl Jones
Biologist Professor Carl Jones is castaway by Lauren Laverne. Carl is a conservation biologist who is best known for saving the Mauritius kestrel from extinction.
He is the scientific director of Mauritius Wildlife Foundation, chief scientist at Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust and an honorary professor in ecology and conservation biology at the University of East Anglia.
He was born in Carmarthen in Wales and was fascinated with animals from an early age, rearing rescued common kestrels, owls and hawks in his back garden. He studied biology at North-East London Polytechnic and, after learning about the plight of the Mauritius kestrel, he was determined to go out to the country to try to save the bird.
He arrived in Mauritius in 1979 when there were only two known breeding pairs left in the wild.
By the time he left in 1999 he'd established a captive breeding programme and today hundreds of Mauritius kestrels fly over the islands where he spent decades pioneering his, sometimes controversial, methods. Today the Mauritius kestrel is the national bird.
He is also responsible for saving from extinction three species of reptiles, a fruit bat and several plants.
He was appointed an MBE for his work in 2004 and in 2016 he

won the prestigious Indianapolis Prize – the world's leading award for animal conservation.
 Carl lives in Carmarthen with his wife and two children and assorted animals including two Andean condors called Carlos and Baby.
DISC ONE: Prokofiev: Peter and the Wolf Opus 67 - The London Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Sir Adrian Boult
DISC TWO: Under Milk Wood by Dylan Thomas. Narrated by Richard Burton and performed by Meredith Edwards, Gwenllian Owen and Gwyneth Petty
DISC THREE: Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll - Ian Dury
DISC FOUR: La Rivière Noire - John Kenneth Nelson
DISC FIVE: Asimbonanga - Johnny Clegg & Savuka
DISC SIX: Segalakardeon – Rene oule bwar mwa - La Troupe de l'Union
DISC SEVEN: Londonderry Air - Beatrice Harrison
DISC EIGHT: Clear Sky - Catrin Finch
BOOK CHOICE: The Collected Works of Dylan Thomas
LUXURY ITEM: Binoculars
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Asimbonanga - Johnny Clegg & Savuka
Presenter: Lauren Laverne
Producer: Paula McGinley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2025.
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002x3x3)
 The Ballad of Eliza Showell
 Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects The Ballad of Eliza Showell - the story of an orphan.
 When poet Liz Berry stumbles onto a hidden part of her own family's story, it leads her into an investigation of a lost chapter of British history; a story that takes us from the slums of Edwardian Birmingham to the snowbound hills of Nova Scotia. Between 1860 and 1960, over 130,000 of Britain's poorest and most vulnerable children were forcibly emigrated to distant parts of the British colonies to work as indentured farm labourers and domestic servants. They were known as Home Children. It is estimated that one in ten Canadians is descended from a 'Home Child'.
 In 2010, Prime Minister Gordon Brown made an official apology on behalf of the UK Government to the child migrants - "We are sorry that instead of caring for them, this country turned its back, and we are sorry that the voices of those children were not heard."
 Presented by Liz Berry
 Original music composed and performed by John Matthias.
 Recorded by Dan Smith.
 Produced by Mair Bosworth for BBC Audio
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2023.
SUN 07:30 The Lonely Londoners by Sam Selvon (Omnibus) (m001mtr8)
 Sam Selvon's rich and touching 1956 novel about the lives of a group of Caribbean immigrants in London.
 Omnibus of five parts abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths.
 Read by Don Warrington.
 Moses Aloetta is an old hand who has lived in London for ten years.
 He goes to Waterloo station to meet another boat train of hopeful new arrivals from the West Indies.
 They've come to find work and wealth in the capital of the mother country, but they meet with a cold welcome and bitter weather.
 Despite this, Moses and his friends of the Windrush generation go about making new lives for themselves with vigour and panache, navigating the rules and regulations of their new home, lending support to each other when needed, learning to survive.
 It's not long before, as Moses puts it "the boys coming and going, working, eating, sleeping, going about the vast metropolis like veteran Londoners."
 Producer: Sara Davies
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.
SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002x3x5)
 Marian Keyes
 Popular Irish novelist Marian Keyes, inherits 'Only Our Rivers Run Free' by Christy Moore and 'The Bottle' by Gil Scott-Heron.
SUN 08:50 The Little Ottleys (m002wqm3)
 Omnibus
 Series 3
 Summer 1916 - and the Little Ottleys, as that fine-looking yet tall couple had been known - are a couple no longer.....
 Continuing Ada Levenson's witty social comedy set in early 20th century London.
 Bruce Otley headed off to America with widow Madame Frabelle. But he found life with her to be less than idyllic, and decides to return to England.
 However, his wife Edith, is all set to marry the love of her life - Aylmer Ross. She takes pity on her former husband who now cuts rather a pathetic figure, and allows him into the spare room. How on earth can she tell Aylmer?
 Omnibus of five episodes dramatised by Martyn Wade.
 Taken from three short novels written by Ada Levenson between 1908 and 1916.
 Ada/Narrator Haydn Gwynne
 Bruce Ifan Meredith
 Edith Juliet Aubrey
 Aylmer Jonathan Firth
 Vincy Sam Alexander
 Miss Flummerfelt Susie Riddell

Music: "Forgotten Dreams" - Max Jaffa with the Palm Court Orchestra
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.
SUN 10:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00ncgg1)
 No Fear
 Huggett family chaos reigns when young Bobby sets out to play the hero.
 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 Leno
 Charlie Kenneth Connor
 Producer: Jacques Brown
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in September 1957.
SUN 10:30 Frankie Howerd (m002x3x7)
 From 21/08/1966
 The King of Titters has a property to sell but still has time to star in a new TV legal drama.
 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 August 1966.
 Recovered audio. Our thanks to our friends at the Radio Circle
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SUN 16:00 Ancient Sorceries by Algernon Blackwood (b007jvxy)
 3. Ancient Forces
 Vesin has been travelling in France when he finds himself stopping off for one night in a sleepy medieval town.
 There he meets Ilse the beautiful innkeeper's daughter and becomes bewitched by her.
 Vesin starts wondering whether the people actually come alive at night and wonders if the town is in the hands of cats.
 Vesin begins to feel uneasy and that strange forces are tugging at his very being.
 Algernon Blackwood's dark tale unabridged in four parts.
 Read by Philip Madoc.
 Producer: Lawrence Jackson
 Made for BBC 7 by BBC Northern Ireland and first broadcast in September 2005.
SUN 16:30 Fear on 4 (b007jndg)
 Series 2
 The Journey Home
 Felicity and George are driving home, when suddenly something unaccountable happens that leads them down a nightmare road to inescapable horror.
 The Man in Black sets the scene...
 Fear on 4 brings you more in a series of nerve-tinglers.
 Written by Bert Coules
 The Man in Black Edward de Souza
 Doctor Richard Pasco
 Felicity Helena Breck
 George Crawford Logan
 Voice Simon Cuff
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1989.
SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002x3x1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m002x3x3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
SUN 18:30 The Lonely Londoners by Sam Selvon (Omnibus) (m001mtr8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002x3x5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]
SUN 19:50 The Little Ottleys (m002wqm3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]
SUN 21:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00ncgg1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:30 Frankie Howerd (m002x3x7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b008pzyz)
 Series 4
 A Game Of Two Slavs
 At couples counselling, Clare and Brian are encouraged to share their interests. But sadly Clare realises she doesn't have any.
 Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.
 A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her 30s, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.
 Clare continually struggles to control both her professional and private life
 In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.
 Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.
 Clare Sally Phillips
 Brian Alex Lowe
 Ray Richard Lumsden
 Helen Gemma Craven
 Irene Ellen Thomas
 Megan Nina Conti
 Simon Andrew Wincott
 Milos Shaban Arifi
 Dragan Rad Lazar
 Yob Paul Chequer
 Counsellor Anna Bengo
 Producer: Katie Tyrrell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.
SUN 22:30 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007k154)
 Series 2
 Fame Idol
 Hamish and Dougal are extremely anxious to enter Fay MacAdemy - the famous Highland talent Contest.
 Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden star as the two Scotsmen famed for their appearances on BBC Radio's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.
 With Alison Steadman as their cleaning-lady-cum-housekeeper, Mrs Naughtie, and Jeremy Hardy as the local Laird.
 Hamish Barry Cryer
 Dougal Graeme Garden
 Mrs Naughtie Alison Steadman
 The Laird Jeremy Hardy
 Producer: Jon Naismith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.
SUN 22:45 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b00slvww)
 Series 2
 Normal Time
 Cartoonist Steven Appleby claims dinosaurs mastered the 3Rs - reading, writing and riding bicycles.
 Paul McCrink stars as Steven Appleby with what he laughably describes as "insights into normal, everyday life".
 Written by Steven Appleby.
 With:
 Rosalind Paul
 Ewan Bailey
 Nigel Betts
 Rachel Atkins
 Producer: Toby Swift
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002xhdt)
 Freya Mallard 1/3
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Stephen Bailey speaks to comedian Freya Mallard.
SUN 23:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b03xd3hn)
 Series 3
 The Prisoner
 Nerves are fraying as Anthony's first night of Hay Fever looms, not helped by news of a dangerous prisoner loose in the area.
 Meanwhile, Damien contends with an angry neighbour...
 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
 Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey
 Marion Duffett Lesley Vickerage
 Ian Frobisher Philip Fox
 Steven Ade Oyefeso
 Constable Clive David Seddon
 Superintendent Michael Bertenshaw
 Victim Liaison Officer Priyanga Burford
 Producer: Sam Michell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.
SUN 23:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00rbkye)
 Series 3
 Jon Culshaw
 Marcus Brigstocke invites his guest Jon Culshaw to try five things he's never done before, including visiting a casino, eating salad and going to the opera.
 Whether the experiences are banal or profound, the show is about embracing the new and getting out of our comfort zones.
 The title comes from the fact that the show's producer and creator Bill Dare had never seen Star Wars.
 Producer: Bill Dare
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

