

SATURDAY 04 JULY 2026**SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b080t7dh)**

The Star-Spangled Banner

America's national anthem was written by a lawyer, Francis Scott Key, after watching the British navy bombing Fort McHenry in 1814.

It was set to an English social men's club song and recognized as the national anthem in 1889. Notoriously difficult to sing, and traditionally played at public sports events and orchestral concerts, the anthem has inspired emotion and attracted controversy.

We hear from:

* Dr John Carlos who, along with Dr Tommie Smith, raised his fist on the Olympic podium in the Mexico City Olympics in 1968, as the anthem was played.

* Jose Feliciano who sang the anthem at the 1968 World series and provoked criticism.

* Conrad Netting IV who discovered the truth about his fighter pilot father's history, which led him to a cemetery in Normandy.

* Writer Crista Cloutier who associated it with President Obama's election.

* Members of the Coldstream Guards band, who played the anthem at the changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace on the day after 9/11.

* Leon Hendrix, Jimi's brother, who was in the army at the time of Woodstock, and was put on 'potato peeling duty' because of the 'dishonourable' version his brother had played.

Producer Sara Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2016.

SAT 00:30 Midnight Feasts and Lashings of Ginger Beer (b00pgj0x)

Food is everywhere in children's literature.

The Famous Five were constantly eating enormous amounts of food. Midnight feasts an essential part of life at St Clare's and Hogwarts.

Not forgetting squashed fly biscuits, and even food which comes to life - children's books luxuriate in lavish descriptions of meals, picnics and treats.

Food is always delicious and written about with such enthusiasm that the reader is left wishing they could dive into the story and feast on the treats within.

But why is British children's fiction so preoccupied with all this fictional feasting?

Former Children's Laureate, Michael Rosen, among others, discusses the meaning of all this gluttony with Sheila McClennon.

Producer: Cecile Wright.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010

SAT 01:00 Whodunnits (b007ytww)

Hercule Poirot - Murder on the Orient Express

5. Whodunnit?

Time is against Belgian sleuth, as he battles to unmask the murderer aboard the Orient Express.

John Moffatt stars as Hercule Poirot in the conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunnit.

From the book published in 1934 and dramatised by Michael Bakewell

Hercule Poirot John Moffatt

Monsieur Bouc Andre Maranne

Dr Constantine Peter Polycarpou

Masterman Desmond Llewelyn

Pierre Michel Frank Windsor

Princess Dragmifoff Sian Phillips

Mrs Hubbard Sylvia Syms

Miss Debenham Francesca Annis

Count Andrenyi David Thorpe

Countess Andrenyi Siriol Jenkins

Colonel Arbutnot Stephen Hodson

Foscarelli Frank Coda

Miss Ohlsson Kate Binchy

MacQueen James Telfer

Fraulein Schmidt Linda Polan

Music composed and played by Michael Haslam

Director Enyd Williams.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.

SAT 01:30 The Buckingham Palace Connection (m001yzdp)

5. The Secret of the Forest

Ekaterinburg, 1918: Captain Tremayne has had to bring forward his attempt to rescue the Tsar and the Imperial Royal family from the Bolsheviks.

He and Kasakov prepare for the assault on the House of Special Purpose.

Starring Maurice Denham, Jeremy Clyde and Sean Barrett.

Dramatised by Ted Willis from his own novel, first published in 1980.

Himself Ted Willis

Lord Tremayne Maurice Denham

Captain Tremayne Jeremy Clyde

Lady Tremayne Joyce Carey

Meg Elizabeth Proud

Major Story Bob Sherman

Colonel Kasakov Sean Barrett

Nikolai Dukov Haydn Wood

Mogilov Nicholas Courtney

Gromyko Cyril Shaps

Klaus John Rye

Kelly John Livesey

Samarin James Windsor

Sister Lyudmilla Pauline Letts

Sister Elizabieta Jane Knowles

Voytek David McAllister

The Corporal John Webb

Director: Glyn Dearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1981.

SAT 02:00 Flying the Flag (b00cbcpj)

Series 3

Cultural Exchange

"Someone else's culture is like someone else's toothbrush, William. You wouldn't want to use it yourself, but you're reassured to know they've got one."

With Heavy Metal and Dancing Detectors, Mackenzie and Surikov mix the oil and water of artistic detente.

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

Grub Julian Dutton

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1990.

SAT 02:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jp1c)

Series 6

Porn Yesterday

Harold Steptoe is horrified when he discovers exactly 'What the Butler Saw'!

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

Mabel Norma Ronald

Vicar Anthony Sharpe

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1976.

SAT 03:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m0021b1s)

Series 13

Nether Edge

Mark Steel's 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.

"...a place where all the baristas know your name ..."

Next stop, Mark is in Nether Edge, a leafy suburb of Sheffield which wants to become a village.

Here he samples the local honey, visits the local shops and cafes, a rum keg - and the bowl's club that once threw out Ronnie Wood for inappropriate behaviour.

He also talks to the passionate locals about a campaign by the council to make the area less leafy by cutting down half of the trees.

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.

SAT 03:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (m000151c)

Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years

10. A Trip to Greece

A new girl starts work at 'Savages'.

Adrian goes on a writing holiday to Greece and feels liberated by the experience.

The third book in the exquisitely funny Adrian Mole series by Sue Townsend, one of our most celebrated comic writers.

Following on from The Secret Diary and The Growing Pains, it is now 1991 and our diarist is 23.

Adrian is still infatuated with his childhood sweetheart Pandora and is living in her box room in Oxford. Already in possession of a husband and a boyfriend, and sick of his attentions,

Pandora recommends a therapist to help Adrian move on.

Unfulfilled by his job at the Department of the Environment,

Adrian's aspirations to become a poet and author are undimmed. Whilst working on his first novel, 'Lo! The Flat Hills of my Homeland', he is plagued by the literary success of his old nemesis, Barry Kent.

Adrian struggles to understand why he is so unsuccessful with women but his perseverance eventually pays off. How the female brain works remains a mystery to him, however.

As he continues to battle valiantly with the slings and arrows that life throws at him, Adrian starts to feel less of an outsider and more at ease with himself.

Abridged by Sara Davies.

Concluded by Harry McEntire.

Producer: Alexa Moore

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

SAT 03:45 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (b00mfhv8)

10. A Falling Star

Neely has won an Academy Award, but her second marriage is already on the rocks

But the studio has other ideas...

Three beautiful young women become best friends as they carve out careers in the entertainment industry.

Jacqueline Susann's best selling novel, first published in 1966.

Dramatised by Yvonne Antrabus.

Anne Welles Madeleine Potter

John Sykes Ian Porter

Kevin Kerry Shale

Studio Head Nathan Osgood

Nelly O'Hara Barbara Barnes

Shirley Coleen Prendergast

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

SAT 04:00 The Personality Test (b007tckc)

Series 3

Edwina Currie

Ex-MP, novelist and broadcaster Edwina Currie is in the hot seat posing questions all about her.

With:

Sue Perkins

Carrie Quinlan

Will Smith

Robin Ince

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.

SAT 04:30 The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson (m002ybs4)

***** 4 Extra remembers Scottish actor Alexander Morton who died in April aged 81.

In 1886, Robert Louis Stevenson published his disturbing tale of a Dr Jekyll.

It tells of his experiments with a drug which turns him into a fiend by the name of Mr Hyde

Stars Alexander Morton and Tom Fleming.

Robert Forrest's dramatisation is set in Edinburgh and introduces another voice - Legion.

Dr Jekyll / Mr Hyde ... Alexander Morton

Legion ... Tom Fleming

Lanyon ... Michael Elder

Uttersen ... Ralph Riach

Enfield ... Tom Smith

Mary ... Lisa Grindall

Poole ... John Shedden

Lizzie ... Louise Inneside

Policeman ... David Tennant

Music composed and played by David Dorward

Director: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.

SAT 05:40 The Postmaster by Alexander Pushkin (b00fsxfS)

A poor Russian postmaster is left distraught when his beloved daughter runs away with a handsome hussar.

He tracks his daughter down, but finds her enjoying a life of wealth and privilege which she is loathe to leave.

Classic short story written by Alexander Pushkin.

Read by Jeremy Northam.

Producer: Charlotte Riches

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in December 2008.

SAT 06:00 Three of Swords by Mike Dorrell (m002ymtr)

If anyone did kill Rachel Evans then local hard man, Mal Rees, must be the chief suspect.

Nevertheless, the suspended police inspector is determined to prove his mistress was murdered.

His only clue is a tarot card that stands for chaos...

Starring Mike Hayward and Gareth Armstrong.

Mike Dorrell's dark crime thriller is set in Swansea.

Inspector Mal Rees Mike Hayward

Flaherty Gareth Armstrong

Marshall Howell Evans

Sheila Myfanwy Talog

Kay Beth Morris

Rachel Sian Owen

Big Dave / Alan Philip Rowlands

Walker Gareth Snook

Steiner John Linstrum

O'Shea Martin Gower

Carl Edwards Sion Probert

Aneurin Evans Dorian Thomas

Directed at BBC Wales by Adrian Mourby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1986.

SAT 07:30 The Duel by Joseph Conrad (Omnibus) (m0021938)

"Napoleon I, whose career had the quality of a duel against the whole of Europe, disliked duelling between the officers of his army."

The story of two feuding officers - Feraud and D'Hubert - both lieutenants in a regiment of hussars, but not in the same regiment.

Short story written by Joseph Conrad, first published in 1908.

Omnibus abridged in five parts by Andrew Simpson

Read by Stephen Boxer

Producer: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1997.

SAT 08:45 I, An Actor (m002ymtt)

4. Myself

Nicholas Craig is the greatest actor in the world.

He reflects on agents, how negotiating your fee is just as hard as fighting in the trenches, and takes us behind-the-scenes with his rehearsal diaries....

'How can something be malicious if it's the truth....?'

