

SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2026**SAT 00:00 Soul Music (m001g8dc)**

Nessun Dorma

Singer Jon Christos watched the Italia 90 World Cup with his Dad.

He says Pavarotti's live performance of 'Nessun Dorma' at the tournament was the only time he ever saw his Dad cry. Pavarotti's daughter Cristina talks about the impact this aria had on her father's life and how his 1990 performance inspired many people to become interested in opera.

Beatrice Venezia conducted 'Nessun Dorma' at the 'Puccini day' she created in Lucca in 2018. She also conducted Andrea Bocelli's performance of the aria at the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022.

Sir Bobby Robson's son Mark was at Italia 90 and talks about the pride he felt seeing his Dad lining up with the England team for the semi-final against West Germany. It was also sung at Sir Bobby's memorial service in Durham Cathedral.

Broadcaster and author Alexandra Wilson explains that the opera Turandot is the story of Prince Calaf, who falls in love with the titular Princess. In 'Nessun Dorma' Calaf expresses his determination to win her hand, ending with that extraordinary refrain 'Vincerò!' or 'I will win'.

Paul Potts won 'Britain's Got Talent' in 2007 performing 'Nessun Dorma' and recalls singing it to over a million people at the Brandenburg Gate on New Year's Eve in 2010.

When Italy locked down in March 2020, hairdresser Piero d'Angelico played 'Nessun Dorma' from a five-story window above Cambridge railway station to show solidarity with his home country and the Italian community in his adopted city.

Voiceovers by Mike Ingham and Rebecca Braccialarghe.

Producer: Toby Field for BBC Audio in Bristol

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2022.

SAT 00:30 Ken Clarke's Jazz Greats: Benny Goodman (b00j6xy1)

**** 4 Extra marks 40 years since the death of Benny Goodman on 13th June 1986 aged 77.

American clarinetist and bandleader Benny Goodman became known as the King of Swing.

Brought up in extreme poverty in the Jewish ghetto of Chicago's South Side, by the end of the 1930s he'd achieved the adulation of a modern-day pop star.

There were reports of ballroom riots, jitterbuggers dancing in the aisles at his concerts and solemn words being written about how the nation's youth was being corrupted by his music. Series in which Ken Clarke MP profiles great jazz musicians of the 20th century.

With:

Pete Long

Producer: Paul Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

SAT 01:00 Trueman and Riley (b01dw1mx)

Series 3

5. Home Truths

A woman keeps reporting the same crime every year.

DS Riley doesn't want it to divert investigations from something closer to home - his own granddaughter.

But he's asking for trouble when he impersonates a 14-year old girl himself.

Starring Robert Daws and Duncan Preston.

Brian B Thompson's detective series about the ill-matched duo set in Leeds.

DI Trueman Robert Daws

DS Riley Duncan Preston

Sue Stokes Lorraine Ashbourne

Becki Holly Matthews

Constable Harry Livingstone

Director: Toby Swift

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in March 2012

SAT 01:30 Peeler (m00067d5)

6. Breaking Point

Mr Morley secures PC Quin's release, as Maria hits breaking point.

Murder and suicide are yet to come.

Starring Richard E Grant and Mick Ford.

Patrick Carroll's crime series set in 1830, a year after the Metropolitan Police Act created the 'Peelers'.

PC Martin Quin Mick Ford

Jeremiah Morley James Booth

Colonel Rowan Peter Jeffrey

Richard Mayne Killian McKenna

Maria Staples Joanna Myers

Rev Charles Lyton Timothy Carlton

Mrs Gregory Elizabeth Kelly

Sergeant Dutton Ronald Herdman

Mr Evans Alan Barker

Mr Luke Mark Straker

Mr Yardley Richard Pearce

John Staples Ian Lindsay

Singer: Martin Carthy.

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

SAT 02:00 Flying the Flag (b00wmvnf)

Series 3

A Loss of Marbles

Gathering dust in the British Museum are great lumps of the Republic's heritage - and now it wants them back.

"But we did give them lots of things in return, William..."

"Like beads, sir?"

"Like standards William..."

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Eastern Bloc embassy sitcom written by Alex Shearer.

HM Ambassador Mackenzie Dinsdale Landen

William Frost Peter Acre

Helen Waterson Moir Leslie

Colonel Surikov Christopher Benjamin

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1990.

SAT 02:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnvq)

Series 6

Live Now, PAYE Later

The tax inspector catches up with Albert Steptoe,

His son Harold is not impressed...

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

Mr Greenwood George A Cooper

With:

Michael Shannon

Peter Williams

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.

SAT 03:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m0020q9s)

Series 13

Malvern

The award-winning show where Mark Steel 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.

Next stop, Mark visits the Malvern hills in Worcestershire.

"...if ever after I'm dead you hear someone whistling this tune on the Malvern Hills, don't be alarmed, it's only me"

Edward Elgar.

Famous for its magical waters and its steep hills. Amongst those associated with Malvern are: C.S Lewis, Tolkien, Charles Darwin, George Bernard Shaw and Theodore Roosevelt.

As well as Malvern, in this series, Mark be will also be popping to Margate, Stoke on Trent, East Grinstead, Coleraine in Northern Ireland and Nether Edge in Sheffield.

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.

SAT 03:30 Two Lives by Vikram Seth (m002xgvl)

5. Endings

Shanti Uncle is ailing, leaving the author to decipher some remaining details of his life.

Writer Vikram Seth explores the lives of two remarkable relatives, his Auntie Henny and Shanti Uncle.

Their story is one of travel and displacement, a voyage navigating some of history's most terrible events, from India to 1930s Berlin, and finally, to Britain.

ikram Seth's remarkable story, abridged by Alison Joseph.

Concluded by Sam Dastor and Renu Setna.

Producer: Duncan Minshall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.

SAT 03:45 The Little Otteleys (b045c65c)

Series 5

5. The Decision

Shocked by Aylmer's words, Bruce makes a decision that could change life for the Otteleys and their friends for ever...

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

Dramatised by Martyn Wade.

Ada Haydn Gwynne

Bruce Ifan Meredith

Edith Juliet Aubrey

Aylmer Jonathan Firth

Vincy Wenham Vincy Sam Alexander

Madame Frabelle Jane Whittenshaw

Reverend Byrne Fraser Geoffrey Whitehead

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.

SAT 04:00 The Personality Test (b007rlx5)

Series 3

Janet Street-Porter

Broadcaster, writer and youth TV pioneer, Janet Street-Porter quizzes a panel about herself.

With:

Sue Perkins

Will Smith

Nick Doody

Lucy Porter

Series with changing hosts who quiz the panel.

Script by Richard Turner and Simon Littlefield

Devised and produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

SAT 04:30 Ballylenon (b007k4qt)

Series 1

Episode 3

Vera Maconchy's days of eavesdropping on telephone calls are

threatened by the arrival of a new automatic exchange.

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

Peg Sweeney Anna Manahan

Joe MacMonagle Kevin Flood

Post Office Engineer Robert Patterson

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1994.

SAT 05:00 The Pallisers by Anthony Trollope (b007jwgd)

4. Phineas Finn

Phineas Finn has at last won a seat in Parliament.

But his romantic ambitions are going less smoothly as he finds himself falling once again for a young lady whose heart lies elsewhere.

Little does he know that he's soon to cause anguish to a new arrival on the scene.

Anthony Trollope's political intrigues of a Victorian aristocratic family.

Starring Sophie Thompson and Juliet Stevenson,

Dramatised by Martyn Wade.

Plantagenet Palliser ... Ben Miles

Lady Glencora ... Sophie Thompson

Laura ... Juliet Stevenson

Mme Goessler ... Stella Gonet

Phineas ... Conleth Hill

Chiltern ... Scott Handy

Kennedy ... Kevin McMonagle

Duke of Omnium ... Robert Lang

Gresham ... Nickolas Grace

Brentford ... John Rowe

Bonteen ... Ioan Meredith

Violet ... Jaimi Barbakoff

Slide ... Damian Lynch

With David Troughton as the narrator - Anthony Trollope

Music specially composed by Elizabeth Parker.

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

SAT 06:00 Birthday by Michael Frayn (m0023xqr)

On Liz's 27th birthday, her heavily pregnant sister Jess visits, and they're both in for a shock.

Dawn French makes her BBC radio debut.

Michael Frayn's comedy, written in 1969 for BBC TV.

Jess Dawn French

Liz Deborah Findlay

Neil Thomas Wheatley

Willia Liz Crowther

Bernie Peter Gunn

Arthur/Jack John Webb

Student Matthew Morgan

Dr Hodges Oona Beeson

Nurse Joanna Wake

Sister Edwards Ann Windsor

Adapted and directed by Matthew Walters.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.

SAT 07:15 Short Works (m0016hhg)

Natural Wonders by Vesna Goldsworthy

Every year, on one day in June, mayflies live, dance, mate and die above the Tisa River.

A married couple go to Serbia to witness the natural wonder, the blooming of the Tisa.

Written by Vesna Goldsworthy.

Read by Brana Bajic.

Vesna Goldsworthy comes from Belgrade. Her books include a memoir, Chernobyl Strawberries, and the London-based novels Gorsky and Monsieur Ka.

Her novel, Iron Curtain, was published in 2022.

Producer: Jeremy Osborne

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2022.

SAT 07:30 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll (Omnibus) (m002xqjl)

Young Alice sees a talking white rabbit scuttling down a hole. Should she follow...?

Charles Lutwidge Dodgson's 1865 novel was published under the pseudonym Lewis Carroll.

It tells the story of how Alice begins an adventure taking her through a strange world of fantasy.

Read by Alan Bennett.

Omnibus of five episodes.

Abridged and produced by Colin Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1985.

SAT 08:35 Inheritance Tracks (m001xlt0)

James May

Presenter James May with 'Dream, Darling, Dream' by

McGuinness Flint and 'Summertime' by DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince.

SAT 08:45 I, An Actor (m002szp8)

1. Award Ceremony

Nigel Planer stars in a series of radio parodies.

Nicholas Craig is the greatest actor in the world.

He begins reading his autobiography, illustrated with less

successful performances by:

* Nigel Planer
* Christopher Ryan
* Chrissy Roberts
* Christopher Douglas

Although he disapproves of awards, Nicholas relives the moment when he got a gong for his part in *The Cuckold of Leicester*.

He shows a group of would-be thespians how to deliver a line by Oscar Wilde and remembers, with great fondness, playing Stanley Matthews the 'demon of the dribble' in a co production with Australian TV.

Researched by Nigel Planer and Christopher Douglas

Producer Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

SAT 09:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01kbqjl)

Series 1

Episode 6

Has art collector Eric managed to bag himself a bargain?

Plus an industrial espionage play what Ern wrote - 'The Spy with the Cold Nose'.

Starring Ernie Wise and Eric Morecambe.