MONDAY 01 JUNE 2026

MON 00:00 Ancient Sorceries by Algernon Blackwood (b007jvxy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Fear on 4 (b007jndg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002x3x1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002x3x3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 The Lonely Londoners by Sam Selvon (Omnibus) (m001mtr8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002x3x5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 The Little Ottleys (m002wqm3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Meet the Huggetts (b00ncgg1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Frankie Howerd (m002x3x7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Detective (b04g16l)

Series 2

6. Missing From Home

DS Dave Brook investigates another missing person, but is he seeing connections where there are actually none?

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.

Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran Detective Sergeant Dave Brook and Christopher Blake as Detective Constable Blair Maxton.

DS Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

DC Harrison Peter Cleall

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

Michael Kemp William Booker

Mr Kemp Keith Drinkel

Charles David Lodge

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1982.

MON 06:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmxh)

Operation Luna

11. To the Moon or Venus?

The Voice invites Captain Jet Morgan and his crew to meet him, but soon Lemmy is feeling terrified...

Starring Andrew Faulds and Guy Kingsley-Poynter.

Futuristic tale set in 1965 as first broadcast in 1953.

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Lemmy Barnett Alfie Bass

Doc Guy Kingsley-Poynter

Mitch David Williams

Other parts played by:

David Jacobs

Deryck Guyler

Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.

Written in 13-parts and produced by Charles Chilton.

Though first heard in 1953, the original recordings were wiped.

Re-recording first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1958.

MON 07:00 For Better or for Worse (b00g43w6)

Series 1

Episode 2

A trip to the cinema turns into a disaster off-screen for sweethearts Bernard and Iris - and his dad Wilf.

Dithering Bernard tries to get engaged to his flighty partner Iris.

Will she manage to persuade Bernard to buy her an engagement ring at last?

Starring Gordon Kaye and Su Pollard.

Vince Powell's sitcom about the turbulent relationship of an odd couple.

Iris Su Pollard

Bernard Gordon Kaye

Wilf David Ross

Daisy Paula Tilbrook

Mr Foley Peter Wheeler

Myrtle Julie Higginson

Writer Vince Powell (1928–2009) scripted a number of popular

TV sitcoms including Love Thy Neighbour, For the Love of

Ada and Never Mind the Quality, Feel the Width.

Produced in Manchester by Mike Craig.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1993.

MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jprv)

Series 3

The Godiva Affair

The Home Guard platoon holds a Spitfire fundraiser, but

Corporal Jones is pining for Mrs Fox.

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

Mrs Fox Mollie Sugden

Announcer John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1976.

MON 08:00 The Break (b0b42v6l)

Series 2

The Mystery of Room 66

To win back Corinne's heart, Jeff takes her to an escape room.

But no-one expects a puzzle set by Death himself.

Stars Philip Jackson, Alison Steadman and Mark Benton.

Comedy by Ian Brown and James Hendrie set in the eccentric

seaside town of Flamford following City burn-out Andy

Chambers

Frank ... Mark Benton

Mrs Truepenny ... Alison Steadman

Jeff ... Tom Palmer

Andy ... Philip Jackson

Truepenny ... Rasmus Hardiker

Rev Bev ... Shobna Gulati

Producer: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

May 2018.

MON 08:30 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09cyby5)

Reality and Metaphor

From the Garden of Eden to Monet's water lilies at Giverny -

Penelope Lively considers the metaphorical garden.

Stephanie Cole begins this intimate meditation on gardening,

literature and creativity.

Penelope Lively has always been a keen gardener. This book is

partly a memoir of her own life in gardens: the large garden at

home in Cairo where she spent most of her childhood, her

Oxfordshire garden and the smaller urban garden in the North

London home she lives in today.

In this intimate and eloquent work of narrative non-fiction, one

of the UK's most cherished and admired writers uses the garden

to break open the world for us, and examines how we might

encourage our lives to bloom.

Abridged in five parts by Sián Preece

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

MON 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b01rqndn)

Series 4

1. Return to London

It is early Autumn in the year 1916.

Bruce Otley, having gone to America to escape the Zeppelins

and to live with Madame Frabelle, has returned to England.

Though divorced from Edith he is still residing in the spare

room of the very concise house in Sloane Street, Knightsbridge.

He has been attempting to convince Edith that everything

should and can be exactly as it was before.

Much to the dismay of Aylmer.

Continuing Ada Levenson's witty and wonderful social comedy

set in early 20th century London.

Dramatised in five episodes by Martyn Wade, taken from three

of Ada Levenson's short novels written between 1908 and 1916.

Ada (Narrator) Haydn Gwynne

Edith Juliet Aubrey

Bruce Ifan Meredith

Aylmer Jonathan Firth

Music: "Forgotten Dreams" - Max Jaffa with the Palm Court

Orchestra.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

MON 09:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m002wsyv)

Series 33

5. Punishments, Comedy, Hotels and Cars

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians

are encouraged to tell lies and compete against one another to

see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their

opponents.

Alan Davies, Celya AB, Ian Smith and Angela Barnes are the

panellists obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects

as varied as punishments, comedy, hotels, cars.

The show is devised by Graeme Garden and Jon Naismith

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4

MON 09:30 Turn Over Your Papers... Now! (b00775m4)

1. Orals

John O'Farrell explores the surprising history of the different

kinds of examinations, and our relationship with them.

Scheduled first in his school time-table, John finds out why, for

centuries, Oxbridge finals were all done out loud - complete

with a jester.

Plus, examiners and pupils reveal how they deal with this most

upfront, unforgiving form of examination.

Producer: Phil Tinline

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2007.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002x3yk)

Trinity Sunday - Trinity: One God

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

a range of Christian music - from St Margaret's Church,

Prestwich.

Theme: Trinity Sunday - Trinity: One God

Presenter: Canon Steve Williams

Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Music:

Holy, Holy, Holy - Maggie's Music Makers and the Daily

Service Singers

Psalm 23 - Maggie's Music Makers and the Daily Service

Singers

Prayer anthem: Father, we adore you - Maggie's Music Makers

and the Daily Service Singers

Thou whose almighty word - Maggie's Music Makers and the

Daily Service Singers

MON 10:00 Last Chance to See (m0002rx3)

The Answer is Blowing in the Wind

Douglas and Mark go in search of a 'flying fox' near Mauritius

Island: the Rodrigues Fruit Bat.

