

SATURDAY 11 JULY 2026

SAT 00:00 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.

SAT 00:30 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.

SAT 01:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jrlr)

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: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.

SAT 01:45 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.

SAT 02:00 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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 03:00 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.

SAT 03:30 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.

SAT 03:45 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (b00mlsk3)

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 Antroubus

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.

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:30 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 McNerny and Amanda Redman.

Conclusion of Homer's ancient Greek epic seafaring tale.

Dramatised by Simon Armitage.

Odysseus Tim McNerny

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.

SAT 05:30 The Road Home: Remaking Homer's Odyssey (b01d0rhz)

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.

SAT 06:00 The Final Test by Terence Rattigan (m002yvt9)

** 4 Extra celebrates a Summer of Cricket with a collection of programmes throughout the week.**

As veteran batsman Sam Palmer comes to the end of his legendary cricketing career, his teenage son is oblivious.

Instead Reggie is consumed by poetry and music.

He's as focussed on meeting a famous poet, as his dad is focussed on his popular sport.

Starring James McKechnie, Mary Wimbush and David Valla.

Terence Rattigan's comedy (nearly a tragedy) was the first play he wrote for BBC TV in 1951.

Dramatised by Cynthia Pugh

Sam Palmer ... James McKechnie

Cora ... Mary Wimbush

Ethel ... Grace Allardyce

Reggie ... David Valla

Alexander Whitehead ... Michael Spice

Miss Fanshawe ... Nicolette Bernard

Frank Weller ... Anthony Vaccars

Sid Thompson ... Kenneth Hyde

John Higgs ... Lee Fox

Bill Jarvis ... Peter Pratt

Mrs Price ... Hilda Kriseman

Stranger ... Earle Grey

Verse speaker ... Robert Harris

Angel ... Margaret Wolfit

With:

Timothy West

Rex Alston

Brian Johnston

Frank Phillips

Colin Doran

Timothy Gudin

Producer: Norman Wright

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1963.

SAT 07:20 Inheritance Tracks (m002yvtc)

Henry Blofeld

Cricket commentator Henry Blofeld chooses Tit Willow by Gilbert and Sullivan and Sondheim's Send in the Clowns performed by Barbra Streisand.

SAT 07:30 Billy Liar by Keith Waterhouse (Omnibus) (m002yz5h)

Billy Fisher is a young dreamer who fantasises about a more exciting life.

Aged 19 and working class - it's not long before his imagination lands him in trouble...

Keith Waterhouse's classic comic story of a young dreamer, first published in 1959.

Omnibus of five episodes abridged by Elizabeth Bradbury.

Read by Stephen Tompkinson.

Producer: Fiona McLean

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1998.

SAT 08:45 I, An Actor (m002yvtf)

5. Stress

Nicholas Craig is the greatest actor in the world.

"I've read somewhere that the stress experienced by an actor in the course of a performance is equivalent to being within one mile of a 4.38 megaton explosion...."

He reflects on the almost unbelievable demands made upon the actor....and the perils of becoming forever associated with a form of extra mild coffee....

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

(b007jrkn)

Series 2

2. Telling Tales

The dear ladies face chaos - when they discover a mouse in their house.

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

Maud Daphne Heard

Music played by Frank Williams.

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 (b007jrs5)

Series 1

The Expert Witness

Faced with a case involving osteoarthritis, rookie barrister

Roger Thursby must bone up on his medical knowledge.

Henry Cecil's comic legal novel Brothers in Law was first published in 1955.

Adapted for radio from Frank Muir & Denis Norden's BBC TV scripts by Richard Waring.

Roger Thursby Richard Briers

Henry Blagrove Richard Waring

Sally Mannering Ann Davies

Belkin John Bresslin

Rennell Robert Dorning

Eagler Richard Caldoot

The Judge John Le Mesurier

Other parts played by:

Malcolm Hayes

Fredrick Treves

Clifford Norgate

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 (m000gcm3)

2: Fifteen Inches Per Second

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 second 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.

More of Chris's favourite radio moments include:

* WHEN IRON SPEAKS

- part of 'Six Pillars' on Resonance FM

* FIFTEEN INCHES PER SECOND documentary about 1/4" tape

- BBC Radio 4, 2004

Producer: Jessica Treen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in October 2018.