Written by Eddie Braben

Special singing guest: Lynsey de Paul.

With:

Anne Hamilton

Arthur Tolcher

Music by Dennis Wilson & His Orchestra.

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1975.

SAT 09:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000q93w)

Series 4

Episode 18

Kenneth Horne's version of 'Emma' – and Homerama looks at the Movies.

A madcap mix of sketches and songs written by Eric Merriman.

Starring:

Kenneth Horne

Kenneth Williams

Hugh Paddick

Bill Pertwee

Special guest: June Whitfield stands in for Betty Marsden.

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 Michael Palin's Radio Adventures (m000qyxd)

1. The Python Years

In a completely different broadcast from London's BBC Radio Theatre, John McCarthy interviews Michael Palin.

They duo look back over the actor-adventurer's remarkable life and career as heard on BBC radio.

Michael Palin has been a Python, a world traveller, author, actor and screenwriter, and often described as 'Britain's Nicest Man'.

However one area which is often overlooked from his long and impressive career are his fascinating radio contributions.

The first of three programmes, featuring extracts from his mighty canon of work including his famous diaries, interviews about his comedy and travel work, documentaries and dramas.

Recorded in front an enthusiastic audience, we discover Palin's love for radio as we hear a treasure trove of archives on an eclectic mix of subjects and plenty of memories of Monty Python.

Producer: Stephen Garner

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in December 2017.

SAT 11:00 Birthday by Michael Frayn (m0023xqr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:15 Short Works (m0016hhg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SAT 12:30 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll (Omnibus) (m002xqjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 13:35 Inheritance Tracks (m001xlt0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:35 today]

SAT 13:45 I, An Actor (m002szp8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01kbqjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000q93w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 Michael Palin's Radio Adventures (m000qyxd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Spine Chillers (b08ch63p)

Dracula in White by Peter Redgrove

Prisoners up and down the country seem to be disappearing mysteriously from Her Majesty's prisons.

TV journalist Joanna suspects they've been used as guinea-pigs in some unspeakable experiments.

So she sets out on a perilous course to verify her suspicions....

Chilling drama by Peter Redgrove.

Joanna Maggie McCarthy

Dr Exeter-White Benjamin Whitrow

Sam Mellish Jerold Wells

Toby MP Jerold Wells

Ron John Linstrum

Judge Paul Nicholson

Mrs Petit June Barrie

Delivery Boy Richard Curnow

Other parts played by the cast.

Directed at BBC Bristol by Brian Miller

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1984.

SAT 16:45 The Devil to Pay by James Follett (b06yk87w)

A car crash on a hot deserted road; a camper on hand to drag the driver from the blazing wreck.

The start of an action-packed adventure play?... Not quite.

Listen on.

Stars Norman Rodway and Derek Seaton.

Written by James Follett.

The Devil Norman Rodway

The Camper Derek Seaton

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast in Double Act – a selection of plays from Just Before Midnight on BBC Radio 4 in April 1979.

SAT 17:00 Birthday by Michael Frayn (m0023xqr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:15 Short Works (m0016hhg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:15 today]

SAT 18:30 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll (Omnibus) (m002xqjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:35 Inheritance Tracks (m001xlt0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:35 today]

SAT 19:45 I, An Actor (m002szp8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show (b01kbqjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Beyond Our Ken (m000q93w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Michael Palin's Radio Adventures (m000qyxd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Secret World (b011dkny)

Series 1

Episode 2

From Lord Alan Sugar to Bruce Forsyth.

The comedy impressions series examines the bizarre and private lives of public people.

Starring:

Jon Culshaw

Margaret Cabourn Smith

Julian Dutton

Jess Robinson

Lewis Macleod

Duncan Wisbey

Written by Bill Dare, Julian Dutton, Tom Jameson & Nev

Fountain, Rufus Jones and Dan Skinner.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2009.

SAT 22:30 Tim Key's Poetry Programme (b09tdz8n)

Series 4

Under the Stars

Comic poet Tim Key is on a double-date, on a houseboat in Hertfordshire.

He has a well-planned itinerary for a romantic evening under the stars, but his date has other ideas.

Written and presented by Tim Key.

With musical support from Tom Basden, while his wife Megan attempts to catch dinner.

Producer: James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in March 2018.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002xyqx)

Adele Cliff 1/3

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

Holmes chats with the award-winning Adele Cliff.

SAT 23:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00lgj3p)

Series 1

Episode 1

Arthur Smith presents comedy and music from his flat in

Balham, south London.

Paul Sinha in the lounge.

Milton Jones in the bedroom.

And in the Kitchen - Glenn Tilbrook serves up music and

nourishment in the shape of Welsh rarebit.

Singer-songwriter Loretta Maine (Pippa Evans) lends a hand.

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

SAT 23:30 Everyone Quite Likes Justin (b0124nql)

Series 1

Pilot

In one version of his life, Justin is a well-known local

Manchester radio DJ who is successful, funny, and stopped in the street by adoring fans.

He's the man who has everything.

In another version he's a DJ in a slightly shabby local radio

station who gets hassled by the occasional oddball on the street.

And he's the man who hopes for everything.

The truth lies somewhere in between.

And at home?

Well, naturally, his private life is chaotic. His wife has left him,

taking custody of his 8-year-old son Justin Junior and is in the process of taking him to the cleaners.

So he's back on the market. As is his house. So he's currently living in his father-in-law's spare room in Bury. The only person who understands him is his Gran, living in luxury in an old folk's home in Warrington. Oh, and his producer Bryn but this might not be a good thing.

Despite all this mess, Justin always remains positive. Every new day is a new opportunity. "When life throws you lemons, make lemonade".

Sitcom in four-parts written by Justin Moorhouse and Jim

Poyser.

Recorded in front of an audience in Manchester.

Justin Justin Moorhouse

Gran Anne Reid

Ray Paul Copley

Lisa Christine Bottomley

Bryn Lloyd Langford

Tanya Susan Cookson

Waiter Jim Poyser

Head Caimh McDonnell

Producer: Steven Canny

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]

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SUN 05:00 Michael Palin's Radio Adventures (m000qyxd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001y23b)

Equestrian Castaways

Frankie Dettori

Champion horse racing jockey Frankie Dettori is cast away by Sue Lawley.

Over the past two decades, Frankie's won more than 2,000 races including most of the classics at home and abroad and has been Champion Jockey three times.

The son of a famous Italian jockey, he was brought up in Italy but sent by his father to train at Newmarket when he was 14

years old - 18 months later he was winning races.

In 1996 he won seven races out of seven in a single day at Ascot - a feat that has not been achieved before or since.

But in 2000 he thought his luck had run out when he and fellow jockey Ray Cochrane left Newmarket in a light aircraft - only

for it to plunge to the ground moments after take-off. He thought he was about to die and on coming round in the wreckage was not sure whether he was alive or dead.

The event left him undecided as to what to do next. He was a hugely popular team captain on BBC TV's A Question of Sport

for two years, but a chance remark from one of the contestants who thought he had retired made him realise he had to focus on

being a jockey.

He returned to the sport with a renewed vigour and became Champion jockey once again. Now a father of five, Frankie

plans to retire at 45 and hopes that by then he will have won the Epsom Derby - the only major title that has so far eluded him.

DISC ONE: Life is a Rollercoaster - Ronan Keating

DISC TWO: Back in Black - AC/DC

DISC THREE: Into the Groove - Madonna

DISC FOUR: Three Little Birds - Bob Marley & The Wailers

DISC FIVE: Amazing Grace - Royal Scots Dragoon Guards

DISC SIX: Fairground - Simply Red

DISC SEVEN: Feel - Robbie Williams

DISC EIGHT: Insomnia - Faithless

BOOK CHOICE: The History of the Derby

LUXURY CHOICE: Lifetime supply of Pinot Grigio

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Amazing Grace - Royal Scots

Dragoon Guards

Producer: Leanne Buckle

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2006.

SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mj16h)

Series 1

Tracks

Following the tracks left by animals is a great craft owned by many aboriginal people.

Doing the same with fossilised tracks is much the same skill,

but with a whole new set of extraordinary revelations.