Series in which writer Douglas Adams and conservationist

Mark Carwardine go in search of weird, exotic endangered

animals.

Producer: Gaynor Shutte

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1989.

MON 10:30 Inside the Brain of Gerald Scarfe (b08wp16h)

***** BBC Radio 4 Extra celebrates the 90th birthday of

Gerald Scarfe - born on 1st June, 1936.

Gerald Scarfe's drawings have intrigued and alarmed for over

50 years but where do his ideas come from?

Professor Vincent Walsh of the Institute of Cognitive

Neuroscience has a theory he wants to pursue. He's an expert in

the workings of the visual brain.

He thinks that two specific areas may be talking to each other in

an unexpected way, resulting in recognisable faces being mixed

up with recognisable objects, hence Mrs Thatcher as an axe, a

handbag, and even a shark.

Now, cartoonist and neuroscientist are going to meet.

"I for one would be fascinated to know what's going on in my

brain - please pursue this!" says Gerald Scarfe.

Produced at BBC Bristol by Miles Ward.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2017.

MON 11:00 Detective (b04g16l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmxh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 For Better or for Worse (b00g43w6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jprv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 The Break (b0b42v6l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09cyby5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 The Little Ottleys (b01rqndn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b0150mln)

Series 61

Episode 8

Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where

panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without

hesitation, deviation or repetition.

With:

Tony Hawks

Pam Ayres

Miles Jupp

Gyles Brandreth

Subjects include: Middle England, Old Macdonald, The Films

of Marilyn Monroe, The Sunday Papers, Conspiracy Theories,

Power Dressing, A Sticky Wicket, and Why Cheating Never

Pays

Created by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.

MON 14:30 Hidden Treasures (m002x3ym)

A Shred of Evidence by RC Sherriff

Richard Medway has drunk a little too much at a rugby reunion

dinner, but still drives himself home afterwards.

The next morning he hears that a man has been killed by a 'hit

and run' driver.

Could he be the guilty party..?

Starring Denys Hawthorne and Susan Engel.

Written by RC Sherriff.

Richard Medway Denys Hawthorne

Laura Medway Susan Engel

John Cartwright Hugh Dickson

Inspector Beecroft Charles Simon

Tom Foster Geoffrey Matthews

Bennett Antony Higginson

Mrs Bennett Barbara Bliss

Man in the train / Man in the office.... Roger Sansom

Producer: Martin Jenkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1970.

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 18:00 For Better or for Worse (b00g43w6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jprv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 The Break (b0b42v6l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09cyby5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 The Little Ottleys (b01rqndn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b0150mln)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 Hidden Treasures (m002x3ym)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 22:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m002wsyv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 22:30 Truly, Madly, Bletchley (b007xvp9)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 Switch on for Britain's first public access cable radio show!
 Meet the humble members of Bletchley District Council who aim to entertain and educate us in the way of the world.
 Written by Julian Dutton.
 Starring:
 Liz Fraser
 David Battley
 Julian Dutton
 Simon Godley
 Toby Longworth
 Special guest: Enrico Valdez and his Orchestra
 Producer: Dirk Maggs
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.
MON 22:45 Six Degrees of John Sessions (b09z5ptj)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 From Dirk Bogarde to Maureen O'Hara via Matthau and Pudsey Actor, writer, raconteur and impressionist John Sessions mixes showbiz stories, intriguing history, extraordinary impressions and fabulous one-liners all linked to and from him in this entertaining series.
 John's dazzling array of skills - storytelling, erudition, vocal recreations and comedy - are all brought into play as he starts each episode with a story or fact related to himself, takes us all over the place by linking people, ending up back with himself. Each show is a quick-witted, Peter Ustinov-style rollercoaster of storytelling: bizarre and brilliant, eccentric and effusive, autobiographical and alliterative, full of incredible impressions and droll digressions along the way.
 Written and performed by John Sessions.
 Producer: Liz Anstee.
 A CPL Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2018.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m002ww1c)
 Series 120
 7. Heat and NEETS
 Andy Zaltzman is joined by his panel of political satirists to unpack the critical essays of Tony Blair, the spending habits of Peter Murrell and the SNP, the sweltering heat, social media ban proposals for under 16s and young people in record levels of unemployment.
 This week's panellists are Scott Bennett, Cody Dahler, Ayesha Hazarika and Bella Hull.
 Written by Andy Zaltzman.
 With additional material by: Angela Channel, Sam Nicoresi, Pravanya Pillay and Peter Tellouche.
 Producer: Rajiv Karia
 Executive Producer: Pete Strauss
 Production Coordinator: Asha Osborne-Grinter
 Sound Editor: Marc Willcox
 A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.
MON 23:30 Rhysearch (m000wsyp)
 Series 1
 1. Are Billionaires Evil?
 Comedian Rhys James investigates topics that the rest of us are too busy to be bothered with.
 Is money the root of all evil, or the solution to all your problems?
 Everyone has big questions, but very few people have time to find the answers. Lucky for them, there's one man with a completely empty diary.
 Join Rhys James as he interviews experts, conducts experiments and guesses his way to a solution. Join him as he does the Rhysearch.
 Written and presented by Rhys James
 With guests:
 Grace Blakeley
 David Brown
 Deborah Meaden
 Produced by Carl Cooper
 Executive Producer: Pete Strauss
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2021.

TUESDAY 02 JUNE 2026

TUE 00:00 Last Chance to See (m0002rx3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 Inside the Brain of Gerald Scarfe (b08wp16h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Detective (b04g16ll)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmxh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 For Better or for Worse (b00g43w6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jprv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 The Break (b0b42v6l)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]
TUE 03:30 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09cyby5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:45 The Little Ottleys (b01rqndn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b0150mln)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:30 Hidden Treasures (m002x3ym)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Detective (b04g1xxz)
 Series 2
 7. A Very Private Affair
 DS Dave Brook gets a tip off from Tessa, and the mystery of Kemp's missing wife gets more and more complex...
 Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.
 Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran Detective Sergeant Dave Brook and Christopher Blake as Detective Constable Blair Maxton.
 DS Brook Ray Brooks
 DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake
 Judy Jacqueline Tong
 Mr Kemp Keith Drinkel
 Tessa Mitchell Deirdre Costello
 Mary Jill Lidstone
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1982.
TUE 06:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmyk)
 Operation Luna
 12. A Rocky Send Off
 After travelling through time, could Captain Jet Morgan and his crew be bound for home at last?
 Starring Andrew Faulds and David Williams.
 Futuristic tale set in 1965 as first broadcast in 1953.
 Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds
 Lemmy Barnett Alfie Bass
 Doc Guy Kingsley-Poynter
 Mitch David Williams
 Other parts played by:
 David Jacobs
 Deryck Guyler
 Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.
 Written and produced by Charles Chilton.
 Though first heard in 1953, the original recordings were wiped.
 Re-recording first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1958.
TUE 07:00 Beaumarchais (m000zmttr)
 1. Noblesse Oblige
 Beaumarchais is anxious to climb the ladder of French nobility, but Henri Lepaute is blocking his path.
 Starring Henry Goodman.
 Craig Warner's irreverent six-part comedy set in 18th-century France.
 Beaumarchais Henry Goodman
 Henri Lepaute David Calder
 Louis XV Ronald Pickup
 Madame de Pompadour Ann Beach
 Beaumarchais' father Stephen Thorne
 Madelaine Elaine Pyke
 Vignon ... Denys Hawthorne
 Secrétaire ... Jason O'Mara
 Lawyer Alex Lowe
 Director: Marion Nancarrow
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1996.
TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jpxw)
 Vintage Goons
 The Vanishing Room
 Inspector Ned Seagoon investigates the murder of Lord Cretinby and the mysterious library and corpse which reappear on the other side of the English Channel.
 Starring:
 Peter Sellers
 Harry Secombe
 Spike Milligan
 Vintage Goons is a series of re-recorded episodes made by the original cast for sale abroad. Scripts in the Vintage Goons are based on scripts from their 4th series, often with a certain amount of re-writing.
 With The Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
 Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
 Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
 Producer: Roy Speer
 First broadcast as The Case of the Vanishing Room on the BBC Home Service in February 1954.
 Re-recording from December 1957 by the BBC Transcription