SAT 11:00 The Final Test by Terence Rattigan (m002yvt9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:20 Inheritance Tracks (m002yvtc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:20 today]

SAT 12:30 Billy Liar by Keith Waterhouse (Omnibus) (m002yz5h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 13:45 I, An Actor (m002yvtf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (b007jrkn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 Brothers in Law (b007jrs5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000gcm3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Drama on 4 (m0016grz)

The Le Fanu Ballads

Neil Brand has bridged the two time periods of Sheridan Le Fanu's 19th Century ghost stories and our world today in this supernatural adaptation.

It begins in a basement nightclub in the heart of Dublin called Sheridan's.

In its dark brick interior, a small stage is surrounded by tables, the MC takes to the stage and a beautiful young woman, Nuala O'Brien - the Siren of the Second Sight - sings her ballad. Her eyes scan the upturned faces in the audience below her, until they fix on a face.

For four of the people who come to this club, a Royal Naval sailor, an au pair, an artist and a judge, this visit will change their lives.

They will find themselves trapped in a story sprung from the tortured mind of Le Fanu himself.

The MC Paul Chahidi

Lady Justice Horobin/Madam Crowl Haydn Gwynne

Lewis/Gordon Starkey Jonathan Forbes

Nuala/Laura Ruth Everett

James Barton/McCrone Matthew Durkan

Pamela/Jeanette/Rosie Alexandra Hannant

Grace/Meg Wyvern Rebecca Crankshaw

Yelland Chris Jack

Gerald Dow /Court Clerk Michael Begley

Vanderhausen/Workman/Captain Jenner Neil McCaul

Music composed and played by Neil Brand, with Nuala's Ballad sung by Ruth Everett.

* Neil is a composer, writer, radio playwright, presenter and broadcaster specialising in silent film and film music.

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2022.

SAT 17:00 The Englishman Abroad by Christopher Douglas (b00lm92b)

** 4 Extra celebrates a summer of cricket with a collection of programmes throughout the week.**

Winter, 1932: Douglas Jardine harbours the avowed intent of destroying 'those ruddy convicts'.

He was referring to the Australian cricket team and intended to destroy them with bat and ball, and particularly with his major weapon, Harold Larwood.

The tour became known as the Bodyline Tour - and Jardine's tactics earned him the hatred of every Australian. Starring Michael Cochrane.

A sporting drama written by Christopher Douglas.

Douglas Jardine Michael Cochrane

Gubby Allen Robert East

Bob Wyatt Haydn Wood

The Nawab of Pataudi Sam Dastor

Harold Larwood Michael Kitchen

Bill Voce David Threlfall

Bill Bowes Peter Joyce

Maurice Leyland John Church

Pelham Warner Robert Lang

Perrin Patrick Barr

Higson John Bott

Bill Woodfull Edmund Pegge

Donald Bradman Christopher Blake

Jack Fingleton Nick Tate

Vic Richardson Damon Sanders

Stan McCabe Peter Dahlsen

Tim Wall Graham Faulkner

Oxlade Philip Dunbar

Jeanes Gordon Reid

Jack Ryder Gordon Gostelow

Allan Kippax Michael McStay

Alf Noble Martin Friend

Gaumont British News Christopher Douglas

Arthur Carr Stephen Thorne

Commander O'Sullivan Michael Spice

George V Brian Haines

Director: Jane Morgan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1980.

SAT 18:30 Billy Liar by Keith Waterhouse (Omnibus) (m002yz5h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:45 I, An Actor (m002yvtf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (b007jrkn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Brothers in Law (b007jrs5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000gcm3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 The Secret World (b0121myp)

Series 1

Episode 6

From William Hague to Simon Cowell.

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

Starring:

Jon Culshaw

Margaret Cabourn Smith

Julian Dutton

Lewis Macleod

Jess Robinson

Duncan Wisbey

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

Fountain, Joel Morris & Jason Hazeley, Rufus Jones & Dan

Skinner and Jon Holmes.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

SAT 22:30 Tim Key's Poetry Programme (m000gbgq)

Series 5

Accountancy

Tim Key plans to recite poetry high above the Norwegian fjords.

But his cable car has broken down and, worse, his accountant is on his trail.

Written and presented by Tim Key.

Key Tim Key

Lord Tom Basden

Megan Katy Wix

Jiffy Mike Wozniak

Producer: James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2020.

SAT 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002z09q)

Kemah Bob 1/3

From **10pm** to midnight, seven nights a week, The Comedy Club brings you two hours of the funny stuff. Tonight, Alison Spittle chats with the award-winning Kemah Bob.**SAT 23:00 Tom Wrighglesworth's Hang-Ups (b06pbwzh)**

Series 3

Broadband on the Run

Tom and his Dad fret about some potentially uncomfortable brushes with the law.