Starring Nigel Planer.
With
Christopher Ryan
Chrissy Roberts
Christopher Douglas
Researched by Nigel Planer and Christopher Douglas.
Producer: Bill Dare
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1989.
SAT 09:00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (b007jrgv)
Series 2
1. When the Sap Is Rising
Dame Hilda and Dr Evadne swallow the consequences of home-made wine.
Starring Dame Hilda Bracket and her lifelong companion Dr Evadne Hinge.
Another extract of life from the genteel setting of the Stackton Tressel - the Suffolk village where the musical duo reside.
Written by Gerald Frow.
Dame Hilda Bracket George Logan
Dr Evadne Hinge Patrick Fyffe
Tom David Griffin
Maud Daphne Heard
Major Dyrenforth Anthony Sharp
The ladies made three series for BBC Radio 4 between 1977 and 1979, with further spin-off seasons on BBC Radio 2 until 1990.
In the early 1980s, they expanded over to BBC TV with the series Dear Ladies.
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1983.
SAT 09:30 Brothers in Law (b007k0z0)
Series 1
The First Brief
Rookie barrister Roger Thursby unwittingly aids a habitual fraudster.
Henry Cecil's comic legal novel Brothers in Law was first published in 1955.
Legendary duo Frank Muir and Denis Norden adapted it for BBC TV in 1962. This gave Richard Briers his first regular starring role as idealistic young lawyer, Roger Thursby.
Roger Thursby Richard Briers
Henry Blagrove Richard Waring
Sally Mannering Ann Davies
Grimes John Glyn-Jones
Green Kenneth Connor
The Judge John Le Mesurier
Other parts played by:
Malcolm Hayes
Fredrick Treves
Adapted from the BBC TV scripts by Richard Waring
Restored from BBC Transcription Service tapes - originally edited for sale abroad.
Producer: David Hatch.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.
SAT 10:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000g3y2)
1: Under Water and in the Garden
Since he was first given a tape recorder in 1967, musician and wildlife sound recordist, Chris Watson, has been fascinated by the possibilities of sound.
In the first of three programmes, he tells the story of the technological advances in radio from the first Outside Broadcast, through the Radiophonic Workshop and to advent of podcasting.
For starters, Chris fires up his first-ever tape recorder and we hear some of his radio moments.
Featuring:
* ORCHESTRA UNDER THE WAVES - presented by Evelyn Glennie
- BBC Radio 4, 1996.
* THIRTEEN WAYS OF LOOKING AT A BLACKBIRD
- BBC Radio 3, 2000
* OH, WHISTLE AND I'LL COME TO YOU
- BBC Home Service, 1963.
Producer: Jessica Treen
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra - and first broadcast in October 2018.
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SAT 13:45 I, An Actor (m002ymtt)
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SAT 14:30 Brothers in Law (b007k0z0)
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SAT 15:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000g3y2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 16:00 Drama on 4 (b01j2bmz)
The Haunted Hotel by Wilkie Collins
In 1860, the formidable Countess Narona marries a rich young aristocrat in London.
But shortly after travelling to Venice her husband dies, apparently of natural causes.
This leaves the Countess a rich woman.
Years later, guests in a Venetian hotel encounter the terrifying

apparition of a murder victim seeking revenge.
Wilkie Collins' gothic horror tale is a powerful combination of ghost story and detective mystery.
Starring Adjoa Andoh.
Dramatised by Rod Beacham.
Countess Narona Adjoa Andoh
Henry Westwick Harry Lloyd
Agnes Lockwood Jasmine Hyde
Francis Westwick Simon Bubb
Suzannah Westwick Katherine Igoe
Emily Ferrari Alex Rivers
Megan Josie Kidd
Doctor Wybrow Gerard McDermott
Carstairs James Lailey
Doctor Bruno Rod Beacham
Director: Bruce Young.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2012.
SAT 17:00 Three of Swords by Mike Dorrell (m002ymtr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
SAT 18:30 The Duel by Joseph Conrad (Omnibus) (m0021938)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
SAT 19:45 I, An Actor (m002ymtt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
SAT 20:00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (b007jrgv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 Brothers in Law (b007k0z0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000g3y2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 The Secret World (b011vld9)
Series 1
Episode 5
From Sir Alan Sugar to Boy George.
The comedy impressions series examining the bizarre and private lives of public people.
Starring:
Jon Culshaw
Lewis Macleod
Margaret Cabour Smith
Julian Dutton
Jess Robinson
Duncan Wisbey
Written by Bill Dare, Julian Dutton, Joel Morris & Jason Hazeley, Rufus Jones and Dan Skinner.
Producer: Bill Dare
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.
SAT 22:30 Jayde Adams: Hometown Glory (m0011lfk)
Episode 2
After more than 10 years of living in London, comedian Jayde Adams is returning to her hometown of Bristol.
Why?
It's cheaper.
But also because of reasons that go deeper than that, and which she told Radio 4 would take another half-hour episode to explain.
Jayde asks what 'feeling at home' really means; why we leave home; and why some of us, at least, feel the draw to go back.
Not that Jayde's story isn't interesting enough on its own - girl lives in same house for 18 years, moves to London, moves back again.
Jayde also spoke to Dawn French, Victoria Scone, Keala Settle and Sophie Willan about their own experiences of home; where they've made home; and how it's made them.
Written and performed by Jayde Adams.
Script Editor: Simon Alcock
Producer: Hayley Sterling
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2021.
SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002ypmw)
Davina Bentley 1/3
Lou Conran speaks to comedian and writer Davina Bentley. Davina shares how she juggles being a lawyer and a comedian, and they chat about why perimenopause shouldn't be a dirty word.
SAT 23:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00ls6bt)
Series 1
Episode 4
More fun and frolics round at Arthur Smith's home in Balham, south London.
With comedians:
Stewart Lee
Reginald D Hunter
Plus music from Sophie Ellis-Bextor. Will she be in Arthur's kitchen?
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 (b01214ng)
Series 1
Episode 4
House-hunting sparks all sorts of difficulties for Manchester DJ Justin..
Starring Justin Moorhouse, Anne Reid and Paul Copley.
Sitcom written by Justin Moorhouse and Jim Poyser.
Despite his messy life, Justin always remains positive. Every new day is a new opportunity. "When life throws you lemons, make lemonade".

Recorded in front of an audience in Manchester.

Anne Reid Gran
Christine Bottomley Lisa
Jim Poyser Lisa's boyfriend
Justin Moorhouse Justin
Lloyd Langford Bryn
Paul Copley Ray
Susan Cookson Tanya
Producer: Steven Canny
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.

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SUN 00:00 Drama on 4 (b01j2bmz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]
SUN 01:00 Three of Swords by Mike Dorrell (m002ymtr)
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SUN 02:30 The Duel by Joseph Conrad (Omnibus) (m0021938)
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SUN 05:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000g3y2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]
SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002ymxn)
Nautical Castaways
Dame Ellen MacArthur
Solo yachtswoman Dame Ellen MacArthur is castaway by Kirsty Young.
Ellen was 28 when she became the fastest person to sail solo around the world, and has been called the 'first true heroine of the 21st century'.
She still sails with friends and with the charity she set up for children with cancer and leukaemia, but her ambition now is to try to find a way of living the same sustainable existence on land that she lives at sea.
When your life depends on it, she says, you realise how scarce food and fuel really are.
DISC ONE: OutKast - Hey Ya
DISC TWO: Don Henley - The Boys of Summer
DISC THREE: Phil Collins - I Wish It Would Rain Down
DISC FOUR: Manu Chao - Me Gustas Tu (I Like You)
DISC FIVE: Thomas Newman - Any Other Name
DISC SIX: Dido - Here With Me
DISC SEVEN: Spandau Ballet - Through the Barricades
DISC EIGHT: Coldplay - Fix You
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Don Henley - The Boys of Summer
BOOK CHOICE: SAS Survival Handbook by John "Lofty" Wiseman
LUXURY CHOICE: A fluffy purple worm (which has been taken everywhere)
Producer: Leanne Buckle
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mydlm)
Series 1
Amber
As a boy, David Attenborough had a piece of amber in which lay a blood-sucking fly. He still has it today.
Would it be possible to extract the DNA from one of these insects caught in the resin and, maybe, recreate a dinosaur?
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 October 2009
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002ymxr)
The Echo Chamber - Sean Borodale
Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects The Echo Chamber - Sean Borodale - who, in this edition, is in a literal echo chamber.
**And Daljit Nagra reads from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month: Alcatraz: Poems from the Contemporary Welsh edited by Robert Minihinnick.
In the Echo Chamber, poet Sean Borodale shares poems from his collection Asylum, written deep within the caves of the Mendip Hills in Somerset. He is then joined in a caving pub by Holly Corfield Carr.
Produced by Ellie Richold.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.
SUN 07:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (Omnibus) (m00016b2)
Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years
Episode 2
The third book in the exquisitely funny Adrian Mole series by Sue Townsend, one of our most celebrated comic writers.
Read by Harry McEntire
Following on from The Secret Diary and The Growing Pains, it is now 1991 and our diarist is 23.
Adrian is still infatuated with his childhood sweetheart Pandora and is living in her box room in Oxford. Already in possession of a husband and a boyfriend, and sick of his attentions, Pandora recommends a therapist to help Adrian move on.
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Omnibus of the last five of ten parts abridged by Sara Davies. Producer: Alexa Moore

A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2018.

SUN 08:40 Witness History (w3cswsrl)

Barbara Cartland - Queen of Romance

Dame Barbara Cartland was best known for her historical romances and is thought to have sold hundreds of millions of books around the world.

She was step-grandmother to Princess Diana and was at her most prolific in the 1970s and 80s when she appeared regularly on British television.

Kirsty Reid has been listening to some of her interviews from the BBC archives and hearing what it was like to meet her in person.

Kirsty also talks to writer Joe McAleer about Dame Barbara Cartland.

Producer/Presenter: Kirsty Reid

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in January 2019.

Photo: Barbara Cartland, pictured in 1970 (Credit: BBC)

SUN 08:50 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (Omnibus) (m00161kx)

Episode 2

In dazzling post-war New York, Anne, Jennifer and Neely move in together. Jacqueline Susann drama with Barbara Barnes.

SUN 10:00 Know Your Place (b018jpyj)

Room to Manoeuvre

Cleaner Elsie Spurgeon borrows a flat just for a night, but must try to be keep caretaker Ramsay Potts out of the way.

Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling Edwardian block of flats, pursued by the over-amorous cleaner Elsie.

Starring Roy Dotrice and Patricia Hayes.

Sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan.

Ramsay Potts Roy Dotrice

Elsbeth Spurgeon Patricia Hayes

With:

John Graham

Jon Glover

Norma Ronald

Nell Brennan

Yvonne Manners

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1982.

SUN 10:30 Take It From Here (b09yd9y9)

From 11/10/1955

The cast take oaths of allegiance - and 'The Glums' go to the pictures.

Starring:

Professor Jimmy Edwards

Dick Bentley

June Whitfield

Alma Cogan

Wallace Eton

Music from The Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra.

Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1955.

SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002ymxn)

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SUN 16:00 Limelight (p0clfh4t)

English Rose: Series 1

4. Life Support

Gulliver is in the hospital and Rose wants to know why. There is danger everywhere and she must protect him.

18-year-old Rose has come from Whitby to Manhattan to work as a nanny to a glittering but secretive family. 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). With music by Dana Margolin and Sam Yardley

of Mercury-nominated band, Porridge Radio.

Written by Helen Cross

Rose ... Alexandra Mardell

Maya ... Miranda Braun

Austin ... Demetri Goritsas

Siobhan ... Deirdre Mullins

Delphine ... Yasemin Özdemir

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.

Sound design by Ilse Lademann

Producer Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2022.

SUN 16:30 Fear on 4 (b007jnx3)

Series 2

A Child Crying

To hear the sound of a crying child is not unusual.

What does it mean though when you are the only one who can hear it?

The Man in Black sets the chilling scene...

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

Written by James Saunders

The Man In Black Edward de Souza

Guy Nigel Anthony

Paul Ken Cumberlidge

Child's voice Cara Kelly

Ian Kim Wall

Producer: Gerry Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

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SUN 21:30 Take It From Here (b09yd9y9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 22:00 Revolving People (b007lrv1)

Series 2

Trying Times

A wife returns, a daughter gives birth and Sergeant McGurk

reveals the real reason the British won the Battle of Culloden.

The return of the sitcom set just before the American War of Independence.

Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.

Samuel Oliphant Jay Tarses

Sergeant McGurk Andy Hamilton

Captain Brimshaw James Fleet

Mary Oliphant Jan Ravens

Ezekiel Spriggs Hugh Dennis

Cora Oliphant Penelope Nice

Joshua Oliphant Tony Maudsley

Elizabeth Oliphant Susie Blake

Agnes Selina Griffiths

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2001.

SUN 22:30 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m00193sf)

Series 1

Cardiff to Portsmouth

Alexei Sayle takes a train journey and breaks the golden rule of travelling by train in the UK - he actually talks to his fellow passengers.

His first trip takes him from Cardiff to Portsmouth.

Among his many fellow travellers, he meets:

* David, who looks after tunnels for a living

* Tess, who speaks Russian and Ukrainian and has been trained to drive a tank

* Technician Megan from the National Oceanography Centre who, while many of us might be daunted by trying to deal with a leaking washing machine, loves fixing things and takes on the maintenance of mass spectrometers as part of the centre's work on climate change.

Producers: Peter Lowe & Nick Symons

A Ride production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July

2022.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002ypkh)

Davina Bentley 2/3

Lou Conran speaks to comedian and writer Davina Bentley.

They talk tap dancing, needing time alone and wanting to have an exciting life.

SUN 23:00 Ed Reardon's Week (m0005f1d)

Series 13

Punk Rock Vampires

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.

A British horror film that Ed wrote in the 1970s - called 'Punk

Rock Vampires' - comes back to haunt him

But it presents the opportunity to make a few quid...

Starring: Christopher Douglas

Comedy written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds.

Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas

Olive Stephanie Cole

Pearl Brigit Forsyth

Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Stan Geoffrey Whitehead

Andy Dan Tetsell

Producer Simon Nicholls

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

SUN 23:30 Electric Ink (b0116gvm)

Series 1

Episode 1

Maddox is an old school journalist struggling to keep up with new technology.

He feels the art of finding stories is being forgotten and he is not about to let that happen.

Starring Robert Lindsay and Alex Jennings.

Old hacks meet new media in Alistair Beaton's satire set in the changing world of the newspaper industry.

Maddox Robert Lindsay

Oliver Alex Jennings

Amelia Elizabeth Berrington

Tasneem Zita Sattar

Masha Debbie Chazen

Freddy Ben Willbond

Announcer Matt Addis

With additional material by Tom Mitchelson.

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2009.

MONDAY 06 JULY 2026

MON 00:00 Limelight (p0clfh4t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Fear on 4 (b007jnx3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002ymxn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00mydlm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002ymxr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (Omnibus)

(m00016b2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Witness History (w3cswsrl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann

(Omnibus) (m00161kx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Know Your Place (b018jpyj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Take It From Here (b09yd9y9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jlpz)

The Return of Sherlock Holmes - Series 1

The Empty House

Sherlock Holmes has met his fate at the Reichenbach Falls, and

Mary Watson is on her death-bed.

Alone and grief-stricken, Dr Watson tries his hand at solving a society murder.

Series of classic mysteries about the immortal Baker Street detective.

Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and first published in 1903.

Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams.

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Sherlock Holmes Clive Merrison

Dr Watson Michael Williams

Mary Watson Jillie Meers

Prof. Moriarty Michael Pennington

Colonel Moran Frederick Treves

Inspector Lestrade Donald Gee

Mrs. Hudson Joan Matheson

Sir John Peter Penry Jones

Ronald Adair John Webb

Murray Steve Hodson

Nurse Kate Binchy

Jenny Siiri Jenkins

Stamford Keith Drinkel

Coroner John Church

Parker John Fleming

Violinist: Leonard Friedman

Director: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1993.

MON 06:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald

(b0075770)

1. 1940s Broadcasting House

Life at the BBC's Broadcasting House during the dark days of

1940 when London was under nightly attack from the

Luftwaffe.

Wartime sees myriad hopes and fears of employees come and go in the course of newsgathering.
Penelope Fitzgerald's bitter-sweet comedy, first published in 1980.
Abridged in ten parts by David Dorward
Read by Penelope Wilton,
Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1992.
MON 07:00 For Better or for Worse (b00h9t2d)
Series 1
Episode 7
A day trip to France brings buried memories to the surface for Bernard.
Starring Gorden Kaye and Su Pollard.
Vince Powell's sitcom about the turbulent relationship of an odd couple.
Iris Su Pollard
Bernard Gorden Kaye
Wilf David Ross
Daisy Paula Tilbrook
Hiker/Waiter/Gendarme Peter Wheeler
Mandy Julie Higginson
Produced at BBC Manchester by Mike Craig.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1993.
MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jq5q)
Series 3
The Deadly Attachment
The Walmington-on-Sea platoon attempt to guard the crew of a German U-boat crew.
But their captain starts making a list of Mainwaring's men...
The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon
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
Vicar Frank Williams
Captain Muller Philip Madoc
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.
MON 08:00 The Architects (b051rjpp)
Series 2
Refurb
Matt and Tim are dispatched to Watford to restyle a Premier League footballer's mansion.
Meanwhile Sir Lucien must negotiate a press interview without putting his foot in it.
Comedy set in a struggling architectural practice.
Written by Jim Poyser with Neil Griffiths.
Sir Lucien Geoffrey Whitehead
Tim Alex Carter
Sarah Anna Crilly
Matt Dominic Coleman
Danny Richie Campbell
Sean Jude Akuwudike
John Ian Cunningham
Computer Caddie/Tony Sam Dale
Directed by Toby Swift.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.
MON 08:30 The Vanity Fair Diaries by Tina Brown (b09fxxkz)

1. April Revival - 1984
Tina Brown's time as editor-in-chief of Vanity Fair magazine from the mid-1980's to the early 90's.
Barely out of her 30s, she moved to New York to take over Conde Nast's ailing magazine, Vanity Fair.
The culture shock was big, with little time to get her April edition up and running.
Any good ideas?
Abridged in five parts by Katrin Williams.
Read by Tina Brown.
Producer: Duncan Minshull.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.
MON 08:45 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (b00mjktk)
11. The Cat Fight
1956: Neely's Hollywood career has collapsed. Back in New York - she gets a TV break.
But is she up to it?
Three beautiful young women become best friends as they carve out careers in the entertainment industry.
Jacqueline Susann's best selling novel, first published in 1966.
Dramatised in fifteen parts by Yvonne Antroubis
Anne Welles... Madeleine Potter
Nelly O'Hara ...Barbara Barnes
Kevin... Kerry Shale
Helen Lawson... Sally Dexter
Attendant... Coleen Prendergast
Director... Nathan Osgood
Producer: Claire Grove
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.
MON 09:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m002ybh7)
Series 85

4. Garden or Bedroom
The godfather of all panel shows returns to the Cambridge Corn Exchange. On the panel are Miles Jupp, Tony Hawks, Lucy Porter and Henning Wehn, 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 Eat Your Garden (m002ymyb)
Castle Leslie, County Monaghan
With its stunning lough-side location, it was no surprise when Paul McCartney chose Castle Leslie in County Monaghan as the venue for his wedding (2002).
But it wasn't just the view that appealed- there also was stunning food, the ingredients grown and selected on the estate by Ireland's hottest young chef, Noel McMeel.
Hedgerow harvester, Wiz Clift joins Noel and castle owner, Sammy Leslie as they prepare the evening menu.
They tour the Castle's crumbling walled gardens which once employed 26 gardeners.
Today the orchards, flower beds and glasshouses are abandoned but at the height of British rule they produced an extraordinary range of food for one of Ireland's richest families.
One smitten member of the Anglo-Irish gentry grew exotic fruits and orchids in the centrally heated glasshouses and sent them in a weekly basket to his soprano lover at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden.
Later generations brought cannabis plants back from their travels, convincing the locals that they were breeding a new species of edible thistle. Investigating a mysterious noise one night the gardener disturbed a policeman rooting around the cloches. Flush-faced, the embarrassed Guard admitted that he was in search of a few tomatoes for his sick grandmother.
Even among the thorns and bracken of the overgrown garden Wiz and Noel find inspiration- ancient gnarled apples for a tart tatin, rosemary and wild blewit mushrooms to flavour and accompany the Estate's venison and elderberries to turn beef stock into a rich emulsion fit to moisten the dark, marbled meat.
Producer: Alasdair Cross
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.
MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002ymyd)
The Power of Story - Noah's Ark
Comedian and children's writer Paul Kerensa looks at the Biblical account of Noah's Ark and how children's stories can both make us laugh, ask questions and explore faith.
Theme:

The Power of Story - Noah's Ark
Presenter: Paul Kerensa
Reading: Noah's Ark
Music:
Great are you Lord - Jake & Mates
Ancient of Days - Becca Folkes
If my people - Lucy Grimbale
MON 10:00 I Was... (b08spdx4)
Series 4
I Was Johnny Cash's Tailor
Manuel Cuevas, the man who created and made the suits that defined "the Man in Black" - country singer, Johnny Cash, talks to Andrew McGibbon.
Manuel Cuevas is the "King of Cowboy Bling". He has been designing clothes since he was a boy - barely 7 years old - in his native Mexico. His Nashville store is where all the stars get their threads. But from 1969 Manuel was hired to design Johnny Cash's legendary black suits and formed an extraordinary relationship with the iconic star.
In I Was... Johnny Cash's Tailor, Manuel Cuevas tells the story of his tailoring relationship with the country singer and how he saw the metaphysical black in Johnny's character and couldn't resist making him black suits.