Service made for broadcast overseas.
 First broadcast in the UK on BBC 7 in October 2003.
TUE 08:00 Boswell's Lives (b074wb57)
 Series 2
 Boswell's Life of Marx
 Boswell attempts to write a biography of Karl Marx, but before he can start must help Marx pen his meisterwerk Das Kapital. Jon Canter's sitcom sees James Boswell become a time-travelling biographer - doing for other celebrities what he did for Dr Johnson.
 James Boswell Miles Jupp
 Karl Marx Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Producer: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.
TUE 08:30 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09cz3m5)
 The Written Garden
 Penelope Lively's intimate meditation on gardening, literature and creativity continues as she turns her attention to the garden in fiction.
 Read by Stephanie Cole.
 One of the UK's most cherished and admired writers Penelope Lively uses the garden to break open the world for us, and examines how we might encourage our lives to bloom.
 Abridged by Sián Preece
 Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.
TUE 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b01rpqkc)
 Series 4
 2. A Radical Proposal
 1916: Bruce, Edith and Aylmer are locked in their curious but delightful triangle.
 Edith's radical proposal - that she should alternate between Aylmer and Bruce on a monthly basis - is about to be implemented and Bruce is not happy.
 Ada Leverson's witty and wonderful social comedy set in early 20th century London.
 Dramatised by Martyn Wade.
 Ada (Narrator) Haydn Gwynne
 Edith Juliet Aubrey
 Bruce Ifan Meredith
 Aylmer Jonathan Firth
 Madame Frabelle Jane Whittenshaw
 Music: "Forgotten Dreams" - Max Jaffa with the Palm Court Orchestra.
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.
TUE 09:00 One Person Found This Helpful (m002wv5g)
 Series 4
 Pardon My Pterodactyl
 Frank Skinner and guests Ian Smith, Rachel Fairburn, Lucy Porter and Christopher Macarthur-Boyd chat about cats, logs, dinosaur sex and the difference between gravitational mass and inertial mass.
 Everyone has an online life, and when the great British public put pen to keyboard to leave a review, they almost always write something hilarious. And our all-star panel have to work out just what they were reviewing - and maybe contribute a few reviews of their own. So if you're the person who went on Trip Advisor to review Ben Nevis as "Very steep and too high", this show salutes you!
 Written by Frank Skinner, Catherine Brinkworth, Sarah Dempster, Jason Hazeley, Karl Minns, Katie Sayer & Peter Tellouche
 Devised by Jason Hazeley and Simon Evans with the producer David Tyler
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 09:30 Turn Over Your Papers... Now! (b00775xd)
 2. Timed Essays
 John O'Farrell is exploring the surprising history of the different kinds of exam, and our relationship with them. Now John finds out why the very idea of timed literary examinations caused a small war in the Victorian Establishment - and how the timed essay has since shaped the way the British power elite thinks.
 Plus, examiners and pupils reveal how they deal with this demanding form of examination.
 Producer: Phil Tinline
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2007.
TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002x49q)
 Trinity: Father
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Trinity Sunday - Trinity: Father
 Presenter: Lyndall Bywater
 Reading: Psalm 29
 Music:
 How deep the Father's love for us - Angel Morgan
 Still - Hillsong Worship
 The Father's Song - Matt Redman
TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000pfgl)
 Vanessa Kisuule & Jonathon Porritt
 Poet Vanessa Kisuule and environmental writer Jonathon Porritt join Harriett Gilbert to discuss their favourite books by John Hersey, Nick Dmazo and Helen Dunmore.
 Hiroshima by John Hersey
 Publisher: Penguin
 Sabrina by Nick Dmazo
 Publisher: Granta

Inside the Wave by Helen Dunmore

Publisher: Bloodaxe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2020.

TUE 10:30 Where Are All the Working Class Writers? (b09fzmjt)

"The more we reinforce the stereotypes of who writes and who reads, the more the notion of exclusivity is reinforced. It takes balls to gae crash a party."

Kit de Waal published her first novel, My Name is Leon, in 2016 at the age of 55.

She's already put her money where her mouth is - using part of the advance she received from Penguin to set up a creative writing scholarship in an attempt to improve working class representation in the arts.

Kit knows that - as a writer from a working class background - the success of her debut novel is a rare occurrence.

Born to a Caribbean bus driver father and an Irish mother (a cleaner, foster carer and auxiliary nurse), Kit grew up in Birmingham and left school at 15 with no qualifications. She became a secretary with the Crown Prosecution Service and went on to have a career in social services and criminal law. Kit explores an issue that is deeply personal to her. She looks back at her own life and trajectory, and takes us on a journey around the country to find out what the barriers really are to working class representation in British literature today.

"There is a difference between working class stories and working class writers. Real equality is when working class writers can write about anything they like - an alien invasion, a 19th century courtesan, a medieval war. All we need is the space, the time to do it - oh yes, and some way to pay the bills!"

Producer: Mair Bosworth

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

TUE 11:00 Detective (b04g1xxz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 11:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jmyk)

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TUE 12:00 Beaumarchais (m000zmtr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

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TUE 13:00 Boswell's Lives (b074wb57)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

TUE 13:30 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09cz3m5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:45 The Little Ottleys (b01rpkke)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

TUE 14:00 Genius (b0081cvq)

Series 3

Simon Munnelly

How about garments made from human dust fragments?

Or, speaking parrots for people?

Dave Gorman asks comedian Simon Munnelly 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 Hidden Treasures (m002x49t)

The Fatal Flaw by Chris Allen

A writer with a modest success behind him.

A huge American corporation interested in film scripts.

The two come together!

Suddenly writer Matthew Bradford finds himself caught up in a world of make-believe that becomes, for him, beyond belief.

Starring Martyn Read and Margaret Robertson.

Written by Chris Allen.

Matthew Bradford Martyn Read

Marlene Shapiro Margaret Robertson

Jennifer Kent Rosalind Adams

Ellen Jill Lidstone

Dennis Foster John Samson

Ziggy Martin Ronald Herdman

Del Ransome Steve Hodson

Frank Hegarty / Leo Lehmann Alan Dudley

Karen / Jolly lady Miranda Forbes

Barry Kent / Interviewer Russell Keith Grant

Julie / Lady shopper Stella Forge

Ruth / Traveller Vanessa Knox-Mawer

Matt Brand / Doctor Lewis Rowe

Nurse/Janet Caroline Wilkins

John Desmond / Matthew Stephen Garlick

Director: Christopher Venning

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1982.

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TUE 16:00 A Good Read (m000pfgl)

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TUE 20:00 Genius (b0081cvq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

TUE 20:30 Hidden Treasures (m002x49t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

TUE 22:00 One Person Found This Helpful (m002wv5g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 22:30 And the Winner Is... (b00rpnw2)

Series 1

Episode 6

Matt Lucas hosts his alternative awards show - The Lucases - as selected by his guests.

Awards include the Lucas for Most Redundant Technology, The Greatest Historical Fatty, Ghastliest Holiday Destination and Worst Ever Vocal Performance on a Hit Single.

Nominations are courtesy of Matt's guests:

Bob Mortimer

Alex Macqueen

Tom Baker

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 2010.

TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002xhtq)

Freya Mallard 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Stephen Bailey chats again to comedian Freya Mallard.

TUE 23:00 Josie Long: Romance and Adventure (b077jpl5)

Series 1

Episode 4

Josie and Darren go camping but find themselves disastrously ill equipped for the great outdoors.

Comedy drama about a young woman trying to build a 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

Margaret Clare Grogan

PCSO Officer Chris Pavlo

The Podcaster Jesse Thorn

Shondra Claudia O'Doherty

Unfeasibly Handsome Man John Early

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 (b03nt8bk)

Series 9

Frankie Boyle talks to Grant Morrison

The outspoken comedian and the comic book legend in the talk tag show where the guest becomes the next interviewer.