Meanwhile, Mum prepares for the arrival of a new lodger.

Return of the sitcom where Tom Wrighglesworth phones home

for his weekly check-in with his Mum, Dad and Gran - giving us a glimpse into his background and influences shaping his

temperament, opinions and hang-ups.

Tom Tom Wrighglesworth

Granny Elizabeth Bennett

Dad Paul Copley

Mum Kate Anthony

With Chris Pavlo.

Written by Tom Wrighglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles

Jupp.

Producer: Richard Morris

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2015.

SAT 23:30 Radio Active (b05t7gjf)

Series 6

A Thodding By-Election Special

it's the Thodding By-Election!

Expect no bias as Radio Active's chairman Norman Tonsil stands as an independent candidate.

Starring:

Helen Atkinson-Wood

Angus Deayton

Geoffrey Perkins

Philip Pope

Michael Fenton-Stevens

Music by Philip Pope and Geoffrey Perkins.

Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with John Canter.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

SUNDAY 12 JULY 2026**SUN 00:00 Drama on 4 (m0016grz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 The Final Test by Terence Rattigan (m002yvt9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:20 Inheritance Tracks (m002yvtc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:20 on Saturday]

SUN 02:30 Billy Liar by Keith Waterhouse (Omnibus) (m002yz5h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]

SUN 03:45 I, An Actor (m002yvtf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Saturday]

SUN 04:00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (b007jrkn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]

SUN 04:30 Brothers in Law (b007jrs5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]

SUN 05:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000gcm3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b07nwyf9)

Nautical Castaways

Sir Ben Ainslie

Olympic yachtsman Sir Ben Ainslie is castaway by Kirsty Young.

11 times World and 9 times European Champion, Ben is also the most successful sailor in Olympic history.

As he crossed the finishing line at the London 2012 Games, winning his fourth gold, the crowd gave a rousing rendition of Rule Britannia.

Indeed he rules the waves with such a ruthless will to win it seems somewhat contradictory that on dry land he comes across as an unassuming bloke from Cornwall.

He was eight when, in a duffle coat and wellies, he made his first solo journey in a little wooden boat. Ever since sailing has been his obsession. He's brave, strong and skilled, but it's his tactical nous and maverick streak that sets him apart.

In 2013's America's Cup, he turned a 1-8 defeat into a 9-8 win for the US. Whether he can do the same for his home team may be his next big challenge. He says:

"The desire to win is still the same as ever ... if it wasn't there, that would be a worry. Motivation has never really been a problem for me."

DISC ONE: Elton John - I'm Still Standing

DISC TWO: Carly Simon - Coming Round Again

DISC THREE: Emeli Sandé - Read All About it

DISC FOUR: Danielle de Niese & Bruno Lazzaretti - Vide Cor Meum

DISC FIVE: Fleetwood Mac - The Chain

DISC SIX: Coldplay - Fix You

DISC SEVEN: London Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Charles Mackerras - Edward Elgar's Nimrod from Enigma

Variations

DISC EIGHT: Louis Armstrong - What A Wonderful World

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Louis Armstrong - What A

Wonderful World

BOOK CHOICE: Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

LUXURY CHOICE: A flight simulator

Producer: Cathy Drysdale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.

SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00n3jxh)
Series 1

Large Blue

The Large Blue butterfly died out in Britain in 1979, but why? Investigations pointed to a complex life cycle linked to a single species of ant.

With this knowledge the Large Blue was re-introduced into the British countryside, but there is a sinister twist in the tale, in the form of a parasitic wasp.

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 (m002yw4g)

John Donne: Super-Infinite and Gillian Clarke: A Poet's Year
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects two short programmes: John Donne - Super Infinite a biography by Katherine Rundell and this week's second choice: Gillian Clarke: A Poet's Year - The Fruits of Summer.

****John Donne – Super Infinite ep 2/5**

Katherine Rundell's engaging and witty biography explores John Donne's early years, the family's history of religious dissent, and a rumour about Thomas More's pickled head. This prize-winning biography reveals Donne to be an "infinity merchant", a man whose preaching could make his congregation weep, a poet whose "beauty deserved walk-on music".