This is a charming story about the spiritual relationship between a tailor and the most inscrutable and enduring country music star ever.

Written and presented by Andrew McGibbon
A Curtains for Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2017.
MON 10:30 The No.219 Sodcast Project (b011v1bq)
Scourge of public transport and perpetrators of tinny sounds - young people are reclaiming buses and trains with their tiny mobile phone speakers and gangster tracks. The 'sodcast' is everywhere. But is it really such a menace?
Ian McMillan recaptures his own youth when he was ghetto blasting Captain Beefheart and sets out on Yorkshire's buses to unpick the sodcasting phenomenon.

Inspired by a bus campaign to exterminate the sodcaster, he meets passengers newly committed to giving up their music in public, and plenty who will fight to the last for their right to peace and quiet. In Hackney he rides with school girls who switch from tunes on their phones to self-composed raps about school dinner ladies, and visits the producer of one of the UK's most sodcasted tracks to learn the secrets of remixing music for the lowest of lo-fi reproduction.
But can Ian convince a bus-load of sceptics that sharing music is an act of charity rather than an assault on our personal space?
The ultimate sodcast is his plan, a 'joycast' of music to unite rather than divide. It turns out to be quite a challenge....
Producer: Michael Surcombe
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2011.
MON 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jlpz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 11:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b00757f0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
MON 12:00 For Better or for Worse (b00h9t2d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jq5q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 13:00 The Architects (b051rjpp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 13:30 The Vanity Fair Diaries by Tina Brown (b09fxxkz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:45 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (b00mjktk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b01evk7)
Series 62
Episode 5
Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition.
With:
Paul Merton
Sue Perkins
Julian Clary
Charles Collingwood
Subjects include: The Contents Of Nicholas's Wallet, Waiting For The Phone To Ring, The Perfect Man, The Perfect Woman, Paying Through The Nose, My Favourite Season, Camping Holidays, Who I'd Like To Have Been, Bach and My Hobby
Created by Ian Messiter.
Producer: Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.
MON 14:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00174dt)
Series 4
Turning the Tables
The move up from Junior to High School is a step too far it seems, for a former pupil.
It's also quiz time, but Mr Maxwell is lacking a team.
School comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge.
Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway
Mr Maxwell Michael Cochrane
Miss Featherstone Teresa Gallagher
Miss Reid Jacqueline Beatty
Mrs Khan Janice Acquah
Mr Long Paul Copley
Jack Pollard Bill Wallis
Mrs Morgan Jemma Churchill
Ten series of 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 Two Sisters by David Ashton (b0721g5y)
A lecherous salesman stumbles into the claustrophobic world of two sisters with a grim secret.
Starring Joan Sims and Barbara Jefford.
David Ashton 's darkly humorous horror story has several decidedly "unsisterly" twists and turns.
Henrietta Barbara Jefford
Abigail Joan Sims
The Nephew Robert Glenister
Producer: Martin Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1996
MON 16:00 I Was... (b08spdx4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:30 The No.219 Sodcast Project (b011v1bq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
MON 17:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jlpz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b00757f0)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
MON 18:00 For Better or for Worse (b00h9t2d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jq5q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 The Architects (b051rjpp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 The Vanity Fair Diaries by Tina Brown (b09fxxkz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (b00mjktk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b01evk7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00174dt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 The Two Sisters by David Ashton (b0721g5y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m002ybh7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 22:30 Truly, Madly, Bletchley (b0081b6p)
Series 1
Episode 6
Butterfly's terror reign on the public access cable radio show - with the local councillors.

Meet the humble members of Bletchley District Council who aim to entertain and educate us in the way of the world.

Written by Julian Dutton.

Starring:

Liz Fraser

David Battley

Julian Dutton

Simon Godley

Toby Longworth

Dominic King

Special guest: Enrico Valdez and his Orchestra

Producer: Dirk Maggs

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1997.

MON 22:45 Ivor Cutler - A Wet Handle (b00ctkty)

Episode 5

Grass seed, mud and digging ditches.

Songs, stories and poems from humourist Ivor Cutler.

With:

Craig Murray-Orr

Alison O'Kill

Dylan Edwards

Beverley Crew

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in June 1997.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m002ychj)

Series 27

Much Ado About North-ing

Like Andy Burnham's No.10, Dead Ringers is in the North, at

the Crossed Wires Podcast Festival in Sheffield. This week:

Chris Mason is giddy, Zia Yusuf is everywhere, and The Rest is Politics has gone mad for it.

Starring Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Duncan Wisbey and Kieran

Hodgson.

Produced by Jon Holmes

Executive Producer: Richard Morris

Production Co-ordinator: Giulia Lopes Mazzu

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b00h3h6c)

Series 3

The Thing

Learn about medieval cooking, and view the most precious

exhibit.

Written and performed by:

Marcus Brigstocke

Danny Robins

Dan Tetsell

With Lucy Montgomery.

Music by Dominic Haslam and Ben Walker.

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

TUESDAY 07 JULY 2026

TUE 00:00 I Was... (b08spdx4)

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TUE 00:30 The No.219 Sodcast Project (b011v1bq)

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TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jq5q)

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TUE 03:00 The Architects (b051rjpp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 The Vanity Fair Diaries by Tina Brown (b09fxxkz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:45 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (b00mjktk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b01cvk7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00f74dt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 The Two Sisters by David Ashton (b0721g5y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jp4j)

The Return of Sherlock Holmes - Series 1

The Norwood Builder

Why does a highly respected builder ask a junior legal clerk to

draw up his will and then make him the sole beneficiary?

Series of classic mysteries about the immortal Baker Street

detective.

Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and first published in 1903.

Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams.

Dramatised by Bert Coules.

Sherlock Holmes Clive Merrison

Dr Watson Michael Williams

Jonas Oldacre Peter Sallis

Inspector Lestrade Donald Gee

John McFarlane David Holt

Elaine McFarlane Melinda Walker

Mr McFarlane Jonathan Adams

Mrs Lexington Carole Walker

Mr Graham Lewis Jones

Vicky Melanie Hudson

Constable Davies Matthew Morgan

First Fireman Keith Drinkel

Second Fireman David Thorpe

Violinist: Leonard Friedman

Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.

TUE 06:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b007k2n4)

2. A Boozy French General Visits

A boozy French General arrives for a visit with misguided words of hope.

Life at the BBC's Broadcasting House during the dark days of

1940 when London was under nightly attack from the

Luftwaffe.

Penelope Fitzgerald's bitter-sweet comedy about the battles of employees in newsgathering.

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Abridged by David Dorward

Read by Penelope Wilton,

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1992.

TUE 07:00 Beaumarchais (m0010qj4)

6. Le Mot Juste

Will the storming of the Bastille finally dampen the sprits of

Beaumarchais?

Starring Henry Goodman.

Craig Warner's irreverent comedy set in 18th-century France.

The battles of Beaumarchais who is anxious to climb the ladder of

French nobility...

Beaumarchais:Henry Goodman

Marie Antoinette:....Siobhan Redmond

Barber and Figaro:....Sean Baker

Beaumarchais' FatherStephen Thorne

Market women Joanna Monro / Elaine Pyke

SoldierAlex Lowe

MaratKim Wall

PresidentChristopher Scott

Director: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1996.

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (m001w87s)

Vintage Goons

The Great Bank of England Robbery

By just answering the telephone Neddie becomes embroiled in a villainous plan.

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.

Producer: Charles Chilton

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in April 1954.

Re-recording from October 1958 by the BBC Transcription

Service made for broadcast overseas.

TUE 08:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001d54m)

Series 7

Vulnerable Adult

Policeman turned comic Alfie Moore and his audience of deputies focus on an old man in the community whose had a

stroke of luck.

He's got himself a much younger lady friend!.

His daughter though, is worried that this woman maybe taking advantage of her dad?

What is the right move, both legally and morally?

Written and presented by Alfie Moore.

Script Editor: Will Ing

Producer: Sam Holmes

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2022.

TUE 08:30 The Vanity Fair Diaries by Tina Brown (b09fy5x2)

2. The Reagans -1985

The magazine wows its readers with a cover shot of the

President of the USA and his wife Nancy Reagan.

There were plenty of dramas before it hit the news stands in 1985.

So how did this revealing photo spread come about?

Tina Brown recalls her time as editor-in-chief of Vanity Fair magazine in the 1980's and early 90's.

Read by the author.

Producer Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

TUE 08:45 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (b00mjnwj)

12. Fateful News

1959: Successful film star Jennifer returns to America, and falls madly in love.

But just as she's planning their future – tragedy strikes.

Three beautiful young women become best friends as they

carve out careers in the entertainment industry.

Jacqueline Susann's best selling novel, first published in 1966.

Dramatised by Yvonne Antrobus

Anne Welles ...Madeleine Potter

Jennifer North... Julia Ford

Kevin... Kerry Shale

Claude ...Wayne Foskett

Winston Adams... Nathan Osgood

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

TUE 09:00 Meet David Sedaris (m001jcb3)

Series 9

1. Happy Go Lucky

"If something is in Esquire and you don't like it, it might be a bad essay. If something is in the New Yorker and you don't like it – there's something wrong with you!"

In the first episode of this series, David reads from Happy Go Lucky – the latest comic essay about his turbulent relationship with his father, Lou, aged 98. The story opens at Springmoor, the assisted living facility where Sedaris senior is seeing out his final days and where his cognitive impairment seems to have turned him from a monster into a pussycat.

Also in this show – some extracts from David's hilarious diary, which he's kept for over 40 years and which reveals some of his darkest and cheekiest thoughts – including the magical marketing of a town called Uranus.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 09:30 Eat Your Garden (m002jpkzs)

River Severn

Wiz Clift rummages through Captain Bill Swinley's fertile acres in search of the perfect accompaniments for a dish of flash-fried River Severn eel.

Cut off from the rest of England by the broad Severn on one side and the Forest of Dean on the other, Captain Bill Swinley's garden basks in its own micro-climate.

The sheltered warmth of his sloping acres have allowed him to cultivate the largest collection of rare plum and damson varieties in private hands.

It's also given him the chance to grow a broad range of unusual fruits and vegetables- many harking back to his days in the Caribbean, where he spent the post-war years setting up the navy of Barbados.