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Producer: Julian Hector
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002xrhy)
 The Turtle Dove Pilgrimage
 Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects The Turtle Dove Pilgrimage with singer Sam Lee and Will Parsons of the British Pilgrimage Trust.
 Sam and Will lead 11 pilgrims on a journey across Sussex tracing the origins of the iconic folk song 'The Turtle Dove'. Over 100 years ago, composer Ralph Vaughan Williams travelled through Ruspur in Sussex, collecting the stories and songs of the locals he encountered.
 He stopped at the Plough Inn, where he set up his Edwardian recording equipment to capture the songs of the pub's landlord, whose crackled voice and haunting melodies can still be heard today.
 Vaughan Williams transformed one of the humble folk songs, The Turtle Dove, into a choral hit – extracting the song from Sussex and exporting it to the concert halls of London.
 This Pilgrimage seeks to return the song to the land from which it was taken.
 Producer: Claire Crofton
 A TBI production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2019.
SUN 07:30 Two Lives by Vikram Seth (Omnibus) (m002xt6w)
 In 1969, aged 17, Vikram Seth went to stay with two remarkable relatives, his Aunt Henny and Shanti Uncle. Their story is one of travel and displacement, a voyage navigating some of history's most terrible events, from India to 1930s Berlin, and finally, to Britain.
 They had exotic beginnings but ended up happily in Hendon until their deaths in the 1980s and 90s.
 Vikram Seth's remarkable story, first published in 2006.
 Omnibus of five episodes abridged by Alison Joseph.
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 Read by Sam Dastor and Renu Setnu..
 Producer: Duncan Minshull
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2005.
SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002xrj0)
 Mike Wozniak
 Comedian, writer and actor Mike Wozniak chooses 'Minor Swing' by Django Reinhardt and 'Corpus Christi Carol' by Jeff Buckley.
SUN 08:50 The Little Ottleys (b045lylf)
 Omnibus
 Series 5
 Autumn 1916: Edith, Aylmer and Bruce remain in their infernal, triangular charade and seem as helpless and doomed as they ever were.
 Edith's scheme of shuttling between Aylmer (the love of her life) in Jermyn Street and Bruce (her hopeless former husband) in Sloane Street, is not going to work.
 What on earth, Edith wonders, is to become of them all...?
 Concluding Ada Leverson's witty and wonderful social comedy set in early 20th century London.
 Omnibus of five parts dramatised by Martyn Wade.
 Taken from three short novels written between 1908 and 1916.
 Ada Haydn Gwynne
 Bruce Ifan Meredith
 Edith Juliet Aubrey
 Aylmer Jonathan Firth
 Vincy Wenham Vincy Sam Alexander
 Madame Frabelle Jane Whittenshaw
 Reverend Byrne Fraser Geoffrey Whitehead
 Music: "Forgotten Dreams" - Max Jaffa with the Palm Court Orchestra.
 Director: Tracey Neale
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.
SUN 10:00 Meet the Huggetts (b04mc868)
 All at Sea
 With the factory outing looming, Joe and Ethel Huggett find themselves in a mess over money.
 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 Vera Day
 Bobby Anthony Green
 Fred Stebbings Charles Leno
 Mrs Stebbings Beatrice Varley
 Mr Campbell Kenneth Connor
 Producer: Peter Eton
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1954.
SUN 10:30 Frankie Howerd (m002xrj2)
 From 11/09/1966
 The King of Titters has a backlog of letters to read.
 But he still has time to consult with the astrological stars, but can't foresee losing his umbrella....
 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 September 1966.
 Recovered audio from an off air recording. Warm thanks to our friends at the Radio Circle
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SUN 16:00 Limelight (m001955r)
 English Rose: Series 1
 1. The Call of the Wild
 18-year-old Rose travels from Whitby to New York to work as nanny to a glittering but secretive family.
 It's a culture shock and Rose seems unprepared for the mostly male attention she elicits. But it turns out she is quite capable of looking after herself: bloody revenge is her speciality.
 She's not like the other girls. And Gulliver is no ordinary baby.
 This is a world not just of champagne, but shadows, where all is definitely not as it seems.
 Stylish and surprising fantasy horror with a comic twist, starring Alexandra Mardell (Coronation Street) and Demetri Goritsas (Ten Percent).
 Writer Helen Cross wrote 'My Summer of Love' which won a Betty Trask award and was made into a Bafta-winning film with Emily Blunt (recently rated her best film in The Guardian top ten Emily Blunt films).
 Rose ... Alexandra Mardell
 Maya ... Miranda Braun
 Austin ... Demetri Goritsas
 Siobhan ... Deirdre Mullins
 Delphine ... Yasemin Özdemiir
 Randy ... Michael Begley
 Art Guy ... Mathew Durkan
 Beatrice ... Alexandra Hannant
 Newsreader ... Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong
 Jason ... Joseph Tweedale
 Mam ... Jane Thornton
 Including the voices of Jo Makel, Paul Murphy, James Hoggarth, Freya Pollaidh, Augusta Chapman, Becky Ripley and Ben Casswell.
 Original music written and performed by Dana Margolin and Sam Yardley of Porridge Radio, and produced, mixed and engineered by Sam Yardley.
 Sound Design: Ilse Lademann
 Director: Mary Ward-Lowery
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2022.
SUN 16:30 Fear on 4 (m000ks0l)
 Series 2
 His Last Card
 Everyone enjoys being sent cards.
 However, Laura feels distinctly uneasy when she receives one which is unsigned but carries the cryptic message 'One day to death'.
 The Man in Black sets the chilling scene....
 Fear on 4 brings you more in a series of nerve-tinglers.
 Written by Nick Warburton
 The Man In Black Edward de Souza
 Laura Maureen O'Brien
 Charles Mick Ford
 Director: Martin Jenkins
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1989.
SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001y23b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mj16h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m002xrhy)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
SUN 18:30 Two Lives by Vikram Seth (Omnibus) (m002xt6w)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SUN 19:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002xrj0)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]
SUN 19:50 The Little Ottleys (b045lylf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]
SUN 21:00 Meet the Huggetts (b04mc868)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:30 Frankie Howerd (m002xrj2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b008w1p4)
 Series 4
 Carry On Up The Amazon
 Clare finds it difficult to resist interfering when she discovers Helen's son in a squat around the corner rather than in Borneo...
 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

 With:
 Paul Chequer
 Alex Tregear
 Producer: Katie Tyrrell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.
SUN 22:30 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b007k1nl)
 Series 2
 The Poison Pen Letters
 The elderly Scotsmen investigate who's been snitching with green ink.
 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
 With:
 John Garden
 Ros Stephen
 Kylie Davies
 Scott Hammond
 Andrew Davis
 Brian Berkins
 Producer: Jon Naismith
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.
SUN 22:45 Steven Appleby's Normal Life (b00sr30b)
 Series 2
 Normal Things
 Cartoonist Steven employs an expert to de-clutter his house.
 After what follows, your relationship with your furniture may never be the same again.
 Paul McCrink stars as Steven Appleby with what he laughably describes as "insights into normal, everyday life".
 With:
 Rosalind Paul
 Ewan Bailey
 Nigel Betts
 Rachel Atkins
 Written by Steven Appleby
 Producer: Toby Swift
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003
SUN 23:00 Ed Reardon's Week (m0004sky)
 Series 13
 The Ed Talk
 Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive email, attempts to survive in a world where the media seems to be run by idiots and lying charlatans.
 Ed bumps into Geoff Daytona - a rich successful entrepreneur and motivational speaker Ed was at school with.
 Geoff commissions Ed with writing his self-help book – The Geoff Daytona Method.
 Surely this latest enterprise will pay the big bucks - keeping Ed in Cab Sav and Elgar in pilchards?
 Comedy written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds.
 Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas
 Olive Stephanie Cole
 Pearl Brigit Forsyth
 Geoff Daytona Colin McFarlane
 Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy
 Stan Geoffrey Whitehead
 Elgar..... Colin the cat
 With Sarah Owens.
 Producer: Simon Nicholls
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2019.
SUN 23:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00rms97)
 Series 3
 Ardal O'Hanlon
 Marcus Brigstocke invites his guest Ardal O'Hanlon to try five things he's never done before including bell ringing.
 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 15 JUNE 2026

MON 00:00 Limelight (m001955r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Fear on 4 (m000kx0l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m001y23b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002xrhxy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Two Lives by Vikram Seth (Omnibus) (m002xt6w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m002xrj0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 The Little Ottleys (b045lylf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Meet the Huggetts (b04mc868)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Frankie Howard (m002xrj2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Jim Nicholson: Four Days to Kill (m002xny2)

1. The Fortress

British Intelligence officer Jim Nicholson battles to undertake a vital mission to rescue, or kill, a captured agent. Starring Edward de Souza.

The continued exploits of British Intelligence Officer Jim Nicholson in the world of Cold War espionage.

Robert Barr's six-part thriller.

Jim Nicholson Edward de Souza

Paul O'Donnell Geoffrey Frederick

The Commander Gerald Cross

Colonel Doyle Frederick Treves

Sara Gale Kate Binchy

Lieutenant Farrell Geoffrey Collins

Sgt Kelly Derek Seaton

Robert Barr is best remembered for his work on BBC TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.

Before his TV work, Barr was picked as one of the very few correspondents who were to travel with General Eisenhower during the Second World War.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1973.

MON 06:45 Daunt and Dervish (b008vrvj7)

Series 3

1. The Invitation

London 1953. The Daunt and Dervish detective agency is back in business.

As the country prepares to crown the new Queen Elizabeth, the female detectives accept an invitation for tea at Claridges.

Starring Anna Massey and Sylvestra Le Touzel.

Guy Meredith's five-part comedy thriller.

Josephine Daunt Anna Massey

Susan Dervish Sylvestra Le Touzel

Bill Mackie Sean Scanlan

Ricard Biró Peter Marinker

Gordon Teague Ben Onwukwe

Freddie Tinsley Simon Treves

Belinda Lane Joannah Tincey

Sally Hastings Jane Whittenshaw

Biró's Assistant Sam Pamphilon

Clarinet played by Julian Stringle

Director: Colin Guthrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

MON 07:00 For Better or for Worse (b00gfsmm)

Series 1

Episode 4

Sweethearts Bernard and Iris scour the neighbourhood for his sulking dad.

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

Police Sergeant Peter Wheeler

Doreen Julie Higginson

Tommy Roger John-Lee

Produced in Manchester by Mike Craig.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1993.

MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b008h50c)

Series 3

Absent Friends

Captain Mainwaring returns to platoon insubordination - and an escaped convict.

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

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Mrs Pike Pearl Hackney

Additional music by Dennis Gomm.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1976.

MON 08:00 The Break (b0b5sqkb)

Series 2

The Clench

Andy and Jeff clash with The Mayor as a missing sweet shop sets off a tale of kompromat, corruption and coastal erosion.

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

Andy Tom Palmer

Jeff Philip Jackson

Frank Mark Benton

Mrs Steggle Alison Steadman

Truepenny Rasmus Hardiker

Bryony Shobna Gulati

Producer: Gordon Kennedy

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2018.

MON 08:30 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03nt7cz)

1. Restless

London, 1958. 'I swore by Elvis and all the saints that this last teenage year of mine was going to be a real rave.'

The 18-year-old narrator of Colin MacInnes's cult classic is determined to declare his independence from earlier generations as he roams London with his camera and a sharp eye for the stylish and the subversive.

In the smoky jazz clubs of Soho, the coffee bars of Notting Hill and the cheap rooms of Pimlico, the young and the restless - the absolute beginners - are revolutionising youth culture and forging a new carefree lifestyle of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll.

Meanwhile the Teddy Boy gangs are staging internecine battles and a generation of Black immigrants are struggling to make a life in a hostile city.

The definitive account of London life in the 1950s and what it means to be a teenager, this account of a young man's coming of age captures the spirit of a generation and the changing face of the city in the era of the first race riots and the lead-up to the Swinging Sixties.

Read by Joel MacCormack.

Abridged in five parts and produced by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

MON 08:45 Under One Roof (m002xny5)

I Never Promised You a Rose Garden

1. Balancing Act

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

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

Everything in the garden is not quite as lovely as Gillian and her boyfriend would like it to be, as he sets to work to create an Eden in the suburbs and battles with major resistance from Bernice and Chloe.

Starring Paola Dionisotti.

Series of five parts based on the original stories by Michele Hanson.

Written by Michele Hanson and Sally Warboys.

Gillian ... Paola Dionisotti

Bernice ... Edna Doré

Chloe ... Luisa Bradshaw-White

Boyfriend ... John Rowe

Rosemary ... Angela Down

Ben ... Andrew Falvey

Director: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

MON 09:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m002xg7y)

Series 85

1. Bad Bond Film Club

The godfather of all panel shows pays a visit to the Brighton Dome. On the panel are Richard Coles, Tony Hawks, Rachel Parris and Marcus Brigstocke, with Jack Dee in the umpire's chair. Regular listeners will know to expect inspired nonsense, pointless revelry and Colin Sell at the piano.

Producer: Jon Naismith

A Random production for BBC Radio 4

MON 09:30 Metamorphosis - How Insects Transformed Our World (m000sqry)

Jumping Fleas

Discover the entomological pioneers, whose groundbreaking observations and experiments have led to some truly innovative developments.

Our guide is Dr Erica McAlister of London's Natural History Museum.

Erica sets out to examine the jump of the humble flea.

Most flea legs average just 3mm and so, without much length, they really don't have much time to generate energy to push off the ground. So how do these tiny insects achieve jumps of over 20cm?