Rundell champions an impossible to categorise man: pirate, soldier, scholar, priest, inventor of new words and author of some of most intensely and intimately passionate poetry in English. Donne was a Catholic who lost - or left - his faith, from a family of martyrs, whose career led him to become Dean of Saint Paul's Cathedral.

Reader - Blake Ritson

Abridger - Richard Hamilton

Producer - Allegra McLroy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2023.

****Gillian Clarke - A Poet's Year - The Fruits of Summer ep 2/3**

Gillian Clarke, former National Poet of Wales, who was awarded the The Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 2010, reads from her journal about life on her smallholding in rural West Wales. Bees, a successful harvest of hay and a family of swallows make a beautiful summer.

As the summer temperatures rise, Clarke struggles with writing indoors.

The Welsh landscape and the healing power of nature are both driving forces in Gillian Clarke's poetry and prose.

Producer: Willa King, BBC Cymru Wales.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011

Poetry Extra is presented by Daljit Nagra and produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sarah Wade.

SUN 07:30 The Vanity Fair Diaries by Tina Brown (OmniBus) (b09gl7d8)

Tina Brown's fascinating and intimate chronicle of her time as editor-in-chief of Vanity Fair magazine from 1983 to 1992. Barely out of her 30s, she moved to New York to take over Conde Nast's ailing magazine. The culture shock was huge, but she triumphantly reinvents it.

Highlights include a 1985 cover shot of President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy which wowed readers. How did she manage it?

The failing marriage of Charles and Di story provides plenty of material - while pregnant and naked Demi Moore front cover shot by Annie Leibovitz caused a storm. Discover the story behind this famous image.

And all the while there's office intrigue in the higher echelons of Conde Nast. How did Tina survive these challenges and then exploit them?

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Katrin Williams

Read by Tina Brown

Producer: Duncan Minshull.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2017.

SUN 08:40 Witness History (p0112v2d)

The Bodyline Tour

**** 4 Extra celebrates a Summer of Cricket with a collection of programmes throughout the week.****

In 1932, a cricket row between England and Australia became a diplomatic incident.

It erupted over controversial "Bodyline" tactics used by the English team to win The Ashes.

Alex Last tells the story using the BBC Archive with reflections from those caught up in the controversy including:

* English bowler Harold Larwood

* Australian cricketers Don Bradman and William O'Reilly.

Producer: Alex Last

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in December 2012.

SUN 08:50 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (OmniBus) (b00mp6nc)

Episode 3

1956: Neely's Hollywood career has collapsed. Back in New York she and Anne go to see Neely's old rival Helen Lawson in a new show.

Conclusion of Jacqueline Susann's 1960s best seller.

Three beautiful young women are best friends carving out careers in the entertainment industry.

Stars Madeleine Potter, Barbara Barnes, Kerry Shale, Sally

Dexter and Coleen Prendergast.

Omnibus of the last five of fifteen episodes.

Dramatised by Yvonne Antroub.

Anne Welles... Madeleine Potter

Neely O'Hara ...Barbara Barnes

Kevin... Kerry Shale

Helen Lawson... Sally Dexter

Attendant... Coleen Prendergast

Director... Nathan Osgood

Jennifer North... Julia Ford

Kevin... Kerry Shale

Claude ...Wayne Foskett

Dr Hall/Jerry ... Harry Myers

Nurse/Operator Susan Jameson

Jamie Glover Lyon Burke

Henry Bellamy ... Stuart Milligan

Other parts played by the cast.

Producer: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2005.

SUN 10:00 An Hour with Dickie Bird (m002nrs0)

**** 4 Extra celebrates a Summer of Cricket with a collection of programmes throughout the week.****

Legendary cricket umpire Dickie Bird shares some of his favourite stories with a theatre audience.

He talks about his funniest moments and the greatest characters in Test cricket, including:

* Ian Botham

* Geoffrey Boycott

* Allan Lamb

* Fred Trueman

* Merv Hughes

He also describes the memorable day when he was invited to lunch with Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace in London.

Producer: Barry Johnston

A Barn Productions programme from 1997.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 16:00 Limeright (p0clftgt)

English Rose: Series 1

5. Daddy Issues

Maya is excited by her new life and potential, but she has a lot to learn. Restraint for one thing. Rose is worried that Gulliver's family will want to steal him and The Others will try to kill him. Delphine isn't returning her calls. And then there's Austin, who knows her secret.