Producer: Alasdair Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002ykwz)

The Power of Story - Balaam's Donkey

Author and TV presenter Gemma Hunt marvels at a talking donkey who captures our attention.

Theme: The Power of Story - Balaams Donkey

Presenter: Gemma Hunt

Reading: Balaams Donkey - Number 22

Music: Good Good Father - Chris Tomlin

Open the eyes of my heart - Chris Tomlin

Be Still - Rivers and Robots

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000sj8j)

Amrou Al-Kadhi & Peter Bazalgette

Writer and drag performer Amrou Al-Kadhi and TV executive Peter Bazalgette join Harriett to discuss favourite books by

Laura Cumming, Leila Slimani and Katherine Heiny.

On Chapel Sands by Laura Cumming

Publisher: Vintage

Lullaby by Leila Slimani

Publisher: Faber

Standard Deviation by Katherine Heiny

Publisher: 4th Estate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2021.

TUE 10:30 "Right", Said Ted and Myles (b00vcwmh)

***** English songwriter Myles Rudge joins 4 Extra's 100

CLUB - born 8th July 1926. He died in 2007 aged 81

Philip Glassborrow talks to Myles Rudge and Ted Dicks about their classic comic records like 'Hole In The Ground' and 'Right Said Fred'.

Featuring:

Bernard Cribbins

Sir George Martin

Producer: Beaty Rubens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.

TUE 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jp4j)

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TUE 13:30 The Vanity Fair Diaries by Tina Brown (b09fy5x2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

TUE 13:45 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (b00mjnwj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

TUE 14:00 Hoax! (m002yl00)

From 17/08/1993

Barry Cryer, Brian Johnston and Ray Cooney tell the stories.

Tim Brooke-Taylor and the audience must try to spot the hoax!

Devised by Ian Messiter

Producer Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.

TUE 14:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0076t5h)

Series 4
Ground Control to Major Derek
Wendy and Robin's new arrival and Derek's disturbing experience - is there a connection?
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 Lucy Montgomery
Producer: Claire Bartlett
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.
TUE 15:00 Drama on 4 (m0011bg6)
Barred by Thandi Lubimbi & Richard Kurti
Tamika believes the law is a wonderful thing: "It's freed slaves and humbled tyrants."
The problem is the Head of Chambers believes the law is simply a machine for making as much money as possible: "Justice doesn't come into it."
As tensions rise, the truth about a violent sexual assault in Tamika's past starts to emerge but, rather than support her, colleagues use this vulnerability to manipulate and undermine her.
Barred sits on a fault line between ordinary people and the institutions that are supposed to serve them - written with the knowledge of an insider and the passion of an outsider.
Starring Kerri McLean.
Written by Thandi Lubimbi and Richard Kurti.
Tamika - Kerri McLean
Kris - Susannah Harker
Dominic - Andrew Wincott
Patrick - Andrew Lancel
Carol - Ali Bastian
Max - Liam Woodlands-Mooney
Franki - Anton Rice
Wallace - Sam Devereaux
Sam - Becky Wright
Thornton - Jonathan Rhodes
Security Guard - Russell Shaw
Elliott - David O'Mahony
Della - Sally Walker Taylor
HHJ Dyson - Pavel Douglas
Prosecutor - Edwin Flay
DS Sullivan - Sean Connolly
Grace - Katy Maw
HHJ Graves - Tanya Rich
Prosecutor Steadman - Will Harrison-Wallace
Helena - Marta da Silva
Faversham - Christopher Tester
Other roles were played by members of the cast.
Thandi Lubimbi spent much of her childhood growing up in deprived areas of the country. She joined the army to get away, worked as a Senior Intelligence Officer for a law enforcement agency and then retrained as a barrister prosecuting criminal offences.
Producer: Helen Quigley
Director: Andrew Mark Sewell
A B7 Media production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2021.
TUE 16:00 A Good Read (m000sJ8j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:30 "Right", Said Ted and Myles (b00vcwmh)
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TUE 17:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jp4j)
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TUE 21:00 Drama on 4 (m0011bg6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
TUE 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (m001jcb3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
TUE 22:30 And the Winner Is... (b00zxl34)
Series 2
Episode 1
Matt Lucas hosts his alternative awards show – The Lucases - as selected by his guests.
Awards include the Lucas for Biggest Political Mistake, Most Reliable Professional, Most Underwhelming British Tourist Attraction and the Luckiest Ever Winner.
Nominations are provided by Matt's guests:

Justin Edwards
Harry Enfield
Dave Gorman
But the ultimate decision is down to the whim of the host.
Devised by Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews.
Programme Associate: Ged Parsons.
Producer: Ashley Blaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 2011.
TUE 23:00 All the World's a Globe (b007jwp2)
1. The Creation
From the first amoeba to the Second World War.
It's the history of mankind.
Presented with a bang by the entire cast of the National Theatre of Brent - Desmond Olivier Dingle and Wallace, aided by Mr Barker.
Written by Patrick Barlow
With additional material by Jim Broadbent and Martin Duncan.
With thanks to:
Patrick Barlow
Jim Broadbent
Martin Duncan
Producer: Lissa Evans
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.
TUE 23:15 Foley and McColl: The Interview (b0076cvt)
Rockall
The comedy duo behind the Morecambe and Wise tribute 'The Play What I Wrote' finally give their big interview and spill the beans to Michael Parkinson.
Written by and starring Sean Foley and Hamish McColl.
With Michael Parkinson.
Director: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.
TUE 23:30 Edge Falls (b007spsj)
Series 1
Family Fun Day
Dickie Doubleday 'Animal Man' is booked for a celebrity appearance at the retail village.
But it proves to be a barking idea...
Starring Sarah Lancashire and Mark Benton.
Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst's sitcom following the lives of the staff of Edge Falls Retail Village.
Sonya Sarah Lancashire
Mick Mark Benton
Rez Emil Marwa
Valerie Sarah Hadland
Colin Anthony Glennon
Milosh John Dougall
John Neil Warhurst
Dickie Doubleday Paul Barnhill
Tina/Shaz Jasmine Callan
Miranda Lindsay Allen
Director: Sally Avens
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The Return of Sherlock Holmes - Series 1
The Dancing Men
The Great detective investigate why the scribbles of a child spark tragedy for an old Norfolk family.
Series of classic mysteries about the immortal Baker Street detective.
Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and first published in 1903.
Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams.
Dramatised by Bert Coules.
Sherlock Holmes Clive Merrison
Dr Watson Michael Williams
Insp Martin Peter Tuddenham
Hilton Cubitt Christopher Good
Elsie Cubitt Diana Hunter

Abe Slaney John Guerrasio
Mrs King Jill Graham
Sounders Sue Broomfield
Violinist: Leonard Friedman
Director: Patrick Rayner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.
WED 06:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b007ypbc)
3. American Reporters Arrive
Some reporters from the USA arrive from France.
Odd living arrangements are made.
Life at the BBC's Broadcasting House during the dark days of 1940 when London was under nightly attack from the Luftwaffe.
Penelope Fitzgerald's bitter-sweet comedy about the battles of employees in newsgathering.
,
Abridged by David Dorward
Read by Penelope Wilton,
Producer: Patrick Rayner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1992.
WED 07:00 After Henry (b007jn96)
Series 2
The Romantic Approach
'It's amazing how much harm winning a war does for the moral fibre of a nation.
I mean, you'd never have seen Winston Churchill walking around with a personal stereo.'
Clare's being dumped, Eleanor finds a friend and Sarah is listening.
Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women - struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband - who never quite manage to see eye to eye.
Sarah Prunella Scales
Eleanor Joan Sanderson
Russell Benjamin Whitrow
Clare Gerry Cowper
Aubrey Lockwood West
Delivery boy David Learner
Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV, Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV network.
Producer: Pete Atkin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1986.
WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (m0022c8n)
Series 2
A Visit to Swansea
Can the Lad manage to track down Harry Secombe to thank him for stepping in?
This recovered episode was first heard in full on the BBC Light Programme on the 10th May 1955, just two days before Tony Hancock's 31st birthday.
Hancock had taken an unscheduled trip to Italy, leaving series producer, Dennis Main Wilson, to ask Harry Secombe to step in to star in the first three episodes of the second series of Hancock's Half Hour.
This fourth episode saw Tony return to begrudgingly record it - and thank Harry Secombe for stepping in.
Rediscovered by Richard Harrison and restored by The Radio Circle
With an introduction by Keith Wickham.
Although the first two minutes are sadly missing, the remainder of the show, long searched for, is gloriously restored.
Starring Tony Hancock.
With:
Harry Secombe
Bill Kerr
Sidney James
Andree Melly
Kenneth Williams
Theme and incidental music composed and conducted by Wally Stott.
Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1955.
WED 08:00 Michael Spicer: Before Next Door (m000y0rb)
Series 1
Cheesy Strings
His Room Next Door videos are getting tens of millions of views online, a mention in the House of Commons and plaudits from highbrow cultural commentators so, by rights, Michael should be drowning in big money offers.
But, in reality, he's sat at his desk writing copy for a kitchen worktop company worrying about the restructuring consultant they've brought in. Getting the axe would be catastrophic for Michael and his family.
This strange position is heightened when A-list British actor Emily Mallaby contacts Michael to invite him to a political dinner party at home. She is starting a new movement to shake up Westminster and wants the famous Room Next Door Man, who lampoons cabinet members so mercilessly, to spearhead the campaign.
At the same time, Michael's wife Roberta is channelling her energy into hustling for Michael as a distraction from having to make a work friend redundant. She secures him an audition for a potentially lucrative commercial. OK, the role is to play a cheesy string, but a gig's a gig and shows that Michael should take Roberta's ambitions to be his manager seriously.
Unfortunately, he fails to acknowledge her skills and they have a massive falling out, just as he needs his wife's advice on the

work situation. Michael tries to enlist his eldest son, Sam's help to extract that advice, but he's useless. Perhaps Daddy is expecting too much of a nine-year old?

Both the audition and the political dinner party test Michael's patience and integrity but fortunately Peter Curran is on hand to reassure and unnerve him in equal measure. Can Michael emerge with his principles intact and what will happen when Roberta's ex-colleague Alexandra turns up at her doorstep while Michael is gallivanting with the A-Listers?

Written and performed by Michael Spicer.

With:

Ellie Taylor

Joanna Neary

Beattie Edmondson

Kiell Smith-Bynoe

Peter Curran

Kipp Spicer.

Producer: Matt Tiller

A Starstruck and Tiltvision production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2021.