Frankie Boyle chats to fellow Scot, Grant Morrison MBE about Batman, where ideas come from and the future of humanity.

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 January 2014.

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WED 06:00 Detective (b04g3npg)

Series 2

8. The Placer

Warehouses and stolen goods pre-occupy DS Dave Brook and DC Maxton.

Just as the Kemp trail has gone cold, there's a fresh lead...

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.

Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran Detective Sergeant Dave Brook and Christopher Blake as Detective Constable Blair Maxton.

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

DC Harrison Peter Cleall

Fred Rees Philip Talbot

Roy Howard Tony Steedman

George Spencer Banks

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1982.

WED 06:30 Charles Chilton - Journey into Space (b007jnz0)

Operation Luna

13. Set Course for Earth

After blasting off, Captain Jet Morgan and his crew try to make sense of their mammoth trip through time. Starring Andrew Faulds and Alfie Bass.

Conclusion of the futuristic tale set in 1965 as first broadcast in 1953.

Jet Morgan Andrew Faulds

Lemmy Barnett Alfie Bass

Doc Guy Kingsley-Poynter

Mitch David Williams

Other parts played by:

David Jacobs

Deryck Guylar

Music composed and orchestra conducted by Van Phillips.

Written and produced by Charles Chilton.

Though first heard in 1953, the original recordings were wiped.

Re-recording first broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in 1958.

WED 07:00 Gush (b050h4wd)

Episode 3

Foxwell Cravate and Max Pomeroy face execution by ritual disembowelment.

Will Lady Arabella's wiles coax Prince Saudi into making a last-minute reprieve?

Or will Iolanthe Diamond start reminiscing about her 1973

Oscar-winning performance in Tinseltown?

Ian Hislop and Nick Newman's epic tale of power, love, passion and oil.

Foxwell Cravate Martin Jarvis

Max Pomeroy Mac McDonald

Arabella Derbyshire Felicity Montagu

Iolanthe Diamond Caroline Quentin

Charles Ambrose Fortescue de Vere Jonathan Coy

With Julian Dutton, Toby Longworth and Steve Steen.

Producer: Colin Swash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1994.

WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (m001d5k5)

Series 1

The Marriage Bureau

The time has come - the Lad Himself must get a job. But he needs to find a wife first...

A lost episode of the series recovered and restored for broadcast.

Starring Tony Hancock.

With:

Bill Kerr

Moirá Lister

Sidney James

And making his one and only appearance in the iconic sitcom - Peter Sellers.

Announcer: Adrian Waller

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Theme and incidental music composed by Wally Stott.

Recorded by the BBC Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Producer: Dennis Main Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in February 1955.

WED 08:00 Rudy's Rare Records (b00nvzyz)

Series 1

Roots Manoeuvres

Now all living crammed together over a record store in Birmingham, Grandad Rudy, father Adam and son Richie collide over a local history exhibition.

Starring Lenny Henry, Joe Jacobs and Larrington Walker.

Generational sitcom written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell.

From an original idea by Lenny Henry.

Adam Sharpe Lenny Henry

Richie Sharp Joe Jacobs

Rudy Sharpe Larrington Walker

Doreen Claire Benedict

Jamelia/Tasha Natasha Godfrey

Clifton Jeffery Kissoon
 Alison Tracy-Ann Oberman
 Francis Colin Fenton Stevens
 Customers Colin Hoult/Doc Brown
 Producer: Lucy Armitage.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.
WED 08:30 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09czrbh)
 The Fashionable Garden
 Penelope Lively considers gardening according to the dictates of fashion.
 Read by Stephanie Cole.
 Penelope uses the garden to break open the world for us, and examines how we might encourage our lives to bloom.
 Abridged by Sián Preece
 Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.
WED 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b01s0xfh)
 Series 4
 3. A Face from the Past
 1916: Bruce, Edith and Aylmer are locked in their curious but delightful triangle.
 Feeling abandoned by both Edith and Madame Frabelle, Bruce finds himself at a loose end but then while travelling through Piccadilly he spots a face from the past.
 Written by Martyn Wade, based on Ada Levenson's sparkling trilogy of novels.
 Ada (Narrator) Haydn Gwynne
 Bruce Ifan Meredith
 Edith Juliet Aubrey
 Aylmer Jonathan Firth
 Miss Flummerfelt Susie Riddell
 Vinny Wenham Vinny Sam Alexander
 Music: "Forgotten Dreams" - Max Jaffa with the Palm Court Orchestra.
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.
WED 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002wvfq)
 Ian Smith Is Stressed - Series 2
 2. Sleep
 Ian is torn, should he exercise more or should he just lie down and go to sleep? It's a toughie. Apparently sleep has incredible health benefits, but it seems counterintuitive to sleep your way through a long life. Ian goes on an adventure to assess his own fitness through a bleep test, before quickly pivoting to sleep.
 Written and performed by Ian Smith
 Additional Material from Mike Shephard and Rhiannon Shaw
 Featuring Dave Green
 Assistant Producer - Em Humble
 Production Manager - Laura Shaw
 Produced by Benjamin Sutton
 A Daddy's SuperYacht Production for BBC Radio 4
WED 09:30 Turn Over Your Papers... Now! (b007766b)
 3. Multiple Choice
 John O'Farrell explores the unexpected history of the different kinds of exam, and our relationship with them.
 John finds out how multiple choice was first used to test US soldiers during the First World War. And why America has relied surprisingly heavily ever since on a test that values objective judgements of the masses over quirky individuality. Plus, examiners on the art of writing the wrong questions, and pupils on trying to avoid the pitfalls of this most slippery of tests.
 Producer: Phil Tinline
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2007.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002x5b7)
 Trinity: Son
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Trinity Sunday - Trinity: Son
 Presenter: Imogen Ball
 Reading: John 3:13-17
 Music:
 In Christ Alone - Jonathan Ogden
 Christ in Me - Lou Fellingham
 Turn your eyes upon Jesus - Elle Limebear
WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b00r1155)
 Leaders Under the Lights
 In 1960, Vice President Richard Nixon and Senator John F Kennedy made history with the first ever presidential TV debate.
 The idea was quickly adopted around the world. But how much do voters really learn from these encounters, and do they ever make the difference between winning and losing?
 The BBC's political correspondent Reeta Chakrabarti unearths some memorable moments from the archives and talks to politicians, television producers, academics and journalists about the heated negotiations, meticulous preparation and sometimes painful gaffes which have had millions glued to their sets at election time.
 She also asks what Britain's party leaders can learn.
 Producer: Martin Rosenbaum
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.
WED 11:00 Detective (b04g3npg)
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WED 13:45 The Little Ottleys (b01s0xfh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0011ch7)
 Series 16
 Episode 4
 Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Holly Walsh welcome:
 * Comedian, actor and presenter Griff Rhys Jones
 * Bestselling author Mary Roach
 * Award-winning poet Lemn Sissay
 Mary Roach talks about her latest book *Animal, Vegetable, Criminal* which is about animals who break the law.
 Lemn Sissay explores the role of a poet and his Christmas Day Project to provide Christmas dinners for care leavers.
 Griff Rhys Jones discusses his time on *Not The Nine O'Clock News* and his love for the River Lea.
 This series was recorded remotely.
 Researchers: Mike Shepherd, Mike Turner and Jack Chambers of QI.
 Producer: Anne Miller
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2021.
WED 14:30 Hidden Treasures (m002x5bb)
 Landfall by Nevil Shute
 'Wars come, and all the world is shattered by their blast. But through it all young people meet and marry...small people of no great significance who are caught up and swept together in the great whirlwind of war.... life goes on, though temples rock and the tall buildings start and crumble in the dust of their destruction.'
 Can costal RAF pilot Jerry Chambers clear his name after being blamed for the sinking of a British submarine?
 Starring Geoffrey Matthews and Penelope Lee.
 Nevil Shute's novel first published in 1940.
 Dramatised by Stephen Greenfield.
 Jerry Geoffrey Matthews
 Mona Penelope Lee
 Wing-Cdr, Dickens Frederick Treves
 Captain Burnaby Ralph Truman
 Narrator / Matheson Gabriel Woolf
 F/Lt Hooper Gordon Faith
 Radio Operator Glyn Dearman
 Cdr Rutherford Kenneth Hyde
 Trawler Commander Kevin Flood
 Air Force C O Norman Claridge
 Wing-Cdr Hewitt Garard Green
 Professor Legge Hamilton Dyce
 Mrs Burnaby Olga Lindo
 Mona's father John Boxer
 Commander Sutton Alan Haines
 Admiral William Fox
 Nurse Mackenzie Dorothy Smith
 Nurse Loring Margaret Wolfit
 Captain Jorgen George Hagan
 Airman Wesley Murphy
 Producer: Betty Davies
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in May 1964.