18 year old Rose has travelled from Whitby to New York to work as nanny to a glittering but secretive family. It's a culture shock and Rose has had to devise ways of dealing with unwelcome male attention. But it turns out she is quite capable of looking after herself: bloody revenge is her speciality. She's not like the other girls. And Gulliver is no ordinary baby. This is a world not just of champagne, but shadows, where all is definitely not as it seems.

Stylish and surprising fantasy horror with a comic twist, starring Alexandra Mardell (Coronation Street) and Demetri Goritsas (Ten Percent).

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 Pollaiah, Augusta Chapman, Becky Ripley and Ben Casswell.

Original music written and performed by Dana Margolin and Sam Yardley of Mercury-nominated band, Porridge Radio, and produced, mixed and engineered by Sam Yardley.

Sound design by Ilse Lademann

Producer...Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2022.

SUN 16:30 Fear on 4 (b007jp0h)

Series 2

The Judge's House

In order to study for his final exams, young Malcolm moves to a lonely place.

However, he's unaware that in this rat-infested house of horror, a malignant spirit awaits.

Malcolm's exams may not be the only final thing.

The Man in Black sets the chilling scene...

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

Written by Bram Stoker and dramatised by John Keir.

The Man in Black Edward de Souza

Malcolm David Timson

Mrs Dempster Tessa Worsley

Carnford Norman Bird

Director: Gerry Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.

SUN 17:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b07nwyf9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SUN 17:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00n3jxh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

SUN 18:00 Poetry Extra (m002yw4g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

SUN 18:30 The Vanity Fair Diaries by Tina Brown (OmniBus) (b09gl7d8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SUN 19:40 Witness History (p0112v2d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]

SUN 19:50 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (OmniBus) (b00mp6nc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]

SUN 21:00 An Hour with Dickie Bird (m002nrs0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SUN 22:00 Revolting People (b00fj2br)

Series 2

Even More Trying Times

Samuel's emporium faces competition from a new super-emporium and Mary climbs into bed with Captain Brimshaw.

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

Isaac Michael Fenton-Stevens

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.

SUN 22:30 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m00199gr)

Series 1

London to Glasgow

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.

This time, he's travelling from London to Glasgow.

Among his many fellow travellers, he meets:

* Roshny and Sharon, on holiday from Indonesia, who have just fulfilled a lifetime's dream of watching Liverpool play at Anfield

* Laurence who has been to his public speaking club which he joined to overcome his extreme shyness

* Kirsty who has lived most of her life on a sheep farm overlooking the stunningly beautiful Holy Loch in Argyll and Bute

Producers: Peter Lowe & Nick Symons

A Ride production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2022.

SUN 23:00 Ed Reardon's Week (m0005mvd)

Series 13

The Bed Blocker

Ed is in a hospital with a broken legs after a collision riding on his agent drunk Ping's mobility scooter.

He determines to stay as long as possible...

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

Jaz Philip Jackson

Eli Lisa Coleman

Jake Sam Pamphilon

With:

Ellen Thomas

Pippa Haywood

Producer Simon Nicholls

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

SUN 23:30 Electric Ink (b011f3pc)

Series 1

Episode 2

Circulation is going through the roof.

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 13 JULY 2026

MON 00:00 Limelight (p0cflhtg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Fear on 4 (b007jp0h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b07nwyf9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00n3jxh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002yw4g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 The Vanity Fair Diaries by Tina Brown (Omnibus) (b09gl7d8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Witness History (p0112v2d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 Valley of the Dolls by Jacqueline Susann (Omnibus) (b00mp6nc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 An Hour with Dickie Bird (m002nrs0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jlsd)

The Return of Sherlock Holmes - Series 1

Black Peter

When a retired whaling skipper is murdered and pinned to the wall by his own harpoon, Holmes and Watson take on the case. 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

Inspector Hopkins Andrew Wincott

Cairns Alex Norton

Carey Steve Hodson

Neligan Matthew Morgan

Elizabeth Sirlol Jenkins

Molly Kate Binchy

Allerdyce Lancaster Philip Anthony

Violinist: Leonard Friedman

Director: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1993.

MON 06:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b007zhdh)

6. A Staff Meal

A staff meal leads to some sleight of hand for Annie's entertainment.

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.

MON 07:00 For Better or for Worse (b00hk2dx)

Series 1

Episode 8

Iris is feeling proper poorly, but not quite as poorly as Wilf thinks she is.

Starring Gordon Kaye and Su Pollard.