Dame Miriam Rothschild had a life-long fascination with these acrobatic insects.

Through intricate dissections of the flea anatomy and innovative high speed filming, she claimed a flea's jump was not just down to their muscles.

Her insights, along with fellow entomologists, have led to discoveries of the most elastic substance in the natural world and a means of acceleration that is fuelling the development of

innovative jumping micro robots.

Producer: Adrian Washbourne

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002xny8)

Finding God in the lonely place: Hagar

Over one in five of the UK population are dealing with loneliness on a daily basis. Some experience it as a dull ache or a slight disconnection - whilst for others it may be much more acute. What does faith have to say about it? In this week's Daily Service, Rev Richard Littledale looks at loneliness through the lives of five Biblical characters, in Old and New Testaments, and see where God may be found.

Reading: Hagar: a lonely mum Genesis 21 v. 1 - 14

MON 10:00 Last Chance to See (m00034ht)

The Sultan Of Juan Fernandez

Douglas and Mark visit Robinson Crusoe Island, near Chile, to find: a Juan Fernandez Fur Seal.

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 November 1989.

MON 10:30 Ella Fitzgerald: A Glorious Noise (b08n2v2x)

Ella Fitzgerald is one of America's greatest stars. Singer, Mara Carlyle, examines the life and vocal magnificence of the most beloved of jazz singers.

Mara visits Harlem to trace Ella's ascent from humble origins to becoming one of America's greatest stars, exploring the voice that transformed her fortunes and changed the face of jazz forever.

She's joined by a host of singers including opera queen Jessye Norman, Dianne Reeves, Emiliana Torrini, ESKA, and her own aunt, jazz singer Norma Winstone.

Mara examines the magic of Ella's vocal prowess - her pure, clear tone, impeccable phrasing, virtuosic improvisation, and her tender expression of human emotion - that has kept audiences captivated since her auspicious debut at New York's Apollo Theater.

Produced by Zakia Sewell and Tobias Withers

A Cast Iron Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2017.

MON 11:00 Jim Nicholson: Four Days to Kill (m002xny2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:45 Daunt and Dervish (b008vrvj7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

MON 12:00 For Better or for Worse (b00gfsmm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b008h50c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 The Break (b0b5sqkb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03nt7cz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Under One Roof (m002xny5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b01bwfys)

Series 62

Episode 2

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

With:

Paul Merton

Gyles Brandreth

Jenny Eclair

Ross Noble

Subjects include: Self Help Books, The Search For Intelligent Life, Things I Throw Away, Food Allergies, Elvis Presley, My Plan B, Learning Latin, Coping With Embarrassment and Answer Machine Messages

Created by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2012.

MON 14:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00ktvtv)

Series 4

It's Behind You

Christmas is coming but goodwill is in short supply among the staff panto cast at King Street Junior school.

School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge.

Mrs Eastwood Brigit Forsyth

Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway

Mr Maxwell Michael Cochrane

Miss Featherstone Teresa Gallagher

Miss Reid Jacqueline Beatty

Mrs Khan Janice Acquah

Mr Long Paul Copley

John Pax Baldwin

Ashad Daryl Moore

Camilla Katy Walker

Garry Nathan Sykes

Ten series of this King Street Junior ran between 1985 and 1998.

King Street Junior Revisited ran from 2002 to 2005.

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2005.

MON 15:00 The Pallisers by Anthony Trollope (b007jwgm)

5. Phineas Finn/Phineas Redux

Phineas Finn finds himself at odds with the leadership of the

party and is compelled to resign from office.
After a period back in Ireland and the death of his wife Mary, he is encouraged to stand for Parliament again.
However a shooting incident has an impact on Finn's prospects.
Anthony Trollope's political intrigues of a Victorian aristocratic family.
Starring Sophie Thompson and Ben Miles.
Dramatised from the novels in 12 parts by Martyn Wade.
Plantagenet Palliser ... Ben Miles
Lady Glencora ... Sophie Thompson
Laura ... Juliet Stevenson
Mme Goesler ... Stella Gonet
Phineas ... Conleth Hill
Chiltern ... Scott Handy
Kennedy ... Kevin McMonagle
Duke of Omnium ... Robert Lang
Gresham ... Nickolas Grace
Bonteen ... Ioan Meredith
Violet ... Jaimi Barbakoff
Slide ... Damian Lynch
Sir Omicron Pie ... Jonathan Keeble
Sir Lamda Mewnew ... Stephen Crichtlow
With David Troughton as the narrator - Anthony Trollope
Music specially composed by Elizabeth Parker.
Director: Cherry Cookson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.
MON 16:00 Last Chance to See (m00034lt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:30 Ella Fitzgerald: A Glorious Noise (b08n2v2x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
MON 17:00 Jim Nicholson: Four Days to Kill (m002xny2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:45 Daunt and Dervish (b008vvj7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
MON 18:00 For Better or for Worse (b00gfsmm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b008h50c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 The Break (b0b5sqkb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03nt7cz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 Under One Roof (m002xny5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b01bwfys)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00ktvvt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 The Pallisers by Anthony Trollope (b007jwgm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m002xg7y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 22:30 Truly, Madly, Bletchley (b007zh0z)
Series 1
Episode 3
Switch on for Britain's first public access cable radio show!
Time for a charity fundraiser - with the district councillors.
Written by Julian Dutton.
Starring:
Liz Fraser
David Battley
Simon Godley
Toby Longworth
Julian Dutton
Dominic King
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 (b0b0v5xg)
Series 1
Episode 3
From Joan Collins to the Royals via Caine and Napoleon.
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 May 2018.
MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002xysk)
Adele Cliff 2/3
The Comedy Club keeps the laughs coming from **10pm** to midnight, every night of the week. Tonight, Jon Holmes picks up his chat with the award-winning Adele Cliff.
MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m002xgxj)
Series 27
Keir v Kemi
The iconic impressions show returns to lampoon the week's biggest headlines. This week World Cup fever, Government

resignations and a Downing Street haunting keep the cast busy.
Starring Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Lewis Macleod, Duncan Wisbey and Jess Robinson.
Executive Producer: James Robinson
Produced by Jon Holmes
Production Co-ordinator: Giulia Lopes Mazzu
A BBC Studios Production
MON 23:30 Rhysearch (m000x6wq)
Series 1
3. Are They Watching Us?
Has technology gone wacky doolally?
Rhys gets to the bottom of privacy issues, deep fakes, non-fungible tokens and whether technology will be the end of us all.
Comedian Rhys James investigates topics that the rest of us are too busy to be bothered with.
Written and presented by Rhys James
With guests:
Amit Katwala
Samantha Yap
Producer: Carl Cooper
Executive Producer: Pete Strauss
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2021.

TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2026

TUE 00:00 Last Chance to See (m00034lt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 Ella Fitzgerald: A Glorious Noise (b08n2v2x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Jim Nicholson: Four Days to Kill (m002xny2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:45 Daunt and Dervish (b008vvj7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 For Better or for Worse (b00gfsmm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b008h50c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 The Break (b0b5sqkb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]
TUE 03:30 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03nt7cz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:45 Under One Roof (m002xny5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b01bwfys)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00ktvvt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 The Pallisers by Anthony Trollope (b007jwgm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Jim Nicholson: Four Days to Kill (m002xrmb)
2. Mission Tornado
Captain Jim assembles his expert military team, as he draws up plans to rescue or kill a captured British agent.
Starring Edward de Souza.
Robert Barr's thriller about the battles of British Intelligence Officer Jim Nicholson in the world of Cold War espionage.
Jim Nicholson ... Edward de Souza
Paul O'Donnell ... Geoffrey Frederick
The Commander Gerald Cross
Colonel Doyle Frederick Treves
Sara Gale Kate Binchy
Lieutenant Farrell Geoffrey Collins
Sgt Kelly Derek Seaton
Producer: Charles Maxwell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1973.
TUE 06:45 Daunt and Dervish (b008vvjb)
Series 3
2. Locked!
London 1953. Following up their investigations at Runnymede film studios, what are Daunt and Dervish going to find behind the locked door?
Starring Anna Massey and Sylvestra Le Touzel.
Guy Meredith's comedy thriller about a female detective agency.
Josephine Daunt Anna Massey
Susan Dervish Sylvestra Le Touzel
Bill Mackie Sean Scanlan
Ricard Biró Peter Marinker
Gordon Teague Ben Onwukwe
Freddie Tinsley Simon Treves
Belinda Lane Joannah Tincey
Sally Hastings Jane Whittenshaw
Sister Rachel Atkins
Maudsley-Brown Sam Pamphilon
Clarinet played by Julian Stringle.
Director: Colin Guthrie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.
TUE 07:00 Beaumarchais (m00101qj)
3. Femme Fatale
To help offset his enormous debts, Beaumarchais is set a task by Louis XV.
But it involves a very unusual woman...
Starring Henry Goodman.
Craig Warner's comedy set in 18th-century France. The battles of Beaumarchais who is anxious to climb the ladder of French

nobility...
Beaumarchais Henry Goodman
Lia de Beaumont Bill Nighy
Louis XV Ronald Pickup
Le Comte d'Artois Sean Baker
Figaro Sean Baker
Lord Rochford David Timson
Director: Marion Nancarrow
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1996.
TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (m001vm0c)
Vintage Goons
The Mustard and Cress Shortage
Neddie Seagoon investigates the mysterious disappearance of mustard and cress from sandwiches across the British Railways network.
Ground-breaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.
Starring:
Peter Sellers
Harry Secombe
Spike Milligan
Vintage Goons is a series of re-recorded episodes made by the original cast for sale abroad.
With The Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
Producer: Tom Ronald
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1954.
Re-recording from January 1958 by the BBC Transcription Service made for broadcast overseas.
First broadcast in the UK on BBC Radio 2 in 1994.
TUE 08:00 Boswell's Lives (b076bc7j)
Series 2
Boswell's Life of Bennett
Boswell attempts to locate the cream cracker under the settee of Mr Alan Bennett.
Jon Canter's sitcom sees James Boswell, Dr Johnson's celebrated biographer, pursue other legends to immortalise.
James Boswell Miles Jupp
Alan Bennett Alistair McGowan
Producer: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2016.
TUE 08:30 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q05ql)
2. Brewing
Mr Cool reports trouble brewing on the streets.
The Fabulous Hoplite brings news of a party at Dido Lament's and Suzette won't be persuaded out of her impending marriage.
London, 1958, and Colin MacInnes' teenage narrator and his young friends are making the city their own, from down-at-heel Notting Hill to the smoky jazz clubs of Soho and the fashion boutiques of Mayfair.
Cult classic read by Joel MacCormack.
Abridged and produced by Sara Davies.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.
TUE 08:45 Under One Roof (m002xrmd)
I Never Promised You a Rose Garden
2. Demolition
Gillian lives with her 19-year-old daughter and elderly mother, plus her beloved boxer dog.
Life is a constant balancing act, lived in the eye of the storm.
Gillian and her friend Sylvia share the things that make them bad tempered. Is it part of growing older? And work in the garden continues, with power tools, much to Bernice's distress.
Starring Paola Dionisotti.
Series based on Michele Hanson's original stories.
Written by Michele Hanson and Sally Warboyes.
Gillian ... Paola Dionisotti
Bernice ... Edna Doré
Boyfriend / Man on Heath ... John Rowe
Olga ... Frances Jeater
Sylvia ... Irene Sutcliffe
Director: Marilyn Imrie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.
TUE 09:00 One Person Found This Helpful (m002xdln)
Series 4
Trouble with Lint
Frank and guests Rajiv Karia, Scott Bennett, Bella Hull and Laura Smyth learn about fat necks, ice sculptures and the most fun you can have while sweating in a boiler suit. Clue - it doesn't involve lizards!
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 and Peter Tellouche, with additional material by Darren Phillips and Kevin Smith.
Devised by Jason Hazeley and Simon Evans with the producer David Tyler
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 09:30 Metamorphosis - How Insects Transformed Our World (m000sq12)
Mighty Mouthparts
The mystery of the hawkmoth's tongue is unravelled by Dr

Erica McAlister of London's Natural History Museum.