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WED 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002wvfq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
WED 22:30 Britain in Bits with Ross Noble (m00017tp)
 Series 1
 Episode 4

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.
 Journalist and broadcaster Kirsty Wark joins Ross in the studio. Piers meets a protest singer who's found a niche for himself and the team investigates the take of the Sinister Stuffer of Manchester.
 Written by and starring Ross Noble.
 With:
 Hadley Fraser
 George Fouracres
 Emma Sidi
 Producer: Matt Stronge
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2018.
WED 23:00 Welcome to Wherever You Are (b09hw51s)
 Series 1
 Episode 3
 Andrew Maxwell hosts a truly global stand-up show, in which comedians perform from wherever on the planet they happen to be, to an audience in the BBC Radio Theatre, London.
 With:
 Urzila Carlson
 Rehman Akhtar
 Aparna Nancharla
 From New Zealand, South Africa-born Urzila Carlson discusses flip-flops and marriage.
 From Bahrain, one of Saudi Arabia's first comedians, Rehman Akhtar talks about public flogging
 Plus New York's Aparna Nancharla, who filmed a half-hour special for Netflix.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2017.
 ** Photo credit: Matt Stronge
WED 23:30 Radio Shuttleworth (b007jqkk)
 Series 2
 Katrina Leskanich
 The UK's 1997 Eurovision Song Contest winner Katrina Leskanich tells John how she always buys new socks as she doesn't know how to darn.
 John decides to teach her this important skill, so that she need not be so wasteful.
 Meanwhile, wife Mary gets the ironing board out and Robert Wyatt tries to impress an impresario.
 The semi-detached world of aspiring singer-songwriter John Shuttleworth direct from his front room in Sheffield.
 Written and performed by Graham Fellows.
 Additional material by Martin Willis.
 Producer: Dawn Ellis.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.

THURSDAY 04 JUNE 2026

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THU 04:30 Hidden Treasures (m002x5bb)
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THU 06:00 Detective (b04g3vnp)
 Series 2
 9. Death in a Lonely Place
 In the wake of their discovery, DS Brook and DC Maxton collect together everything they've learned, and talk to Kemp. Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.
 Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran Detective Sergeant Dave Brook and Christopher Blake as Detective Constable Blair Maxton.
 DS Brook Ray Brooks
 DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake
 Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley
 Mott Garard Green
 Sergeant Lindsey Haydn Wood
 Mr Kemp Keith Drinkel
 Producer: Martin Fisher
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1982.
THU 06:30 Dream Man by J MacLaren-Ross (m002x5md)
 An analyst finds at an unexpected private consultation that his patient reveals more than any analysed or audience would think possible.
 Written by J MacLaren-Ross

Doctor Hugh Miller
 Patient Anthony Jacobs
 Producer: RD Smith
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1960.
THU 07:00 Mind Your Own Business! (m002x5mg)
 Series 3
 From a Great Height
 Outside a tenth-floor window, two men dice with death. But neither of them is Harold Lloyd.
 So why are they there?
 Even they don't know the answer.
 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
 Alan John Graham
 Sue Plant Annee Blott
 Written by Andrew Palmer.
 Producer: Edward Taylor
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1990.
THU 07:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00pzgpy)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 Oxford take on Bermondsey in 'Universal Challenge', unclad fashion news - and ballet on the radio?
 More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs plus TV and cinema parodies.
 Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.
 Written by Peter Vincent, David McKellar, Les Lilley, Chic Jacob, Humphrey Barclay, David Lund, Bill Oddie, Hugh Woodhouse, Brian Cooke and Johnnie Mortimer.
 Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.
 Songs by Bill Oddie and Graeme Garden with music by Dave Lee.
 Producer: Humphrey Barclay
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in October 1965.
THU 08:00 All Those Women (b09qhscc)
 Series 3
 Episode 3
 Hetty's taking Maggie on a road trip to collect an heirloom; she wants something to bequeath and this piano is perfect for Emily.
 It'll be a lovely day. Provided Maggie can drive a van of course.
 Comedy series by Katherine Jakeways about four generations of women living under one roof.
 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
 Van Hire Chris Pavlo
 Ebay Man Chris Pavlo
 Producer: Alexandra Smith
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2018.
THU 08:30 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09d3w1j)
 Time, Order and the Garden
 Penelope's intimate meditation on gardening, literature and creativity continues as she presents gardening as the ultimate defiance of time.
 Read by Stephanie Cole.
 Penelope uses the garden to break open the world for us, and examines how we might encourage our lives to bloom.
 Abridged by Siân Preece
 Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.
THU 08:45 The Little Ottleys (b01rr7rc)
 Series 4
 4. The Show Must Go On
 Bruce's curiosity has led to him being trapped in Aylmer's pantry. Will he escape in time for his performance in 'The Mystery of the Countess of Carmarthenshire's Emerald Snake Bracelet' or will Aylmer have to come to the rescue so the show can go on?
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 Bruce Ifan Meredith
 Edith Juliet Aubrey
 Aylmer Jonathan Firth
 Miss Flummerfelt Susie Riddell
 Madame Frabelle Jane Whittenshaw
 Vincy Wenham Vincy Sam Alexander
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.
THU 09:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m001kptb)
 Series 3
 2: Reality TV
 Ellie Taylor welcomes you to "Safe Space", a place where anyone can offload their controversial opinions without fear of

judgment.
 She talks to members of the public about their gripes and dislikes. This week she wants to prove that reality TV is of cultural significance! It shows people from all walks of life and has provided some of the most memorable TV moments of the last twenty years.
 Joining Ellie to prove her point is regular sidekick Robin Morgan.
 With special guest: Star of hit BBC reality show The Traitors, Amanda Lovett. She chats to Ellie about what it was like being on The Traitors, why she thinks reality TV is important in bringing people together and why she always carries her Traitors cloak with her.
 This series was first broadcast in March 2023.
 Written by and starring Ellie Taylor and Robin Morgan.
 Producer: Georgia Keating
 Executive Producer: James Robinson
 Production Co-ordinator: Becky Carewe-Jeffries
 Sound editor: Marc Willcox
 A BBC Studios production for Radio 4
THU 09:30 Turn Over Your Papers... Now! (b00776gw)
 4. Coursework
 John O'Farrell explores the unexpected history of the different kinds of exam, and our relationship with them.
 John discovers how exam work spread beyond school sports halls and into pupils' homes, with the introduction of coursework.
 Producer: Phil Tinline
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2007.
THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002x5ml)
 Corpus Christi - Eucharist
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Corpus Christi - Eucharist
 Presenter: Fr Paschal Uche
 Reading: Luke 22:14-20
 Music:
 Agnus Dei - Choir of Kings College Cambridge
 Bread for the World - St Martin's Voices
 Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer - Daily Service Singers
THU 10:00 Great Lives (b0076r8w)
 George Sand
 Author Mary Kenny nominates the 19th-century French novelist, while biographer Belinda Jack offers expert advice.
 The nineteenth century French novelist George Sand is perhaps best known for her cross-dressing antics and a string of famous lovers that included Frederic Chopin.
 But she also wrote 80 novels, 25 plays and thousands of letters, and it is this that led author Mary Kenny to nominate her life.
 Biographer Belinda Jack provides the expert advice, and Francine Stock sits in the presenter's chair.
 Presenter: Francine Stock
 Producer: Miles Warde
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2005.
THU 10:30 Late Returns (b08csw17)
 The writer Nicholas Royle is a passionate supporter of libraries and a devoted bibliophile.
 As a young man his passion for books was so strong, in fact, that some of the books he borrowed from libraries didn't manage to find their way back to their homes on the library shelves.
 Now, over three decades on, Nicholas is finally doing the right thing and returning the books to the places he first encountered them - Manchester, Paris and London - hoping to avoid any hefty fines in his attempt to straighten his accounts.
 Along the way he considers his evolving relationship with both books and libraries, meeting other writers such as Vahni Capildeo and Polar Bear to hear about books they have neglected to return because they loved them so much; he also speaks with others who would never dream of failing to take their books back, such as AL Kennedy.
 Nicholas also meets a successful journalist who went to the same school as him and was one of the last to borrow the novel before Nicholas himself took it on extended leave.
 Producer: Geoff Bird
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.
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THU 14:00 Dilemma (b01747kt)
 Series 1
 Episode 1
 Would you provide an alibi to someone you hate?
 Would you confront an elderly relative about casual racism at a family gathering?
 And what are the relative merits of Silvio Berlusconi, Vlad the Impaler, L Ron Hubbard and Amanda Holden?