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

Iris Su Pollard

Bernard Gordon Kaye

Wilf David Ross

Daisy Paula Tilbrook

Doctor Julie Higginson

Mr Foley/Mr Brocklebank Peter Wheeler

Produced at BBC Manchester by Mike Craig.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1993.

MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jq82)

Series 3

Things That Go Bump in the Night

Corporal Jones's van runs out of petrol, so the Home Guard platoon must take shelter in a spooky house.

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

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

Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe

Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier

Corporal Jones Clive Dunn

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.

MON 08:00 The Architects (b052hffj)

Series 2

Turret

Matt's got a problem with a turret, Sarah's got the clients from hell, Sir Lucien's got family trouble and Tim just got off with his old biology teacher.

Just a regular day at Sir Lucien and Partners.

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

Jemima Hannah Genesius

Bob David Acton

Jane Jane Slavin

Dave Stephen Critchlow

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.

MON 08:30 Batting on the Bosphorus: A Skoda-powered Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell (b00ct9t5)

1. Cricket on Ice

** 4 Extra celebrates a Summer of Cricket with a collection of programmes throughout the week.**
 Scottish sports writer Angus Bell's account of a cricket tour to unusual places.

It's a gloriously batty adventure involving fingerless fielders in the Czech Republic, Serbian M16 agents and the realisation that England's most eccentric game is being played with passion in the strangest corners of the continent.

Taking his inspiration from an encounter with a psychic, young Scottish sports writer Angus Bell begins his tour with a cricket match on ice.

Abridged in five parts by Laurence Wareing.

Read by Robert Laing.

Producer: Kirsty Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

MON 08:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076d7c)

1. The Landlady and Her Lovers

Recently widowed, Eirlys Richards welcomes a new guest at her lively boarding house in booming Llantwit-on-Sea.

Starring Nerys Hughes.

Christopher Denys' ten-part series set in the 1950s heyday of the Great British seaside holiday.

Eirlys Richards Nerys Hughes

Matthew Dolan Russell Boulter

Iorweth Jenkins Iwan Thomas

Arnold Pilton Christopher Scott

Cox'n Hughes Andy Hockley

Newsreader Ian Brooker

Mother Tina Gray

Director: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

MON 09:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m002yknd)

Series 85

5. Chat Up Turn Downs

The godfather of all panel shows visits the Leeds Grand Theatre. On the panel are Joe Lycett, Pippa Evans, Miles Jupp and Ian Smith 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 Will Self Takes the Waters (m00057tt)

1. The Ultimate Refreshment?

Will Self ponders the origins of our insatiable thirst for bottled waters.

How did mineral water become such a valuable commodity and is it a luxury the world can no longer afford?

Will's a confirmed fan of mineral water - yet he's puzzled by its enduring appeal when H2O flows freely from the tap.

In the first of five episodes, he investigates the history of five different mineral waters and the spa towns from which they spring.

He's joined by 'water sommelier' Martin Riese who believes that mineral water should be regarded as a connoisseur product, just like wine. Riese serves 20 varieties of mineral water in his boutique hotel in Los Angeles.

He begins with the story of Perrier, which comes from the south of France and sold 1.6 billion bottles in 2019. Perrier was first marketed by Englishman St John Harmsworth who bought up the spring in 1903.

Will investigates why Perrier took the world by storm and asks Nestlé, the brand's current owners, what they're doing to address widespread concerns about the environmental impact of their product.

Producer: Laurence Grissell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2021.

(Photo credit: Luther Self)

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002yx59)

Kings and Queens - Queen of Sheba

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

Theme: Kings and Queens - Queen of Sheba

Presenter Ann Easter

Reading: 1 Kings 10:1-13

Music:

Holy holy holy - Kings college Cambridge

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful - Daily Service Singers

Praise my soul - Daily Service Singers

MON 10:00 I Was... (b08tfsqb)

Series 4

I Was John Lennon's Trauma Surgeon

Dr David Halleran is a trauma surgeon.

He held John Lennon's heart in his hands after he was fatally shot outside New York's Dakota buildings in December 1980. Halleran was a third-year general surgery resident at New York's Roosevelt Hospital when an unidentified man with four gunshot wounds to the chest was brought to the emergency room. But Halleran didn't recognize the victim and began trying to restore his vital signs like any other patient.

During this time one of the nurses said, "That looks like John Lennon." Halleran was not so sure.

Halleran, a Beatles fan himself, describes the brief time he spent with Lennon as he desperately tried to bring his heart back to life, including massaging it in his hands.