It's length has offered the simplest and most effective proof of Charles Darwin's theory of Natural Selection in action - and is now inspiring bioengineers in the development of medical nanoprobes.

Series looking at some of the entomological pioneers, whose groundbreaking observations and experiments have led to some truly innovative developments.

With contributions from:

* Professor Jim Endersby, historian of science at the University of Sussex

* Ian Kitching, entomologist at the Natural History Museum

* Professor Peter Adler, Clemson University

Producer: Adrian Washbourne

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002xrmj)

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Reading: John: a lonely prisoner Revelation 1 v. 9 - 18

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000rw3d)

Helen Mort & Mo Omar

Poet Helen Mort and comedian Mo Omar join Harriett Gilbert

to discuss their favourite books by M. John Harrison, Nnedi

Okorafor and Nicole Krauss.

Climbers by M. John Harrison

Publisher: Gollancz

Binti by Nnedi Okorafor

Publisher: Tor.com

A History of Love by Nicole Krauss

Publisher: Penguin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2021.

TUE 10:30 The Medal Makers (b00cc102)

Former Olympics runner Allison Curbishley talks to some of

the UK men and women who were flying out to the 2008

Beijing games to take part - as judges.

Interviewees:

Alan Bell

Neil Booth

Ann Allen

Bill Allen

David Littlewood

Jenny Gray

Chris Cohen

Tim Hutchins

Tamsin Lewis

John Regis

Producer Nicola Holloway

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2008.

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(b03q05ql)

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TUE 14:00 Genius (b0084ffq)

Series 3

Matthew Wright

A coat for showering and anthems of shame?

Dave Gorman asks broadcaster Matthew Wright 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 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0076syq)

Series 4

Congratulations, It's a Hob Nob

Wendy is busy preparing for the baby's arrival.

Unfortunately, Robin isn't feeling very well and takes to his

bed, much to the frustration of everyone.

Sitcom about the mundane lives of Robin and Wendy and their

friends and neighbours.

Written by Kay Stonham.

Robin Brian Capron

Wendy Kay Stonham

Derek Martin Trenaman

Maureen Amelia Bullmore

With:

Tom Smith

Julia Morris

Ninia Benjamin

Andy Taylor

Flip Webster

Sharon Horgan

Producer: Claire Bartlett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2005.

TUE 15:00 The Pallisers by Anthony Trollope (b007jwh0)

6. Phineas Redux

The political intrigue continues, as Phineas Finn makes an

enemy within his own party.

Lady Laura returns and has a brief reconciliation with Phineas.

Government plans are upset when a murder takes place.

Anthony Trollope's political intrigues of a Victorian aristocratic family.

Starring Sophie Thompson and Ben Miles.

Dramatised from the novels in 12 parts by Martyn Wade.

Plantagenet Palliser ... Ben Miles

Lady Glencora ... Sophie Thompson

Laura ... Juliet Stevenson

Mme Golesler ... Stella Gonet

Phineas ... Conleth Hill

Chiltern ... Scott Handy

Chaffenbrass ... John Rowe

Erle ... Ian Masters

Duke of St Bungay ... Geoffrey Whitehead

Gresham ... Nickolas Grace

Bonteen ... Ioan Meredith

Mrs Bonteen ... Rachel Atkins

Lady Eustace ... Shuna Snow

Lord Fawn ... Philip Fox

Mrs Meaker ... Frances Jeater

With David Troughton as the narrator - Anthony Trollope

Music specially composed by Elizabeth Parker.

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

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TUE 22:00 One Person Found This Helpful (m002xdln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 22:30 Sam Simmons Is Not a People Person

(b086s95h)

Magicians

Comedian. Writer. Ex-Zoo Keeper. Bird Watcher. Definitely

NOT a people person.

Sam and Henry are making a series about birds, and armed with

Sam's 'Big Book of Birds' they're looking out for a different

species in each episode.

Sadly, and despite Henry's very best efforts, Sam keeps being

distracted by the people they run into. Each encounter sparks an

investigation into Sam's past, because once they've sorted out

his issues, then they'll really be able to focus on the bird-

watching.

Now they're on the island of Patos, trying to find a very rare

heron.

The unique talents of the multi-award winning Sam Simmons

have landed.

Written by and starring Sam Simmons

With:

Henry Paker

Sarah Kendall

Mike Wilmot

Freya Parker

Sound design by Craig Schuftan.

Producers: Joseph Nunnery and Alexandra Smith.

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

January 2017.

TUE 22:45 Tina C (b0076q68)

Tina C's Tiny Island Tour

Scotland

Country singer and global activist Tina C continues her

exploration of the special relationship between America and the

UK.

She promotes her album 'Not tonight Darlin' I Got a Heartache'

in Glasgow and traces her tartan 'in this year's shade of off-

beige terracotta' in Edinburgh.

Written and performed by Christopher Green.

Pianist: Duncan Walsh Atkins

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.

TUE 23:00 Bussmann and Quantick Kingsize (b007587z)

Episode 2

Sketches, monologues and weird soup, featuring the Ike Turner

and Melvyn Bragg Story.

Originally broadcast live from London's exclusive Imperial

Rooms, Mayfair.

Written and performed by Jane Bussmann and David Quantick.

Featuring:

Peter Serafinowicz

Emma Clarke

Steve Brody.

Producer: Phil Bowker.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998.

TUE 23:30 Chain Reaction (b03q8z47)

Series 9

Neil Innes talks to Graham Linehan

The songwriter and comic performer and comedy writer and

director in the talk tag show where the guest becomes the next

interviewer.

Neil Innes chats to Graham Linehan.

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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3. The Tunnel

Disturbing new information means Jim Nicholson must bring

forward his plan to rescue a captured agent.

Starring Edward de Souza as Captain Jim Nicholson.

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British Intelligence Officer Jim Nicholson in the world of Cold

War espionage.

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Jim Nicholson Edward de Souza

Paul O'Donnell Geoffrey Frederick

Sara Gale Kate Binchy

Lieutenant Farrell Geoffrey Collins

Sgt Kelly Derek Seaton

Josef Andrew Sachs

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TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.

Before his TV work, Barr was picked as one of the very few

correspondents who were to travel with General Eisenhower

during the Second World War.

WED 07:00 Gush (b0527j88)

Episode 5

Ian Hislop and Nick Newman's epic mini-saga.

A compromising photo of Prince Saudi and Lady Arabella could save the world from war. Unfortunately, it's in the hands of Charles de Vere of the Foreign Office.

Foxwell Cravate Martin Jarvis

Max Pomeroy Mac McDonald

Iolanthe Diamond Caroline Quentin

Arabella Derbyshire Felicity Montagu

Charles Ambrose Fortescue de Vere Jonathan Coy

Prince Saudi Julian Dutton

With Toby Longworth and Steve Steen

Producer: Colin Swash

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1994.

WED 07:30 The Missing Hancocks (b08hnpmg)

Series 3

A Holiday in France

A recreation of the missing 1955 opening episode of series 2 of Hancock's Half Hour.

Also missing from the original show was The Lad Himself, as

Tony Hancock had absconded to Rome.

The Goon Show's Harry Secombe replaced him for three episodes. In this recreation, Harry is portrayed by his son Andy Secombe.

Harry and Bill leave for a holiday in Southend-on-Sea - but they get on the wrong train and end up in Paris where they first meet Andree.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Harry Secombe Andy Secombe

Bill Kerr Kevin Eldon

Sid James Simon Greenall

Kenneth Williams Robin Sebastian

Andree Melly Suzy Kane

The first modern sitcom, Hancock's Half Hour made stars of Tony Hancock, Sid James and Kenneth Williams, and launched Ray Galton and Alan Simpson on one of the most successful comedy-writing partnerships in history.

But 20 episodes of the show are missing from the BBC Archives. All missing episodes have now been lovingly re-created in the BBC Radio Theatre.

The classic Hancock score newly recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Levon Parikian.

Producers: Ed Morrish and Neil Pearson

The original show was broadcast on the 19th April, 1955 on the BBC Light Programme.

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

WED 08:00 Rudy's Rare Records (b00p4mcp)

Series 1

The Heart of Saturday Night

Bad news for the trio when burglars ransack the shop.

The collisions of life for Grandad Rudy, father Adam and son Richie, living crammed together over an old record store in Birmingham.

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

Tasha Natasha Godfrey

Clifton Jeffery Kissoon

Doctor Tracy-Ann Oberman

DJ Karel Andrew Brooke

Trev the Hoodie Doc Brown

Producer: Lucy Armitage.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

WED 08:30 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08hb)

3. Shocks

London, 1958: Colin MacInnes' teenage narrator sets about making some serious money in an attempt to win back the love of his life, only to get a nasty shock.

But there are more shocks to come when he has a warning visit from Ed the Ted, plus a worrying visit from Mr Cool.

Cult classic read by Joel MacCormack.

Abridged and produced by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

WED 08:45 Under One Roof (m002xp5d)

I Never Promised You a Rose Garden

3. Memories

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

Life is a constant balancing act, lived in the eye of the storm. Bernice defends Gillian when a neighbour complains about the noise from the continuing garden works.

Chloe discusses her travel plans with her grandmother and Bernice shares some memories of her early married life and her mum.

Starring Paola Dionisotti.

Series of five parts based on the original stories by Michele Hanson.

Written by Michele Hanson and Sally Warboyes.