WED 08:30 The Vanity Fair Diaries by Tina Brown (b09fy6gc)

3. Let's Dance - 1986

In 1985 there was the Charles and Di story to report on and all the reactions to it.

In 1986, there's much delight with the birth of Tina's first child. The juggling of work and home life shall begin.

Tina Brown recalls her time as editor-in-chief of Vanity Fair magazine in the 1980's and early 90's.

Read by the author.

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

WED 08:45 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (b00mjs2l)

13. An Old Flame

Following the tragedy, Neely spirals out of control.

Anne gets a visit from an ex-lover...

Three beautiful young women become best friends as they carve out careers in the entertainment industry.

Jacqueline Susann's best selling novel, first published in 1966.

Dramatised by Yvonne Antrobus

Madeleine Potter.....Anne Welles

Neely O'Hara.....Barbara Barnes

Dr Hall/Jerry.....Harry Myers

Nurse/Operator.....Susan Jameson

Kevin Kerry Shale

Lyon Burke Jamie Glover

Producer Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

WED 09:00 Ivo Graham's Obsessions (m0023y0q)

Series 1

3. John Robins & Michelle De Swarte

Comedian and obsessive Ivo Graham welcomes 2 guests to share their biggest obsessions with him.

British Podcast Award-winning comedians John Robins and Michelle De Swarte join Ivo this week. John is obsessed with musical icon and prolific songwriter Frank Zappa, while

Michelle spends more than she's willing to admit on skincare.

Ivo also delves into the audience to find out what their proclivities are, and finally Ivo is joined by a Very Obsessed Person, or 'VOP'. This week, Paul Beckmann not only tells us of his love of Fortresses of the UK, but his wife, Katia also joins to explain just how deep the obsession goes.

Hosted by Ivo Graham

Featuring John Robins, Michelle De Swarte and Paul & Katia Beckmann

Written by Ivo Graham and Matthew Crosby

Additional Material by Ray Badran, Cody Dahler, Christina Riggs and Peter Tellouche

Recorded at the Marylebone Theatre by Duncan Hannant and Donald McDonald

Sound edited by Charlie Brandon-King

Production Coordinators: Katie Baum and Jodie Charman

Executive Producer: Pete Strauss

Produced by Gwyn Rhys Davies, a BBC Studios Audio production for Radio 4

An EcoAudio certified production

Show image: Matt Stronge

WED 09:30 Eat Your Garden (m002ymyp)

Lincolnshire

Archaeologists Francis and Maisie Pryor know more about the eating habits of prehistoric Britons than anyone else alive.

In their digs across East Anglia, they've uncovered convincing proof that the farmers of pre-Roman Britain had developed a sophisticated food production system, based around huge flocks of semi-domesticated sheep.

Whilst they don't claim to survive purely on creamed nettles, meadowsweet ale and vinegar cheese, they do keep their own flock of Neolithic sheep and need little persuasion to rustle up an ancient tribal feast.

Wiz Clift joins the Pryors for a stroll around their Lincolnshire garden.

She'll be in search of the herbs, vegetables and flowers that pre-Roman Britons would have used to liven up their mutton-based diet.

When her trug is over-flowing, she'll be sitting Francis and Maisie around an open fire in a reconstructed Bronze Age hut for her own version of a Neolithic Sunday lunch.

Producer: Alasdair Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002ymyr)

The Power of Story - Light and power in the Psalms

Author and illustrator Katy Hollamby takes us to a woodland in

Hattersley, which inspires her fairytale style paintings, and

wonders how we can look beyond ourselves as the hero in our

own story, and to the source of light and power.

Theme: The Power of Story - Light and power in the Psalms

Presenter: Light and power in the Psalms

Reading:

Music:

O Emmanuel - Eriks Essenvalds

God be in my head - The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge

Briggs: Hail, Gladdening Light. Choir of Clare College

Cambridge

WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b0b4ykkw)

The American Art Tapes

A unique insight into the vibrant art scene of mid-1960s

America from an archive of recordings made then.

In 1965, painter and teacher John Jones headed to the USA for a year, intending to record the most important and most

influential artists he could find. His wife Gaby and their two young daughters went with him.

One of those daughters, Nicolette Jones is now a writer and critic and she tells the story of how they lodged in New York,

while her father grabbed interviews with Yoko Ono, Roy Lichtenstein, Claes Oldenburg, Robert Rauschenberg and many

more.

This was the moment of Happenings, Pop Art and Abstract Expressionism, while the long shadow of Dada and Surrealism,

represented on the tapes by Marcel Duchamp and Man Ray, reached forward to Louise Bourgeois.

Later, with nothing planned at all, the family set off on a three month road-trip in their old Ford station wagon, travelling

America from East to West Coast, turning up in little towns on the off chance of getting an interview with artists like Jasper

Johns in Florida or a young Ed Ruscha in California.

The unique archive of over 100 recordings, gathered by John Jones, lay in boxes in the family home for decades, waiting for

him to write a book based on the tapes. He wasn't able to do this and so the family offered the whole set of recordings to the

Tate Archive, which acquired them in 2015.

Listen out for a tantalising sample of this extraordinary material, airing a pivotal moment in 20th century art and

revealing John Jones to be on a par with some of the great audio collectors like Alan Lomax and Studs Terkel.

The mood of the time is evoked by interweaving the artists' reflections with a soundscape of mid-60s American music, TV

and location sound.

Art historian and Artistic Director of the Royal Academy, Tim Marlow gives a powerful sense of the artists' achievement, as

Nicolette Jones conjures up the feeling of a great American road trip through the eyes of the child she was.

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The Easton Foundation/DACS, London/VAGA, NY 2018

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May Ray Trust/ADAGP, Paris and DACS, London 2018

Producer: Emma-Louise Williams

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June

2018.

WED 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jlqr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 11:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b007ypbc)

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WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (m000l2yg)

Series 5

Virginia Woolf

Panel game of literary correctness.

Hosted by James Walton.

With

Sebastian Faulks

John Walsh

Russell Davies

Sue Limb

Author of the week: Virginia Woolf

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

WED 14:30 The Odyssey by Homer (m002ymyt)

1. Marked Men

After 20 years away, the gods decide it is time for Odysseus, a hero of the Trojan wars, to return to Ithaca before his wife

Penelope is forced to marry again.

But the angry god Poseidon still wants revenge.

Starring Tim McInerny and Amanda Redman.

Homer's ancient Greek epic seafaring tale.

Dramatised in three parts by Simon Armitage.

Odysseus Tim McInerny

Penelope Amanda Redman

Telemachus Benedict Cumberbatch

Athena Janet McTeer

Zeus John Wood

Eurycleia Mary Wimbush

Hermes Bertie Carvel

King Alcinous Geoffrey Whitehead

Queen Arete Cheryl Campbell

Princess Nausicaa Alice Hart

Calypso Adjoa Andoh

The Cyclops Barrie Rutter

Antinous Danny Webb

Eurymachus Jonathan Keeble

Amphinomus Chris Pavlo

Eurylochus Ewan Bailey

Polites John Rowe

Elpenus Stephen Hogan

Eurybates Philip Fox

Antiphos Jon Glover

Music by Gary Yershon.

Musicians: Keith Thompson, Martin Allen, Robin Jeffrey, Chris

Lacey, Elspeth Cowey and Phil Hopkins

Singer: Jon Glover

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

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WED 22:25 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002ypkr)

Davina Bentley 3/3

Lou Conran speaks to comedian and writer Davina Bentley.

They talk about Davina being a debutante, and how to stay

healthy at the Edinburgh festival.

WED 22:30 Ken Cheng: I Can School You (m001tr9s)

1. Solving a Problem like Maths

Comedian Ken Cheng focusses his analytical observations on school subjects.

Ken kicks off with an exploration of Maths, the subject that he loved until it broke him.

Ken looks into popular disdain of Maths, and offers up his answers on how we turn around its public image.

Written and presented by Ken Cheng.

Producer: Rajiv Karia

An EcoAudio certified production.

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

WED 23:00 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00xw276)

Series 3

Episode 4

Comedian-activist, Mark Thomas, entertains the blue-sky

political policy suggestions of the public.

On the agenda:

1) Civil Partnerships to be Made Available to Heterosexual Couples

2) Introduce a Government Department for Externalities

3) A Traffic Ban During Rush-Hour

Plus a wide range of Any Other Business suggestions from the studio audience.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2011.

WED 23:30 Clayton Grange (b01nb1sm)

Series 1

Episode 4

Can the brilliantly stupid scientists make life a bit more never-ending?

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

Verenovsky/Quiz master Don Gilet
 Alan Dobson Paul Stonehouse
 Silas Joe Sims
 Director: Marion Nancarrow.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

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 The Return of Sherlock Holmes - Series 1
 The Solitary Cyclist
 A music teacher is being followed whenever she leaves the house.
 Is it a shy admirer - or someone who means her ill?
 Series of classic mysteries featuring the immortal Baker Street detective.
 Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and first published in 1903.
 Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams.
 Dramatised by Bert Coules.
 Sherlock Holmes Clive Merrison
 Doctor Watson Michael Williams
 Bob Carruthers Denis Quilley
 Violet Smith Susannah Harker
 Cyril John Webb
 Woodley David Holt
 Catherine Siрил Jenkins
 Williamson Peter Penry-Jones
 Violinist: Leonard Friedman
 Pianist: Michael Haslam
 Director: Patrick Rayner
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.
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 4. Annie
 After an eventful young life, Annie Asra makes an impression arriving for her first day.
 Life at the BBC's Broadcasting House during the dark days of 1940 when London was under nightly attack from the Luftwaffe.
 Penelope Fitzgerald's bitter-sweet comedy about the battles of employees in newsgathering.
 Abridged by David Dorward
 Read by Penelope Wilton,
 Producer: Patrick Rayner
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1992.
THU 07:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jz40)
 Lechlade, Twinned with Zanzibar
 Mark is celebrating, but with dog hair in the champagne.
 Can a living legend save the day?
 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
 Jennifer Conway Carla Mendonca
 Boogie Ronald Herdman
 Lock Keeper Terence Edmond
 Archie David Holt
 PA/Royal Lady Ainslie Foster
 Sam Tucker Geoffrey McGivern
 Laundrette Attendant/Girl Kate Binchy
 Barman Simon Godley
 Delia Smith Melinda Walker
 Producer: Caroline Leddy
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.
THU 07:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00qyqd9)
 Series 2
 Episode 7
 London bus gospel and a visit to Nibbling-On-The-Bone.
 More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs plus TV and cinema parodies.
 Starring:
 Tim Brooke-Taylor
 Graeme Garden
 Bill Oddie