This sudden meeting in the most tragic of circumstances became a remarkable event in Halleran's life as well as a defining cultural one for Beatles lovers around the world. Written and presented by Andrew McGibbon.

Producer: Nick Romero

A Curtains for Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2017.

MON 10:30 Howzat for Hollywood (b08skhyr)

** 4 Extra celebrates a Summer of Cricket with a collection of programmes throughout the week.**

In the heyday of Hollywood, there was only one place to be if you were an aspiring British actor – the Hollywood Cricket Club.

Jim Carter tells the story of the club's glory days.

This was when Errol Flynn and David Niven flashed the willow, Nigel Bruce and Basil Rathbone waited for a tickle at slip, Boris Karloff kept wicket, and Elizabeth Taylor and Olivia De Havilland were in the pavilion preparing the cream teas.

The club was presided over by C Aubrey Smith who played for - and captained - England in a test match against South Africa in 1899, before moving to Hollywood to pursue a career in the burgeoning film industry. His bushy eyebrows, beady eyes, handlebar moustache and towering presence made him instantly recognisable. He featured in 113 films during a 30 year career. Smith commanded any visiting British actors to play for the team. Famously, when Laurence Olivier arrived in Hollywood to start filming Wuthering Heights, he found a pair of flannels in his hotel suite, and a handwritten note from Smith saying: "Net practice – tomorrow at 4".

Actor Jim Carter - a proud ex-Chairman of Hampstead Cricket Club - explores the links between the Hollywood Club and cricket's controlling elite. It was rumoured that MCC bastion Gubby Allen once dated Joan Crawford after meeting at a match.

Director Sam Mendes explains how cricket glued the community together, and Jim meets the man who took Boris Karloff to The Oval test match of 1953.

And discover the connection between the Hollywood Cricket Club and the foundation of the Screen Actors Guild, the union which protected the rights of those working in the film industry.

Producers: David Prest and Oliver Morris.

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2017.

MON 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jlsd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b007zhdh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

MON 12:00 For Better or for Worse (b00hk2dx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jq82)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 The Architects (b052hffj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 Batting on the Bosphorus: A Skoda-powered Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell (b00ct9t5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076d7c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b01d0rj5)

Series 62

Episode 6

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

With:

Paul Merton

Liza Tarbuck

Josie Lawrence

Kit Hesketh-Harvey

Subjects include: Electronic Books, Rubbish, My Morning Routine, The Worst Put Down I Ever Had, The Circus, Doing The Tango, A Good Trip, The God's Of Ancient Rome, UFOs and Camels

Created by Ian Messiter.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

MON 14:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00lc98v)

Series 4

Centenary
There's piano trouble as children and staff celebrate the 100th anniversary of the school's foundation.
The 100th episode of the school comedy created and written by Jim Eldridge.
Mrs Eastwood Brigit Forsyth
Miss Lewis Marlene Sidaway
Mr Maxwell Michael Cochrane
Miss Featherstone Teresa Gallagher
Miss Reid Jacqueline Beatty
Mrs Khan Janice Acquah
Mr Long Paul Copley
Mr Beeston James Grout
Mrs Patterson Deirdre Costello
Mrs Stone Margaret John
Mrs Rudd Vivienne Martin
Children:
Corrine Douglas
Chris Parkinson
Angelo Andreou
James Ellis
Cherelle Williams
Karim Zeroual
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 May 2005.
MON 15:00 Supersaver by Peter Gibbs (m001pf1w)
Eric is looking for the pudding-rice in a super-hypermarket but nobody is able to guide him.
Little do they know that it's a race against time...
Starring Richard Briers and Wendy Richard.
Comedy play written by Peter Gibbs.
Eric Richard Briers
Girl Assistant Wendy Richard
Mr Gale Ronald Herdman
Mr Horobin Michael Tudor Barnes
News Announcer John Marsh
Other parts played by:
Jean Trend
John Livesey
Director: John Tydeman
First broadcast in Thirty-Minute Theatre on BBC Radio 4 in December 1981.
MON 15:30 Taking Us Up to Lunch by Peter Gibbs (m002yx5c)
** 4 Extra celebrates a summer of cricket with a collection of programmes throughout the week.**
"When a sporting hero assaults a venerated broadcaster on the air it is not 'nowt'!"
An incident in cricket commentary box cannot be ignored.
Stars Peter Jeffery as Leslie and Bryan Pringle as Frank.
Written by Peter Gibbs.
Leslie ... Peter Jeffery
Frank ... Bryan Pringle
Jimmy ... Mark Wing-Davey
Norman ... Terence Edmond
Director: Jane Morgan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991.
MON 16:00 I Was... (b08tfsqb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:30 Howzat for Hollywood (b08skhyr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
MON 17:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jlsd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b007zhdK)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
MON 18:00 For Better or for Worse (b00hk2dx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jq82)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 The Architects (b052hffj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Batting on the Bosphorus: A Skoda-powered Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell (b00ct9t5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076d7c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b01d0rj5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00lc98v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 Supersaver by Peter Gibbs (m001pf1w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 21:30 Taking Us Up to Lunch by Peter Gibbs (m002yx5c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 today]
MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m002yknd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 22:30 Listen Against (b016lj6)
Series 4
Episode 1
More mash-ups of current and archive programmes from a week's worth of broadcasting - "beautifully crafted, scalpel sharp" (Gillian Reynolds)
Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes return with the comedy that takes