Sue Perkins sets moral and ethical posers for:
 Dave Gorman
 Richard Herring
 Rebecca Front
 Dominic Lawson
 This is the panel show spotlighting the choices bombarding us in Britain today, as well as some more theoretical problems.
 There are no "right" answers - but there are some deeply damning ones.
 Devised by Danielle Ward.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
THU 14:30 Whodunnits (m002x5mn)
 Cadfael - A Morbid Taste for Bones
 Brother Cadfael turns detective in this light-hearted story of mystery, murder and intrigue.
 The over-ambitious Prior Robert of Shrewsbury leads a delegation into Wales to acquire the 'miraculous' bones of an obscure Welsh saint.
 Starring Ray Smith.
 A medieval whodunit by Ellis Peters.
 Dramatised by Alick Rowe.
 Brother Cadfael Ray Smith
 Brother John Steven Pacey
 Sioned Lolly Cockerell
 Prior Robert Gordon Reid
 Bened Glyn Owen
 Sub-Prior Richard Russell Wootton
 The Abbot Godfrey Kenton
 Brother Columbanus Nigel Anthony
 Brother Jerome Anthony Hyde
 Brother Edmund John Church
 Brother Matthew / Cai Richard Derrington
 Father Huw Derek Pollitt
 Annet Kathryn Hurlbutt
 Peredur Sion Probert
 Brother Rhys / Lord Rhisiart Douglas Blackwell
 Engellard David Bradshaw
 Director Richard Wortley
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.

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THU 16:00 Great Lives (b0076r8w)
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THU 16:30 Late Returns (b08csw17)
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THU 20:30 Whodunnits (m002x5mn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
THU 22:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m001kptb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 22:30 Any Bloke (b0080sxn)
 Series 1
 Past, Present & Future
 "It's all coming together isn't it? What with Sophie starting school, and your promotion, and me getting my work noticed." Unfortunately for Phil, the future is not as straightforward as he thinks.
 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
 Ray Gary Brown
 Doctor Tony Hawks
 Lisa Geraldine Fitzgerald
 Melanie Kim Barry
 Producer: Ann Jobson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.
THU 23:00 At Home with the Snails (b007k3hb)
 Series 2
 Episode 2
 George and Beverley have feigned their deaths to see how their children will cope with the grief.

Alex is missing his parents, but his snail obsession is back with a vengeance...

Gerard Foster's comedy drama series.

George Geoffrey Palmer

Beverley Angela Thorne

Alex Gerard Foster

Rose Miranda Hart

Hosana Debra Stephenson

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

THU 23:30 Sorry About Last Night (b00mzvfq)

A Loft

Having read 'Women are from Mars and Men are From

Croydon' and 'Set Sail on The SS Relationship' - Andy thinks it's about time he and Julie headed into deeper waters.

So naturally this means a visit to the estate agents...

Written by and starring Alexei Sayle.

Sitcom about life, love and not living together.

Andy Alexei Sayle

Julie Siobhan Redmond

Mr Hamad Nadim Sawalha

Mrs Abasanjo Adjoa Andoh

Mr Lucik Chris Pavlo

Dad Harry Towb

Michael Gary Bleasdale

Gavin Simon Greenall

Other parts played by:

Tony Barclay

Ruth Jones

Produced and directed by Jo Clegg with Alexei Sayle.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1999.

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FRI 04:00 Dilemma (b01747kt)

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FRI 04:30 Whodunnits (m002x5mn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Detective (b04g457y)

Series 2

10. The Point of No Return

DS Dave Brook and DC Blair Maxton get moving on the Kemp

case, but are they too late?

Stories of crime and detection in London by Robert Barr.

Starring Ray Brooks as shrewd veteran Detective Sergeant Dave

Brook and Christopher Blake as Detective Constable Blair

Maxton.

DS Dave Brook Ray Brooks

DC Blair Maxton Christopher Blake

Chief Inspector Roach Stephen Yardley

DC Harrison Peter Cleall

Judy Jacqueline Tong

DS Kelly John Judd

Carson Tony Caunter

James Clark Gary Cady

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1982.

FRI 06:30 Peeler (m0005zkz)

1. The New Force

Sir Robert Peel's new Metropolitan Police force proves

unpopular sparking deep political unrest.

Starring Mick Ford and Richard E Grant.

Patrick Carroll's six-part crime series set in 1830, a year after

the Metropolitan Police Act created the 'Peelers'.

PC Martin Quin Mick Ford

Jeremiah Morley James Booth

Sir Robert Peel Norman Jones

Lord Trowle Richard E Grant

Colonel Brown Peter Jeffrey

Richard Mayne Killian McKenna

Maria Staples Joanna Myers

Sergeant Dutton Ronald Herdman

Inspector Beale Timothy Bateson

PC Atkinson Alan Barker

PC Smythe Mark Straker

Lord Laverton James Greene

Mr Yardley Richard Pearce

Arthur Jenkins Ian Lindsay

Rev Charkes Lyton Timothy Carlton

Singer: Martin Carthy

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991.

FRI 07:00 Flying the Flag (b00bx1kd)

Series 3

Our Own Correspondent

Press freedom reaches the People's Republic, closely followed

by Henry Treebling, Investigative Reporter.

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Eastern Bloc embassy sitcom written by Alex Shearer.

HM Ambassador Mackenzie Dinsdale Landen

William Frost Peter Ace

Helen Waterson Moir Leslie

Colonel Surikov Christopher Benjamin

Henry Treebling John Grieve

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1990.

FRI 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnms)

Series 6

Oh, What a Beautiful Mourning

Attending the funeral of Albert's brother, George - the Steptoe

family clash over his will...

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

Arthur George A Cooper

With Michael Burlington, David Graham, Anne Jameson,

Norma Ronald and Marianne Stone.

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.

FRI 08:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m0020hn8)

Series 13

Margate

Mark Steel is back with the 13th series of his award-winning

show where he travels around the UK visiting towns with

nothing in common but their uniqueness.

After thoroughly researching each town, Mark writes and

performs a bespoke evening of comedy for a local audience.

First stop, Mark packs his bucket and spade and visits the lovely

seaside town of Margate in the Thanet district of Kent.

"...a nice spot not vulgarised by crowds of literary people..."

Oscar Wilde

A magical place where TS Eliot wrote a verse of The

Wasteland, JMW Turner painted views of the Harbour, Tracy

Emin spent her formative years and Pete Doherty has his name

on a wall of fame in a cafe for eating a "mega breakfast" in

under 20 minutes.

Mark visits Dreamland and its 100 year old rollercoaster, the

famous Crab Museum and the historic Walpole Hotel, before

performing his show in the Cliff Bar and snooker hall under the

iconic Lido Tower.

Later in this series Mark is off to Stoke on Trent, Malvern and

East Gristead in England plus Coleaine in Northern Ireland.