Jo Kendall
 David Hatch
 Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following
 Written by Clive James, John Esmonde & Bob Larbey, Peter Vincent and David McKellar .
 Songs by Bill Oddie and Tim Brooke-Taylor, with music by Dave Lee.
 Producer: Humphrey Barclay
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1965.
THU 08:00 Angela Barnes: You Can't Take It With You (m000254p)
 Series 2
 Morals
 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 concludes her series with a look at funeral rituals from around the world - and how strippers can up the attendance numbers - of men - at funerals.
 Producer: Lianne Coop
 An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2019.
THU 08:30 The Vanity Fair Diaries by Tina Brown (b09fzmjw)
 4. Quantum Leap - 1988
 There's another cover triumph, as well as office intrigue in the higher echelons of Conde Nast.
 How to survive these challenges and then exploit them!
 Tina Brown recalls her time as editor-in-chief of Vanity Fair magazine in the 1980's and early 90's.
 Read by the author.
 Producer: Duncan Minshall
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.
THU 08:45 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (b00mk688)
 14. The Takeover
 Anne's first love Lyon is back - just as she's meant to be getting wed to Kevin...
 Three beautiful young women become best friends as they carve out careers in the entertainment industry.
 Jacqueline Susann's best selling novel, first published in 1966.
 Dramatised by Yvonne Antroubas
 Anne Welles ... Madeleine Potter
 Lyon Burke ... Jamie Glover
 Kevin ... Kerry Shale
 Neely O'Hara ...Barbara Barnes
 Henry Bellamy ... Stuart Milligan
 George ... Wayne Fosskett
 Producer Claire Grove
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.
THU 09:00 P.O.V. (m002yblr)
 Series 2
 S2 E3: Now, Wash Your Hands
 This week in P.O.V. we hear a child breaking heartbreaking news to his parents, a very scientific palm-reading, and some advanced medical theories (for the 1600s).
 Written and performed by Davina Bentley, Jake Bhardwaj, Kylie Brakeman, Nathan Caton, The Exploding Heads, Rachel Fairburn, Daniel Foxx, Matt Green, Farrel Hegarty, Kelechi Okafor, Elaine Owusu, Will Sebago-Montefiore, and Ed Night & Paddy Young.
 Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios and Guilt Free Post, London; Maximum Fun, Los Angeles; and Oscillate Recordings, Manchester.
 Sound design: Rich Evans at Synbox Post.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 Executive producer: Lyndsay Fenner
 A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4
THU 09:30 Eat Your Garden (m002y113)
 Bedfordshire
 Stuffed red peppers with sweet cicely, wildflower salad and rose petal sponge cake are on the next menu.
 Kathy Brown is Britain's finest writer on edible flowers, exploring their uses through history and across cultures - from the candied flowers of Restoration England to the marigolds and orange blossom of ancient Chinese cuisine.
 Her stunning Bedfordshire garden reflects her literary interests.
 The cottage garden, the formal French garden with its rose arbours and her wildflower meadow are all dotted with edible delights that form the base for the salad, cordial and dessert recipes which she creates for her books.
 Wiz Clift joins Kathy for some lessons in the art of cooking with flowers and some hints and tips on combining their blousy colours and subtle flavours.

Producer: Alasdair Cross
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.
THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002y115)
 The Power of Story - Creation stories
 Fantasy author Luke Aylen considers the mythical and poetic style of the account of creation found in Genesis 2, and the relationship between the creator and created.
 Theme: The Power of Story - Creation stories
 Presenter: Luke Aylen
 Reading: Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25
 Music:
 You Make Beautiful Things - Gungor
 So Will I - Hillsong United
 10,000 reasons - Emma Mould
THU 10:00 Great Lives (b03phrwn)
 Dave Allen chosen by Adil Ray
 Comedian Dave Allen is chosen by Adil Ray, creator and star of Citizen Khan. He explains to Matthew Parris how the legendary Irish comic helped shape his own career.
 Producer: Perminder Khatkar.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.
THU 10:30 JD Salinger: Made in England (b070hbss)
 JD Salinger is feted as the writer of one of greatest ever American novels.
 The Catcher in Rye established him as the most celebrated chronicler of urban New York and, in Holden Caulfield, he created the enduring embodiment of disaffected American youth.
 Less well known is that Salinger spent three months in Tiverton, Devon, while preparing to be part of the D Day landings in 1944, and that during this short time he wrote a revealing autobiographical short-story and worked on the development of Holden Caulfield's character.
 Mark Hodgkinson - a Salinger devotee who edited his best-selling biography - travels to Tiverton to retrace Salinger's steps and discover how Devon influenced Salinger's work.
 The central character in the short-story, For Esme – with Love and Squalor, is, as Salinger was, a fledgling writer who becomes a US sergeant stationed in Devon. With the help of a local reading group, Mark visits the most likely church featured in the story and learns from people who remember the GLs being in town.
 Mark is also accompanied by Dr Sarah Graham of the University of Leicester. They discuss how the story and Salinger's time in Devon informed his work, and life.
 There's also an exclusive interview with a 96 year old New Yorker who served with Salinger in Tiverton and remained friends with the reclusive writer for the rest of his life.
 "Salinger liked Devon," says the veteran soldier, "Any free time he had was taken up by writing on his portable typewriter."
 Producer: Ian Bent
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2016.
THU 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jlr7)
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THU 11:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b007ys09)
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THU 14:00 Dilemma (b01888wg)
 Series 1
 Episode 6
 Sue Perkins sets moral and ethical posers for:
 Zoe Lyons
 Phill Jupitus
 Simon Garfield
 Humphrey Ker
 Quandaries on the agenda include swapped babies, one-night stands, and biochip crime prevention.
 They also try to solve some dilemmas the audience have brought along.
 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 December 2011.
THU 14:30 The Odyssey by Homer (m002y118)
 2. Wanderings
 Odysseus continues the story of his wanderings with his crew and their encounters.
 The must face Circe the Enchantress, the descent into Hades, the Sirens, the monster Scylla and the whirlpool Charybdis. All ahead of the final disaster on the Isle of the Sun God...
 Starring Tim McInnerny and Amanda Redman.
 Homer's ancient Greek epic seafaring tale.
 Dramatised by Simon Armitage.
 Odysseus Tim McInnerny
 Athena Janet McTeer

Hermes Bertie Carvel
 Eurylochus Ewan Bailey
 Polites John Rowe
 Shipmate Jon Glover
 Elpenus Stephen Hogan
 Eurybates Philip Fox
 King Alcinous Geoffrey Whitehead
 Queen Arete Cheryl Campbell
 Princess Nausicaa Alice Hart
 Circe Frances Barber
 Ghost of Anticleia Joanna McCallum
 Music by Gary Yershon
 Musicians: Keith Thompson, Martin Allen, Robin Jeffrey, Chris Lacey, Elspeth Cowey and Phil Hopkins.
 Singer: Jon Glover
 Director: Janet Whitaker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.
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THU 20:00 Dilemma (b01888wg)
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THU 20:30 The Odyssey by Homer (m002yl18)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
THU 22:00 P.O.V. (m002yblr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 22:30 What On Earth? With Count Binface (m00100dh)
 Count Binface is the most successful alien politician ever, being officially London's 9th choice to be mayor.
 Now he's invading the BBC to share what he's learned about Earth, and how to conquer it.
 This programme is the BBC's first co-production with the Intergalactic Broadcasting Service, being transmitted to every species in the observable universe and all the other universes too.
 In this special broadcast, Binface will explore how humanity selects its leaders, using his first-hand experience of the so-called "democratic" system they use here. He also speaks to special guests, including former MP Heidi Allen, to gain some native insight.
 The BBC is an impartial organisation but would like to take this opportunity to pledge its full devotion and obedience to his excellency Count Binface.
 We hereby promise to bring back Ceefax at the earliest possible opportunity, to make Craig Charles the official commentator on all future state occasions and to ensure that no croissant is sold on the premises for more than £1.
 In no way is the corporation stating these facts under duress because the Count has a space laser aimed at the Director General's office in Broadcasting House. We hope this clears up any confusion.
 Written and performed by Count Binface
 Additional material, Jon Harvey
 Computer voice based on Barry Davies
 Guest, Heidi Allen
 Producers, Jon Harvey and Ed Morrish
 Executive Producer, Polly Thomas
 A Naked production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2021.
THU 23:00 Paul Sinha's General Knowledge (m000ydm5)
 Series 3
 Episode 3
 Paul Sinha is an award-winning comedian, the reigning British Quiz Champion and also, according to the Radio Times, the UK's "funniest fund of forgotten facts".
 He's recounting the amazing true stories that lie behind fascinating nuggets of information.
 This episode looks at the history of the UK's new towns, from the son of Stevenage who was one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people, to the Redditch-born superstar who has more Twitter followers than anyone else in Britain.
 Also, Paul proves empirically that Runcorn is at least three times more interesting than you thought.
 Written and performed by Paul Sinha.
 Additional material by Oliver Levy.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 A Lead Mojo/Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2021.
THU 23:30 Small Scenes (m0002gr9)

Series 4
 Episode 1
 A visit to the first ever Crufts for Cats.
 Plus a terrifying reminder as to why you should never try and cancel your membership of The National Trust.
 Symphonious sketch show with more overblown, melodramatic scenes from modern life.
 Starring:
 Daniel Rigby
 Mike Wozniak
 Cariad Lloyd
 Henry Paker
 Freya Parker
 Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2019.