Gillian ... Paola Dionisotti

Bernice ... Edna Doré

Chloe ... Luisa Bradshaw-White

Boyfriend ... John Rowe

Olga ... Frances Jeater

Tanya ... Alison Pettitt

Melanie... Ann Beach

Kathy ... Tilly Vosburgh

Director: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

WED 09:00 Stand-Up Specials (m002xdpx)

Ian Smith Is Stressed - Series 2

4. Fertility

Ian Smith takes us on a personal journey through his own struggles with male fertility. Personal battles with micro-plastics, bus-timetables, superfast wi-fi, shamans and more in the series finale of Ian Smith is Stressed.

Written and performed by Ian Smith

Additional Material from Mike Shephard and Rhiannon Shaw

Assistant Producer - Em Humble

Production Manager - Laura Shaw

Produced by Benjamin Sutton

A Daddy's SuperYacht Production for BBC Radio 4

WED 09:30 Metamorphosis - How Insects Transformed Our World (m000sr4d)

Drosophila Melanogaster

Dr Erica McAlister examines the innocuous flies that are

Drosophila melanogaster. They would be content to spend life doing nothing much more than hovering around a pile of rotting apples and getting drunk. But we now know more about these flies than any other animal on the planet, as a model for human biology and genetics - on earth and now in space.

With contributions from: behavioural geneticist Professor Matthew Cobb, University of Manchester; Dr Stephanie Mohr, Harvard University and author of First in Fly; Sharmila Bhattacharya, NASA's chief scientist for Space Biology.

Producer: Adrian Washbourne

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002xp5g)

Finding God in the lonely place: Jeremiah

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loneliness on a daily basis. Some experience it as a dull ache or a slight disconnection - whilst for others it may be much more acute. What does faith have to say about it? In this week's Daily Service, Rev Richard Littledale looks at loneliness through the lives of five Biblical characters, in Old and New Testaments, and see where God may be found.

Reading: Jeremiah: a lonely prophet Jeremiah 20 v.7-11

WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m0000y2g)

The Good Old Days: The Politics of Nostalgia

Gazing back with misty eyes seems to have become a national past time. Why are we all so nostalgic? In this programme David Aaronovitch delves into the archives to examine how politicians have exploited our love affair with the past and encouraged the notion that it's possible to reclaim it and return to some kind of state of grace.

A recent Demos poll found that a majority of us feel that life was better when we were growing up and that our communities have declined in our lifetimes. And that's not just in our country. As we stand at the end of a long period of de-industrialisation and on the cusp of huge technological change, people across the developed world seem to be feeling the same need to cling on to the past.

David argues that there are policies on both left and right that seem to be backward looking, whether it's grammar schools for the Tories or renationalisation for Labour. Do policies like this - even if they never materialise - act as a brake on newer ideas? Our penchant for nostalgia is illustrated by our love of TV series like Dad's Army, Downton Abbey, Call the Midwife and The Crown. They often offer a rather comfortable version of the past, but what do they tell us about how we see ourselves and our history?

Any discussion of nostalgia raises questions of identity and belonging. With the help - amongst others - of left wing singer/songwriter Billy Bragg and journalist and historian Simon Heffer and using recent film releases, David examines how much the Second World War has shaped our notions of Britishness and how those images were mobilised by politicians on both sides in the Brexit campaign.

We also learn why other European countries can't look back at the Second World War quite so easily and why nostalgia is such a fundamental part of the human condition. David also talks to Barack Obama's former deputy national security advisor about Donald Trump and his promise to "make America great again".

Presenter: David Aaronovitch

Producer: Philippa Goodrich

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

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WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m0011rth)

Series 16

Episode 6

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

* Comedian and writer, Daliso Chaponda

* Anaesthetist and space medicine specialist, Dr Kevin Fong

* Chief Fire Officer of the West Sussex Fire and Rescue

Service and neuroscientist, Dr Sabrina Cohen-Hatton

Daliso explains how jokes have got him into some seriously hot water and discovers how many anagrams there are of his name. Sabrina discusses how experiencing homelessness as a teenager led her to the fire service and her love of Xoloitzcuintlis (Mexican hairless) dogs.

And Dr Kevin Fong explores how an air ambulance could work in space and donates a special tribute to the NHS teams working devotedly through the COVID 19 crisis.

This series was recorded remotely.

Researchers: Mike Shepherd, Mike Turner, Mandy Fenton and

Lydia Mizon of QI.

Producer: Anne Miller

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

WED 14:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b008jdf4)

Series 2

Episode 4

The belated burning of bras hits the bistro as Pamela suddenly realises that all the men in her life have been hopeless.

Merv disagrees - he is one of them.

Dilkes discovers murder most foul - a dead chicken.

Neville discovers Nigella Lawson and Pamela renounces the

Oven and embraces the Coven.

Edith is happy to get her kit off.

Sitcom written by and starring Mervyn Stutter.

Merv Mervyn Stutter

Pam Lill Roughley

Dibden John Challis

PC Dilkes Michael Mears

Chantal Tracy-Ann Oberman

Nev Gyuri Sarossy

Producer: Mario Stylianides

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003

WED 15:00 The Pallisers by Anthony Trollope (b007jwh5)

7. Phineas Redux/The Prime Minister

The murder trial at the Old Bailey causes a sensation.

A proposal of marriage is made.

A fragile coalition government is formed, and a new Prime Minister installed.

Anthony Trollope's political intrigues of a Victorian aristocratic family.

Starring Sophie Thompson and Ben Miles.

Dramatised from the novels in 12 parts by Martyn Wade.

Laura ... Juliet Stevenson

Lady Glencora ... Sophie Thompson

Plantagenet Palliser ... Ben Miles

Lopez ... Greg Wise

Mme Goesler ... Stellaonet

Phineas ... Conleth Hill

Chiltern ... Scott Handy

Mr Wharton ... James Laurensen

Emily ... Emily Bruni

Chaffinbrass ... John Rowe

Erle ... Ian Masters

Mrs Bonteen ... Rachel Atkins

Lady Eustace ... Shuna Snow

Lord Fawn ... Philip Fox

Parker/Judge ... Gerard McDermott

Everett ... Geoffrey Streatfeild

With David Troughton as the narrator - Anthony Trollope

Music specially composed by Elizabeth Parker.

Director: Marc Beeby

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WED 22:30 Delve Special (b007jmj8)

Series 3

Cowboys

When a builder burnt down their house, Ronald and Yvonne Worthington went to their solicitor.
That's when their troubles really started.
Reporter David Lander investigates Britain's cowboy builders.
Presented by David Lander with assistance from Stephen Fry.
Studio production by:
Stephen Frost
Dawn French
Phli Nice
Dramatic reconstructions by:
Jack Klaff
Julia Hills
Mark Arden
Robert Bathurst
Researched and compiled by Tony Sarchet.
Editor: Paul Mayhew-Archer
Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later transferred to TV as: This is David Lander.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1986.
WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002xyt0)
Adele Cliff 3/3
The Comedy Club - Two hours of comedy, every night from 1 **0pm**. Tonight, Jon Holmes wraps up his three-part chat with the award-winning Adele Cliff.
WED 22:50 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00x44lw)
Series 3
Episode 1
Comedian-activist, Mark Thomas creates a People's Manifesto. He's taking suggestions from his studio audience and then getting them to vote for the best.
The winner of each show will be enforceable by law, so pay attention!
In this episode, policies include:
* Shame-based pay-policy for professional footballers
* Compulsory relationship MOTs
* The public-funding of political parties.
Mark also starts to pursue one of the winning policies from last series - that he should invade the island of Jersey.
Producer: Colin Anderson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2011.
WED 23:30 Clayton Grange (b01mw5jb)
Series 1
Episode 1
Anthony Head leads a team of brilliantly stupid scientists. This is Clayton Grange, top secret Scientific Institute with a government brief to solve the global fuel crisis, cheer people up and make war just a bit more gentle.
Meet the scientists who are a bit rubbish at life. And not much better at science.
Comedy by Neil Warhurst with extra material by Paul Barnhill.
Saunders Anthony Head
Geoff Neil Warhurst
Roger Paul Barnhill
Jameson Stephanie Racine
Helen/Bunty Don Gilet
Alan Dobson Paul Stonehouse
Director: Marion Nancarrow
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.

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4. Ambush

With their attempted rescue foiled, can Jim Nicholson's team survive and locate the captured agent?

Starring Edward de Souza as Captain Jim Nicholson.

Robert Barr's six-part story continues to follow the exploits of British Intelligence Officer Jim Nicholson in the world of Cold War espionage.

Nicholson must undertake a vital mission to rescue, or kill, a captured agent.

Jim Nicholson Edward de Souza

Paul O'Donnell Geoffrey Frederick

Lieutenant Farrell Geoffrey Collins

Sgt Kelly Derek Seaton

Josef Andrew Sachs

Alex Mathieson Alex Scott

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Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1973.

THU 06:45 Daunt and Dervish (b0998cbr)

Series 3

4. Another Body

London 1953: Daunt and Dervish find themselves in

Whitechapel and Bill finds himself in the Thames.

Starring Anna Massey and Sylvestra Le Touzel.

Guy Meredith's comedy thriller about a female detective agency.

Josephine Daunt Anna Massey

Susan Dervish Sylvestra Le Touzel

Bill Mackie Sean Scanlan

Freddie Tinsley Simon Treves

Belinda Lane Joannah Tincey

Sally Hastings Jane Whittenshaw

Viktor Chernov Lloyd Thomas

Mrs Lanowski Rachel Atkins

Oliver Lane Piers Stubbs

Harold Ross Peter Marinker

Policeman Ben Onwukwe

Clarinet played by Julian Stringle.

Director: Colin Guthrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

THU 07:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jv6z)

Sonning, I'll Definitely Meet You in Sonning

Mark and his manic mutt are rowing up the Thames, but will

Jennifer ever come on board?

Starring Timothy Spall.

One man's quest to discover the true source of the River

Thames with his faithful hound, Boogie.

Adapted by Mark Wallington from his own novel.

Mark/Narrator Timothy Spall

Boogie Ronald Herdman

Jennifer Conway Carla Mendonca

Michael Gary Parker

P.A. Ainslie Foster

Landlord. John Church

Lock-Keeper. Terence Edmond

Kevin. Rod Smith

Rita/Christine. Jill Graham

Delia Smith/Sandra. Melinda Walker

Cruiserman. John Fleming

Fisherman. Jonathan Adams

Graveyard Woman Ann Windsor

Producer: Caroline Leddy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992.

THU 07:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00qhq9b)

Series 2

Episode 4

Rent-a-pet with a twist - and an Alien's plans for invading

Earth.

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 Graeme Garden, Johnnie Mortimer & Brian Cooke,

Bill Oddie, Peter Vincent and David McKellar.

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 Angela Barnes: You Can't Take It With You (m0001v7w)

Series 2

Domestic Bliss

Award-winning comedian and super-sharp everywoman Angela Barnes tackles life and love and, with the help of the audience,

packs herself a fantasy coffin.