Written and performed by Mark Steel.

Additional material by Pete Sinclair.

Producer: Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios Audio production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in June 2024.

FRI 08:30 Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively (b09d4bkw)

Town and Country

Penelope's focus falls on city allotments and the suburban

garden.

Concluded by Stephanie Cole.

Penelope uses the garden to break open the world for us, and

examines how we might encourage our lives to bloom.

Abridged by Sián Preece

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

FRI 08:45 The Little Otletys (b01rr0z0)

Series 4

5. A Promise

Madame Frabelle is keeping a very close eye on Miss

Flummerfelt. Neither are aware that Bruce is trying to win

Edith back. Aylmer, fretting for the safety of his soldier son, is

desperate for Edith to stay with him and break her promise to

Bruce.

Written by Martyn Wade, based on Ada Levenson's sparkling

trilogy of novels.

Ada (Narrator) Haydn Gwynne

Bruce Ifan Meredith

Edith Juliet Aubrey

Aylmer Jonathan Firth

Madame Frabelle Jane Whittenshaw

Miss Flummerfelt Susie Riddell

Vincy Wenham Vincy Sam Alexander

Music: "Forgotten Dreams" - Max Jaffa with the Palm Court

Orchestra.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

FRI 09:00 The Many Wrongs of Lord Christian Brighty (m002x3r9)

Series 2

1. The Vicar I Corrupted

After a debauched night partying with a hitherto innocent vicar,

Brighty is afraid his quest to right his wrongs will never end. So he goes to seek salvation at church, leaving Babs and Churley to sober up the Reverend Mr Clement. However, the vicar fears the previous evening's activities may have left him with something more worrisome than a hangover.

Lord Christian Brighty used to be the most notorious rake of the Regency. But after a hazing ritual for a new chambermaid led to a self-inflicted cannonball injury, Brighty, compelled by the chambermaid in question - the uneducated but forthright Babigail - resolves to mend his ways. 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 actually prefer everything to stay exactly as it used to be).

Written by Christian Brighty & Amy Greaves

Cast:

Lord Christian Brighty Christian Brighty

Babs Jessica Knappett

Churlington Colin McFarlane

The Vicar, Mr Clement Joz Norris

Mildred - a church warden Chiara Goldsmith

Harry - an adult altar-boy David Reed

Extremely Handsome Tailor Ben Walker (also producer)

Script Editor David Reed

Sound & Recording Sonica Studios

Photographer Will Hearle

Producer Ben Walker

A DLT Entertainment Production for BBC Radio 4

Christian Brighty and Amy Greaves' viral sketches based on

Bridgerton, Poldark and Jane Austen have catapulted them to

viral stardom, securing Christian's place as the internet's answer

to Mr Darcy and amassing 250 million views across TikTok and

Instagram (@brighitybuoy). Amy and Christian both have a deep

love for the work of Jane Austen, traditional regency romance

(not smut), and historical romance set in the regency (smut).

The first series of The Many Wrongs of Lord Christian Brighty

was nominated for Best Radio Show at the Chortle Awards

2025, and listed in The i's Best Radio Comedies Ever.

FRI 09:30 Turn Over Your Papers... Now! (b00776rv)

5. Practicals

John O'Farrell explores the unexpected history of the different

kinds of exam, and our relationship with them.

John discovers the history of Victorian medical practicals, and

why semi-naked patients volunteered to let students draw lines

on them. And he finds out who examines the examiners - and

what happens if they get a 'D'.

Producer: Phil Tinline

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2007.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002x5pc)

Trinity Sunday - Trinity: Holy Spirit

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Trinity Sunday - Trinity: Holy Spirit

Presenter: Leslie Griffiths

Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Music:

Come Holy Spirit Come - Daily Service Singers

Breathe on me breath of God - St Martin's Voices

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost - St Chad's Cathedral

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b013q20t)

Series 12

Spiegel im Spiegel

Exploring the impact that Estonian composer Arvo Pärt's

Spiegel im Spiegel has had on people's lives.

Written in 1978, just prior to his departure from Estonia,

Arvo's piece for piano and violin is musically minimal, yet

produces a serene tranquility.

It's in F major in 6/4 time, with the piano playing rising

crotchet triads and the violin playing slow scales, alternately

rising and falling, of increasing length, which all end on the note

A.

The score of the piece looks deceptively simple, but as violinist,

Tasmin Little explains, it's one of the most difficult pieces to

perform because the playing has to simply be perfect, or the

mood is lost.

"Spiegel im Spiegel" in German literally can mean both "mirror

in the mirror" as well as "mirrors in the mirror", referring to the

infinity of images produced by parallel plane mirrors.

The music inspired

Emile Coué who, though a mere pharmacist in his native France, came to be one of the best known figures of the post First World War world. His visits to England and America were proceeded by record sales of his books which encouraged advocates in the ways of auto-suggestion.

The scientific community are dismissive of his place in the development of psychiatric thinking and development and Gillian reveals reports of one event in which he caused chaos amongst a group of shell-shocked soldiers during a 1922 visit to England. But others say that the phrase, borrowed to comic effect by Frank Spencer, hides a genuine pioneer in cognitive therapy.

Using contemporary eye-witness reports and newspaper coverage of his travels, Gillian reveals a character who might well merit a more measured response from those writing the popular, as well as the academic, history of 20th-century medicine.

Meanwhile in France a recent conference in his old base in Nancy is part of a new interest in the Coué method, ensuring that 'Every Day, in Every way' he's reputation is, at the very least, changing.

Producer: Tom Alban

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.

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FRI 13:45 The Little Ottleys (b01rrc0z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 14:00 Wordaholics (b01dtkjd)

Series 1

Episode 6

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:

Richard Herring

Natalie Haynes

Alex Horne

Jenny Eclair

Written by Jon Hunter and James Kettle

Letter of the week is that cheeky 6th letter of the alphabet - F.

The panellists reveal their favourite words and invent new phobias.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

FRI 14:30 Hidden Treasures (m002x5pf)

Reg by Emyr Humphreys

Reg owns most of the promenade at Penwent.

Yet he chooses to live in a dilapidated hotel with Queenie, who spends most of her life upstairs.

They're both served by Cherran who reads horoscopes and was once Reg's teacher at school.

To this strange hotel returns a young American who is looking for his father.

Starring Donald Houston, Brenda Bruce and William Devlin.

Written and produced by Emyr Humphreys

Reg ... Donald Houston

Queenie ... Brenda Bruce

Cherran ... William Devlin

Vi ... Liane Aurkin

Al ... David Valla

Gwil ... Artro Morris

Linda ... Margaret Wolfit

Policeman ... Trader Faulkner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1964.

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FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b013q20t)

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FRI 16:30 Every Day in Every Way (b01mqq6f)

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FRI 20:00 Wordaholics (b01dtkjd)

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FRI 20:30 Hidden Treasures (m002x5pf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 22:00 The Many Wrongs of Lord Christian Brighty (m002x3r9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 22:30 Tom Allen Is Actually Not Very Nice (m000c4zq)

Episode 2

Tom Allen is Actually Not Very Nice explores what happens when Tom's calm and collected exterior collapses.

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.

Producer: Richard Morris

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

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FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002xhtx)

Freya Mallard 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Stephen Bailey chats once more to comedian Freya Mallard.

FRI 23:00 The Big Fun Show (b00kvb5d)

Episode 1

If you like your fun big, then it's time to put the canasta away, pop the grapefruit juice back in the fridge, and finish all the Toffees.

The Big Fun Team are here with half an hour of big fun!

Written and presented by Paul Merton and John Irwin.

Also starring:

Josie Lawrence

Neil Mullarkey

Tony Hawks

Julian Clary

Music by Tony Hawks.

Additional material by the cast, Steve Edgar, Ian McPherson, Paul Jackson and Jeremy Hardy.

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1988.

FRI 23:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00e5xtr)

Series 2

Episode 5

An attic full of peas, switching from Girl Guide to sumo wrestler and dull geological holidays.

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

With:

Rosie Cavaliero

Ben Moor

Ben Willbond

Written by Laura Solon.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.