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FRI 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jlr7)
 The Return of Sherlock Holmes - Series 1
 The Priory School
 When a young aristocrat disappears from his school, the investigation takes Holmes and Watson to the Yorkshire moors.
 Series of classic mysteries featuring the immortal Baker Street detective.
 Written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and first published in 1903.
 Starring Clive Merrison and Michael Williams.
 Dramatised by Bert Coules.
 Sherlock Holmes Clive Merrison
 Dr Watson Michael Williams
 Dr Huxtable Norman Bird
 Duke of Holderness Nigel Davenport
 James Wilder Mark Straker
 Reuben Hayes John Church
 Lyndon Ian Master
 Violinist: Leonard Friedman
 Director: Eynid Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.
FRI 06:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b007ynnm)
 5. Challenges for the New Recruit
 Annie's in-depth musical expertise wins her few friends among top brass.
 Life at the BBC's Broadcasting House during the dark days of 1940 when London was under nightly attack from the Luftwaffe.
 Penelope Fitzgerald's bitter-sweet comedy about the battles of employees in newsgathering.
 Abridged by David Dorward
 Read by Penelope Wilton,
 Producer: Patrick Rayner
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1992.
FRI 07:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00v3n18)
 Series 5
 Episode 1
 Can Parish Council leader John Barnum satisfy the new doctor's demands?
 Early '90s political satirical soap opera set in the strangely familiar village of Little Blighty.
 Life here is pretty uneventful, though the humdrum happenings include social turmoil, economic upheaval and vicious political squabbles.
 Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Mike Coleman.
 Starring:
 Jo Kendall
 Michael Troughton
 John Baddeley
 Bernadine Corrigan
 Jonathan Kydd
 Daniel Strauss
 Alistair McGowan
 Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.
FRI 07:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jp46)
 Series 6
 The Seven Steptoeai
 When the Steptoes fall victim to threats, Albert decides it's time to fight back.
 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
 Frankie Barrow Henry Woolf
 Producer: Bobby Jaye
 First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1976.
FRI 08:00 Mark Steel's in Town (m0021j31)
 Series 13
 Coleraine
 Mark Steel's 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
 "...Coleraine is a big town and is ready for City status..."
 Mark visits the town of Coleraine in Northern Ireland.
 Written and performed by Mark Steel
 Additional material by Pete Sinclair
 Producer Carl Cooper
 A BBC Studios Audio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2024.
 **** Extended versions of each episode are available on BBC Sounds.
FRI 08:30 The Vanity Fair Diaries by Tina Brown (b09fzt7l)
 5. Cover Triumph - 1991
 Demi Moore appears pregnant and naked on a cover, shot by Annie Leibovitz.
 So what's the story behind this famous image?
 Tina Brown recalls her time as editor-in-chief of Vanity Fair magazine in the 1980's and early 90's.
 Concluded by the author.
 Producer: Duncan Minshall
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.
FRI 08:45 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (b00mlk33)
 15. Happy Ever After...?
 Neely's voice returns. She is back on top again, while Anne leaves modelling to have a baby - but is soon facing a dilemma...
 Three beautiful young women become best friends as they carve out careers in the entertainment industry.
 Conclusion of Jacqueline Susann's best selling 1960s novel.
 Dramatised by Yvonne Antrobus
 Anne Welles... Madeleine Potter
 Lyon Burke ... Jamie Glover
 Neely O'Hara ... Barbara Barnes
 Henry Bellamy ... Stuart Milligan
 Margie Parks ... Coleen Prendergast
 Producer Claire Grove
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.
FRI 09:00 Parish Matters (m0024vpf)
 Series 1
 1. "Don't come crying to me when the robots take over!"
 A new sitcom-sketch hybrid made in Belfast and starring voices from all over Ireland. Each week we join the eccentric inhabitants of the parish in their weekly council meeting to air their problems and grievances.
 The parish is in the grip of a technological revolution and the council meets to try to understand what exactly it all means and where they can noisily wade in. So what will they do about the gargantuan data centre in the good field? Why do the drone deliveries keep blowing up? How did two council members nearly die? What's the update on the upcoming Manifestival? And can the best (and only) cop in town solve the case of the man going round stealing everyone's jobs?
 Parish Matters is a window into an everlasting argument and an energetic and original comedy show written by Michael McCullagh and Phil Taggart and starring the writers alongside Michael Fry, Ciara Knight, Hannah Mamalis, Mary Flanagan, Michael Stranney and Peter McGann.
 Producer: Keith Martin
 Executive Producer: Sam Michell
 A Fabel Radio production for BBC Radio 4
FRI 09:30 Eat Your Garden (m002ym6p)
 Kent
 Wiz Clift makes her final stop on her tour of gardens focusing on their edible delights.
 She joins Frances Smith for a fossick through her garden and poly-tunnels in search of the ingredients for the perfect Springtime Sunday lunch.
 The fact that we can enjoy exotic salads all year round is thanks to the likes of Frances Smith in Kent. For 20 years she's supplied top London restaurants with an ever-changing supply of intriguing leaves, vegetables and herbs.
 From the first UK sightings of Lollo Rosso and Rocket through the 1980s fad for miniature corn cobs and carrots to the current trends in Chinese mustards and coloured salad onions, Frances has been pushing her client chefs ever forward, persuading

them to try new varieties and experiment with un-dreamt of combinations.

Producer: Alasdair Cross

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002ym6r)

The Power of Story - Stories in Proverbs

Traditional storyteller Amy Scott Robinson examines how myths and fairytales point us towards what Tolkein called the One True Myth.

Theme: The Power of Story - What the heavens declare

Presenter: Amy Scott Robinson

Reading: Psalm 19

Music:

The Green Man by Malcolm Guite

What Can I Do by Graham Kendrick

Tell Me The Old Old Story by the London Fox Choir

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b0076xbh)

I Vow To Thee My Country

A hymn that has attracted controversy for its patriotism, I Vow To Thee My Country was born just after the First World War. Ralph Vaughan Williams had the inspirational idea to put together the stirring music from Holst's Jupiter movement and the poem written by American ambassador Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, which was found on his desk when he left office.

Featuring:

Raymond Head

David Burton

Bishop of Hulme, Stephen Lowe

Martin Linton

Battersea Singers

Julian Mitchell

Dr Martin Neary

Series about music that makes the hairs stand up on the back of our necks.

Producer: Sara Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2006.

FRI 10:30 Serial Offender: Arnold Schoenberg's Twelve Tone Adventure (m0022kng)

Composer Arnold Schoenberg devised a means of composing using each of the 12 tones of the chromatic scale as equals.

It transformed the way in which music was created and perceived.

So why does Schoenberg remain a controversial and divisive individual?

And what about the other aspect of his legacy - Schoenberg's challenging compositions and how a desire to perform them to critic-free, private audiences gave the gatherings a whiff of elitism, unwittingly contributing to the siloing of subsequent modern classical music.

Why is his complex music not performed as regularly as other composers' works?

Schoenberg once told a pupil:

"Today I have discovered something which will assure the supremacy of German music for the next 100 years."

To an extent, he was right - his pioneering system and compositional style have bled through into commercial music since the early part of the 20th century, most notably in popular cinema, modern music and advert jingles. In a world of musical plurality, should we consider listening afresh to contemplate the beauty and complexity of Schoenberg's work?

Presented by Kate Molleson.

Programme developed by Laura Tunbridge

Edited by Nick Romero

Producer: Andrew McGibbon

A Curtains For Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2024.

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FRI 14:00 The Personality Test (b007tzff)

Series 3

Toyah Willcox

Pop sensation and actress Toyah Willcox is in the hot seat posing questions all about her.

With:

Sue Perkins

Carrie Quinlan

Will Smith

Robin Ince

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 August 2007.

FRI 14:30 The Odyssey by Homer (m002ym6t)

3. Home

Odysseus finally returns home, disguised as a beggar by Athena until he is ready for the final confrontation with the suitors and can be reunited with his wife Penelope.

Starring Tim McInnerny and Amanda Redman.

Conclusion of Homer's ancient Greek epic seafaring tale.

Dramatised by Simon Armitage.

Odysseus Tim McInnerny

Penelope Amanda Redman

Telemachus Benedict Cumberbatch

Athena Janet McTeer

Zeus John Wood

Eurycleia Mary Wimbush

Eurymachus Jonathan Keeble

Amphinomus Chris Pavlo

Antinous Danny Webb

Eumaeus Ioan Meredith

Music by Gary Yershon

Musicians: Keith Thompson, Martin Allen, Robin Jeffrey, Chris Lacey, Elspeth Cowey and Phil Hopkins.

Singer: Jon Glover

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004.

FRI 15:30 The Road Home: Remaking Homer's Odyssey (b01d0rhz)

The Hollywood actor Tom Holland explores the continuing appeal of Homer's Odyssey. From the Coen Brothers' film 'O Brother Where Art Thou?' to feminist rewritings of the story of Penelope's long-suffering wait for her husband to return, we remain as fascinated as ever by one of the poetic cornerstones of western life. Why should that be?

Homer has been quarried and mined and remade ever since the Iliad and the Odyssey were first sung. But today poets, dramatists, songwriters, novelists and filmmakers are working on the poems like never before it seems.

Dante, Tennyson and James Joyce all had goes at rewriting the story of Odysseus (also called Ulysses) and his struggle to get home after the Trojan War, but what do today's reworkers have to say about the story and its meaning to us? With Simon Armitage, Michael Longley, Zachary Mason, Alice Oswald, Edith Hall, and the late Peter Reading and Christopher Logue.

Producer: Tim Dee

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

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FRI 22:00 Parish Matters (m0024vpf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 22:30 Ashley Blaker: 6.5 Children (m000y1fg)

Series 1

3. The Special Ones

As a father of two sons with autism and a daughter with Down Syndrome, Ashley Blaker shares five things he wants you to know.....

Series featuring a mix of stand-up and observational documentary, all recorded in the Blakers' home with the voices of his real family, and tackling parenting, adoption and raising children with special needs.

Ashley and his wife Gemma are trying to raise a family in a world that is only really set up for having two. What's more, the Blakers' children are not just any kids.

Ashley is joined by

Shelley Blond

Kieran Hodgson

Rosie Holt

Judith Jacob

Also appearing as themselves are Ashley's own children:

Ami (17),

Ophie (15)

Simi (13),

Soroh (12),

Sruly (11)

and Bina (7)

Producer: Steve Doherty

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

FRI 23:00 Vent (b01dlg0k)

Series 3

Ladies and Gentlemen

Ben makes the ambulance journey home to begin life in a wheelchair.

On the way he remembers an argument about cheesecake, invents a panel game and meets Buzz Aldrin.

Starring Neil Pearson.

Nigel Smith's dark sitcom about a man in a coma, travelling through the distinctly odd landscape of his own unconscious mind.

Ben Neil Pearson

Mary Fiona Allen

Mum Josie Lawrence

Blitz Leslie Ash

Nurse Jo Martin

Derek Stephen Frost

Marley Spencer Brown

Chairman Robert Webb

Buzz Peter Banks

Announcer Bruce Alexander

Bea Scarlett Milburn-Smith

Director: Nigel Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

FRI 23:30 The Show What You Wrote (b04g14v6)

Series 2

Science and Nature

The best ideas have been chosen from thousands of submissions from new writers resulting in a show like no other.

Recorded in Manchester.

Science and nature are the subjects.

Written by

The Public

With:

Fiona Clarke

Gavin Webster

Janice Connolly

Rob Rouse

Producers: Alexandra Smith & Carl Cooper

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.