In part tribute to Angela's beloved late father - a larger than life gregarious character, he was a sex shop manager, naturist, and a big fan of caravans and pranks - Angela celebrates his carpe diem approach to life, and his motto "You Can't Take It With You".

When her father died very suddenly in 2008, Angela and her family proved him wrong and stuffed his coffin with sentimental keepsakes for his final journey. Angela now does the very same thing, nominating objects that she would choose to send on with her as mementoes of her life, and asking the audience to share items they would take with them, all acting as prompts for contemplative, heart-warming and captivating comedy.

Angela Barnes is a vivacious, critically acclaimed stand-up comic from Maidstone, Kent.

After a career in health and social care, at the age of 33, she decided to pursue a long-held ambition and give comedy a go.

Within a couple of years, Angela and her witty worldview had won the 2011 BBC New Comedy Award by a public vote, secured a weekly star slot in Channel 4's Stand Up For The

Week and appeared on numerous radio and television shows including Loose Ends, The Now Show, The News Quiz (BBC Radio 4), Russell Howard's Good News (BBC 3), and Mock The Week and Live at the Apollo (BBC 2). She has been one of the hosts of BBC Radio 4 Extra's Newswatch.

An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2019.

THU 08:30 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08z6)

4. Wooing

London, 1958: Colin MacInnes' teenage narrator is still shocked by Suzette's marriage to Henley.

Determined to try and woo her back, he takes the opportunity of a boat trip up the Thames with his dad to pay her a visit.

Cult classic read by Joel MacCormack.

Abridged and produced by Sara Davies.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

THU 08:45 Under One Roof (m002xp2s)

I Never Promised You a Rose Garden

4. Disaster

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

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

Bernice confides in a friend about her worries about how

Gillian needs to find a new man.

Gillian has a moment of forgetfulness and a trip to the garden centre for plants ends in disaster.

Starring Paola Dionisotti.

Series of five parts based on the original stories by Michele Hanson.

Written by Michele Hanson and Sally Warboyes.

Gillian ... Paola Dionisotti

Bernice ... Edna Doré

Chloe ... Luisa Bradshaw-White

Boyfriend ... John Rowe

Olga ... Frances Jeater

Esther ... Ann Beach

Garden Centre Assistant ... Brian Parr

Herbie ... Geoffrey Whitehead

Aggressive Man ... David Antrobus

Director: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

THU 09:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m00112bw)

Series 3

4: Billionaires

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. In the final episode of this series, she tries to convince her audience that billionaires are actually a good thing. They're high achievers and set us an example of something to aim for, plus without billionaire Jeff Bezos we wouldn't be able to order Amazon Prime next day delivery.

Joining Ellie to prove her point is regular sidekick Robin Morgan.

With special guest: Journalist and curator of The Sunday Times Rich List, Robert Watts. He chats to Ellie about how people actually become billionaires, why there are more male billionaires in the world and if he thinks they can be useful for society.

This series was first broadcast in March 2023.

Written by and starring Ellie Taylor and Robin Morgan.

Producer: Georgia Keating

Executive Producer: Richard Morris

Production Co-ordinator: Becky Carewe-Jeffries

Sound editor: Marc Willcox

A BBC Studios production for Radio 4

THU 09:30 Metamorphosis - How Insects Transformed Our World (m000srfk)

Cycles of Change

From hoverflies to butterflies, many insects undergo the biggest transformation of any animal on the planet during their life cycle. Dr Erica McAlister unmasks the ongoing mystery of metamorphosis and hears how now it's being used as a barometer to track future climate change.

With contributions from historian and zoologist Professor Matthew Cobb, University of Manchester; Grace Touzel, curator Natural History Museum; conservation biologist, Dr Christopher Hassall, University of Leeds.

Producer: Adrian Washbourne

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002xp2v)

Finding God in the lonely place: Moses

Over one in five of the UK population are dealing with loneliness on a daily basis. Some experience it as a dull ache or a slight disconnection - whilst for others it may be much more acute. What does faith have to say about it? In this week's Daily Service, Rev Richard Littledale looks at loneliness through the lives of five Biblical characters, in Old and New Testaments, and see where God may be found.

Reading: Moses: a lonely leader Exodus 33 v.12-17

THU 10:00 Great Lives (p00glwbn)

Ella Fitzgerald

The entrepreneur Ivan Massow chooses the singer, Ella

Fitzgerald.

With Matthew Parris and singer Dame Cleo Laine.

The biographical series in which a distinguished guest chooses someone who's inspired their life.

Will their hero stand up to intensive scrutiny and merit the description of having led a great life?

Producer: Isobel Eaton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

THU 10:30 The Name Game (b00s5nzz)

The number of people changing their name by deed poll has doubled in the past five years and should top 70,000 this year. With a one hour express service that costs just a few pounds, people are hastening to fill in the forms, make the change and become someone new.

Tim Samuels asks what is driving this self-reinvention - is it

divorce, immigration or the quest for a little cheer?

After tea with Christine Hamilton - now Mrs British Battleaxe -

Tim heads off to meet some of the migrants, attention seekers,

former drunks and others reinventing themselves. He

encounters Ian Roberts, who transformed himself into the

distinguished actor and playwright Kwame Kwei Armah, a

young man called Dylan who changed his surname to reject his

undeserving father, and Princess-Rainbow.com who woke up

one morning with more than just a hangover.

He brushes dust off the Close Rolls at the National Archives to

discover the origins of the deed poll and is on his best behaviour

with the Senior Master at the Royal Courts of Justice.

And before he takes the plunge to change his own name, Tim

pauses to contemplate identity, aspiration and belonging.

Producer: Sarah Bowen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.

THU 11:00 Jim Nicholson: Four Days to Kill (m002xp2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:45 Daunt and Dervish (b0998cbr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

THU 12:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jv6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00qhq9b)

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THU 13:00 Angela Barnes: You Can't Take It With You (m0001v7w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08z6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:45 Under One Roof (m002xp2s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 Dilemma (b017fId5)

Series 1

Episode 3

Sue Perkins sets moral and ethical posers for:

Shappi Khorsandi

Simon Munnelly

Fi Glover

Hugo Rifkind

Can the panel manage to justify the murder of a pet - and the theft of a girlfriend?

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 His Master's Voice (b007tc9f)

4. Globalisation Celebrity Special

Lord Malan decides that he wants a globalisation special with a celebrity angle, much to Keith's disgust.

So Giles finds himself covering the topic from the distinctly unlouche surroundings of a burger bar.

Starring Robert Hardy.

Political satire set in the offices of 'The Blue Touch Paper' - an archaic Tory magazine.

Created by Mark Tavener and written by Steve Punt

Lord Malan Robert Hardy

Keith Tony Gardner

Anna Amelia Bullmore

Giles Michael Maloney

Katrina Rachel Atkins

Beverly Saskia Wickham

With:

Stephen Critchlow

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

THU 15:00 The Pallisers by Anthony Trollope (b007jwhb)

8. The Prime Minister

Glencora opts for a potentially disastrous course of action to

help the Duke of Omnium in his new role as Prime Minister.

And as Palliser's domestic arrangements become more difficult, so do those of Mr Wharton and his daughter Emily...

Anthony Trollope's political intrigues of a Victorian aristocratic family.

Starring Sophie Thompson and Ben Miles.

Dramatised from the novels in 12 parts by Martyn Wade.

Plantagenet Palliser ... Ben Miles

Lady Glencora ... Sophie Thompson

Lopez ... Greg Wise

Mme Golesler ... Stella Gonet

Mr Wharton ... James Laurenson

Emily ... Emily Bruni

Arthur Fletcher ... Jonathan Keeble

Duke of St Bungay ... Geoffrey Whitehead

Parker ... Gerard McDermott

Mrs Roby ... Frances Jeater

Everett ... Geoffrey Sreatfield

Sir Orlando Drought ... Peter Marinker

With David Troughton as the narrator - Anthony Trollope

Music specially composed by Elizabeth Parker.

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

THU 16:00 Great Lives (p00glwbn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:30 The Name Game (b00s5nzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

THU 17:00 Jim Nicholson: Four Days to Kill (m002xp2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 17:45 Daunt and Dervish (b0998cbr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

THU 18:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jv6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 18:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00qhq9b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 19:00 Angela Barnes: You Can't Take It With You (m0001v7w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 19:30 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08z6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 19:45 Under One Roof (m002xp2s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 20:00 Dilemma (b017fId5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

THU 20:30 His Master's Voice (b007tc9f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

THU 21:00 The Pallisers by Anthony Trollope (b007jwhb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 22:00 Ellie Taylor's Safe Space (m00112bw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 22:30 Alex Edelman's Peer Group (m000w4t0)

Series 4

America As It Is Now

When Alex Edelman first heard about the Coronavirus he was on tour in the UK.

Coming back to the US, he's enduring lockdowns, the complete destruction of his livelihood and the tail-end of the Trump

presidency.

What are the ways he has changed?

How has America has changed with him?

How did he get caught up in a little election of his own?

Written by Alex Edelman and Max Davis.

With special thanks to:

Adam Brace

Tasha Dhanraj

Rajiv Karia

Alfie Brown

Mike Birbiglia

and

Danny Jolles

Producer: Sam Michell

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

THU 23:00 At Home with the Snails (b00cbepb)

Series 2

Episode 4

After faking their deaths, can George and Beverly finally manage to reunite their family?

Conclusion of Gerard Foster's comedy drama

George Geoffrey Palmer

Beverley Angela Thorne

Alex Gerard Foster

Rose Miranda Hart

Hosana Debra Stephenson

Leboeuf Dave Lamb

Yates Tim Verrinder

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

THU 23:30 Sorry About Last Night (b00n8vry)

A Animal

Andy and Julie make their first attempt to throw a posh dinner party.

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 Saunders/D.I. Troon Doon Mackichan

Mrs Abasanjo Adjoa Andoh

Mr Lucik Chris Pavlo

Dad Harry Towb

Estate agent Simon Greenall

Michael Gary Bleasdale

Captain Healey Roger Blake

Tony Blair Brian Bowles

Produced and directed by Jo Clegg with Alexei Sayle.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1999.

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FRI 00:00 Great Lives (p00glwbn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]

FRI 00:30 The Name Game (b00s5nzz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Jim Nicholson: Four Days to Kill (m002xp2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]

FRI 01:45 Daunt and Dervish (b0998cbr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Thursday]

FRI 02:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jv6z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

FRI 02:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00qhq9b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:00 Angela Barnes: You Can't Take It With You (m0001v7w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

FRI 03:30 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08z6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:45 Under One Roof (m002xp2s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Dilemma (b017fId5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 His Master's Voice (b007tc9f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 The Pallisers by Anthony Trollope (b007jwhb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Jim Nicholson: Four Days to Kill (m002xsfc)

5. The Search

Jim Nicholson wants to complete the rescue mission but also save the life of a wounded team member.

Starring Edward de Souza as Captain Jim Nicholson.

Robert Barr's six-part story continues to follow the exploits of British Intelligence Officer Jim Nicholson in the world of Cold War espionage.

Nicholson must undertake a vital mission to rescue, or kill, a captured agent.

Jim Nicholson Edward de Souza

Paul O'Donnell Geoffrey Frederick

Lieutenant Farrell Geoffrey Collins

Sgt Kelly Derek Seaton

Josef Andrew Sachs

Alex Mathieson Alex Scott

Writer Robert Barr is well remembered for his work on BBC TV's 'Z-Cars' and 'Softly Softly'.

Before his TV work, Barr was picked as one of the very few correspondents who were to travel with General Eisenhower during the Second World War.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1973.

Recovered lost audio recording. With thanks to our friends at the Radio Circle

FRI 06:45 Daunt and Dervish (b0999lcb)

Series 3

5. Desperation

London 1953: As Coronation day for Queen Elizabeth II finally dawns, Daunt and Dervish engage in a desperate search.

Stars Anna Massey and Sylvestra Le Touzel

Conclusion of Guy Meredith's comedy thriller about a female detective agency.

Josephine Daunt Anna Massey

Susan Dervish Sylvestra Le Touzel

Bill Mackie Sean Scanlan

Beryl Rachel Atkins

Belinda Lane Joannah Tincey

Sally Hastings Jane Whittenshaw

Viktor Chernov Lloyd Thomas

Oliver Lane Piers Stubbs

Harold Ross Peter Marinker

Maudsley-Brown Sam Pamphilon

Gordon Teague Ben Onwukwe

Policeman Simon Treves

Clarinet played by Julian Stringle.

Director: Colin Guthrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

FRI 07:00 Flying the Flag (b00c39mw)

Series 3

The Comrade Connection

"Drugs, Mr Ambassador?"

"We didn't need drugs in my day, William. We had something else to sustain us - we called them standards."

Fortified by caffeine, nicotine and alcohol, the diplomats tackle the drug barons.

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Eastern Bloc embassy sitcom written by Alex Shearer.

HM Ambassador Mackenzie Dinsdale Landen

William Frost Peter Acre

Helen Watson Moir Leslie

US Ambassador Spiro Weinberg Stephen Greif

Colonel Surikov Christopher Benjamin

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1990.

FRI 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnv2)

Series 6

Harold Harry H Corbett
Doctor Michael McClain

With:
Michael Burlington
David Graham
Anne Jameson
Norma Ronald
Marianne Stone

Producer: Bobby Jaye
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1976.
FRI 08:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m0020xd1)
Series 13
East Grinstead

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.
This week, Mark visits East Grinstead and chats to the locals about their town, and discovers its places of interest, including the historic high street. Plus its connection to Winnie the Pooh.
As well as East Grinstead, in this series, Mark will also be popping to Margate, Malvern, Stoke-on-Trent, Coleraine in Northern Ireland and Nether Edge in Sheffield.
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 July 2024.

FRI 08:30 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08zt)
5. Violence

September, 1958: Racial tension is rising in parts of London. Colin MacInnes' teenage narrator gets caught up along with his friends in the violence that erupts on the streets of his home patch in Notting Hill.

As the fighting spreads, Suzette turns up at the Santa Lucia club, but then his brother Vernon arrives with bad news.

Cult classic read by Joel MacCormack.
Abridged and produced by Sara Davies.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

FRI 08:45 Under One Roof (m002xqyv)
I Never Promised You a Rose Garden

5. Party Time!
Gillian lives with her 19-year-old daughter and elderly mother, plus her beloved boxer dog.

Life is a constant balancing act, lived in the eye of the storm. Tensions arise over the menu and cooking for the party in the garden. New friends are made.
Starring Paola Dionisotti.

Series of five parts based on the original stories by Michele Hanson.

Written by Michele Hanson and Sally Warboyes.
Gillian ... Paola Dionisotti

Bernice ... Edna Doré
Chloe ... Luisa Bradshaw-White
Boyfriend ... John Rowe
Olga ... Frances Jeater
Fielding ... Bruce Alexander
Director: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

FRI 09:00 The Many Wrongs of Lord Christian Brighty (m002xnts)

Series 2
3. The Scots I Forgot

Brighty, Babs and Churley head to Brighty's Scottish estate for a golf tournament. But a very inquisitive Duchess, a resourceful Miller and a marauding mob of angry Scots (who used to live on what is now the 4th fairway) threaten to spoil everything.
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 Duchess Of Kent Chiara Goldsmith
Maisie – an angry Scot Jodie Mitchell
Sir Jon Sellars of the E.E.G.C. Jason Forbes
Jimmy McKinnen – a miller David Reed
Captain Mold of the E.E.G.C. Joz Norris
The Duke of Chandos – a keen golfer David Reed
The Duke of Montagu – a keen golfer Jason Forbes
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 (@brightybuoy). 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 Metamorphosis - How Insects Transformed Our World (m000ss3t)

Blowfly detectives

Blowflies with their ability to smell rotting meat from long distances may be some of the most reviled insects on the planet, but as Dr Erica McAlister discovers, they've become central to the surprisingly long tradition of forensic entomology.

With contributions from forensic entomologists Martin Hall (Natural History Museum) and Gail Anderson (Simon Fraser University, British Columbia); Daniel Martin Vega, (University of Alcalá, Madrid).

Producer Adrian Washbourne

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002xqyx)

Finding God in the lonely place: Jesus

Over one in five of the UK population are dealing with loneliness on a daily basis. Some experience it as a dull ache or a slight disconnection - whilst for others it may be much more acute. What does faith have to say about it? In this week's Daily Service, Rev Richard Littledale looks at loneliness through the lives of five Biblical characters, in Old and New Testaments, and see where God may be found.

Reading: Jesus: the lonely saviour Matthew 27 v. 45 - 50

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b04sv2gz)

Series 19

There Is a Light That Never Goes Out

'There Is a Light That Never Goes Out' by The Smiths is explored through personal stories.

Released in 1986 on 'The Queen Is Dead' album, it's become an anthem of hope, loss and love.

As a teenager, Andy listened to it with his father, as he drove him to work. They had a moment of connection, and when his father died suddenly a few weeks later, the song took on huge significance.

When her young son was ill, Sharon Woolley drew strength from this music as she sat by his bedside in the small hours of the morning.

For comic artist Lucy Knisley, the song got her through a bad break-up with her long-term boyfriend - and it's meaning changed for her when unexpected events unfolded.

Also featuring:

Mike Garry
Teddy Jameison
Mark Gatiss
Simon Goddard

Producer: Sara Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

FRI 10:30 The Wheels of Power (b010y0sf)

Ben Wright speaks to the best-informed people in politics: ministerial car drivers. And he hears some extraordinary behind-the-wheel tales from these previously discreet public servants. Ministerial car drivers have become almost legendary, appearing as wise Whitehall sages in everything from ministers' memoirs to Yes, Minister! They have never spoken for themselves: until now. In this programme, Ben speaks to former drivers and reveals what the official history of the Government Car Service - long hidden within Whitehall and only released after a Freedom of Information request - contains.

The drivers discuss the dramatic changes to the service over the years, and take us behind closed (car) doors at some of the most memorable moments in modern political history.

Producer: Giles Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

FRI 11:00 Jim Nicholson: Four Days to Kill (m002xsfc)

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FRI 14:00 The Personality Test (b007s27h)

Series 3

Lorraine Kelly

Breakfast TV queen Lorraine Kelly is in the hot seat posing questions all about her.

With:

Sue Perkins
Will Smith
Robin Ince
Lucy Porter

Series with changing hosts who quiz the panel.

Script by Simon Littlefield and Kieron Quirke.

Devised and produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

FRI 14:30 Ballylenon (b00fnbth)

Series 1

Episode 4

The battle commences to bring the opera festival to Killycromper Hall.

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 Hawthorne Aine McCartney

Guard Gallagher John Hewitt

Stumpy Bonnar Gerard McSorley

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1994.

FRI 15:00 The Pallisers by Anthony Trollope (b007jwhj)

9. The Prime Minister

Plantagenet Palliser wrestles with the difficulties of government - and problems created by his wife.

Lopez stands for election in Silverbridge on the advice of Glencora. His marriage to Emily is soon in difficulties.

Anthony Trollope's political intrigues of a Victorian aristocratic family.

Starring Sophie Thompson and Ben Miles.

Dramatised from the novels in 12 parts by Martyn Wade.

Plantagenet Palliser ... Ben Miles

Lady Glencora ... Sophie Thompson

Lopez ... Greg Wise

Frank Gresham ... Michael Higgs

Mr Wharton ... James Laurensen

Emily ... Emily Bruni

Arthur Fletcher ... Jonathan Keeble

Duke of St Bungay ... Geoffrey Whitehead

Parker ... Gerard McDermott

Mrs Parker ... Lynne Verrall

Sir Orlando Drought ... Peter Marinker

Sprugeon ... Declan Wilson

Policeman ... Damian Lynch

With David Troughton as the narrator - Anthony Trollope

Music specially composed by Elizabeth Parker.

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Jim Nicholson: Four Days to Kill (m002xsfc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 17:45 Daunt and Dervish (b0999lcb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

FRI 18:00 Flying the Flag (b00c39mw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jnv2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 19:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m0020xd1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 Absolute Beginners by Colin MacInnes (b03q08zt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:45 Under One Roof (m002xqyv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 20:00 The Personality Test (b007s27h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Ballylenon (b00fnbth)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 The Pallisers by Anthony Trollope (b007jwhj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 22:00 The Many Wrongs of Lord Christian Brighty (m002xnts)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 22:30 Tom Allen Is Actually Not Very Nice (m000cl9g)

Episode 4

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 23:00 The Big Fun Show (b00lbwgg)

Episode 4

The Timid Twins don't let the grass grow under their feet - and meet Ruffles, the Gentleman Surgeon.

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

Written and presented by Paul Merton and John Irwin.

Also starring:

Neil Mullarkey

Josie Lawrence

Tony Hawkes

Julian Clary

Music by Tony Hawks.

Producer: David Tyler
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1988.
FRI 23:30 The Show What You Wrote (b04d4vbz)
Series 2
Sport and Leisure
Themed sketch show made entirely from contributions sent in by the public is back for a second series.
The best ideas have been chosen from thousands of submissions from new writers resulting in a show like no other.
Recorded in Manchester.
Sport & Leisure is the first subject.
Written by
The Public
With:
Chris Addison
Fiona Clarke
Gavin Webster
Janice Connolly
Producers: Alexandra Smith & Carl Cooper
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2014.