the back off your radio and TV, fiddles round with the shows and puts them all back, the wrong way round.
Starring:
Jon Holmes.
Alice Arnold
With:
James Bachman
Sarah Hadland
Kim Wall
Like "the mischievous offspring of Points of View and The Day Today" (Observer) fictional letters and emails complain about half-fictional programmes.
Fictional guests and real life presenters (including in this series: Melvyn Bragg, Jeremy Vine and Vanessa Feltz) argue with each other in "a gem of a satirical swoop at radio and television." (Guardian).
Written by Jon Holmes, Gareth Gwynn, John Hunter, James Kettle, Joel Morris and Jason Hazeley, John Luke Roberts and Rachel Wheelley.
Producers: Sam Bryant and Jon Holmes
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m002ym8b)
Series 27
The President's for Overturning
The Dead Ringers team train their vocal firepower on the week's news. This week: Trump turns tricks, Tuelch talks tactics, and Count Binface is unmasked.
Starring Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Duncan Wisbey and Kieran Hodgson.
Produced by: Jon Holmes
Executive Producer: James Robinson
Production Co-ordinator: Giulia Lopes Mazzu
A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.
MON 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b00h8q28)
Series 3
And the Winner Is...
It's Awards Night!
Can the Crayon Museum beat off the challenger, the World of Pencils?
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 14 JULY 2026

TUE 00:00 I Was... (b08tfsqb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 Howzat for Hollywood (b08skhyr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jlsd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b007zhdK)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 For Better or for Worse (b00hk2dx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jq82)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 The Architects (b052hffj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]
TUE 03:30 Batting on the Bosphorus: A Skoda-powered Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell (b00ct9t5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076d7c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b01d0rj5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:30 King Street Junior Revisited (b00lc98v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Supersaver by Peter Gibbs (m001pf1w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 Taking Us Up to Lunch by Peter Gibbs (m002yx5c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jp76)
The Return of Sherlock Holmes - Series 1
Charles Augustus Milverton
Holmes and Watson investigate the blackmail of soon to be married debutante Lady Eva Brackwell.
Is a wedding on the cards for the Baker Street sleuth too?
Last in a 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
Charles Augustus Milverton Peter Vaughan
The Duchess Pauline Jameson
Aggie Alice Arnold
Harry Logan David Thorpe

Lady Eva Danielle Allan
The Doctor Peter Penry-Jones
Pianist: Michael Haslam
Violinist: Leonard Friedman
Director: Emyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1993.
TUE 06:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b007ypr2)
7. The First Fatality
The first fatality occurs with a death of an expert on-air contributor
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.
TUE 07:00 Yes Minister (b007jzxt)
Series 2
The Compassionate Society
A new hospital needs a cure, but does MP Jim Hacker know his ACAS from his NALGO?
Starring Paul Eddington, Nigel Hawthorne and Derek Fowlds.
Satirical sitcom centred around hapless MP Jim Hacker and a collection of civil service underlings headed by the Machiavellian Sir Humphrey Appleby and obsequious Bernard.
Written by Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn
It first ran on BBC TV between 1980 and 1984.
Jim Hacker Paul Eddington
Sir Humphrey Appleby Nigel Hawthorne
Bernard Woolley Derek Fowlds
Sir Ian Peter Jeffrey
Brian Baker Norman Bird
George Arthur Cox
Mrs Rogers Ellen McIntosh
Billy Fraser Peter Acre
James Lawford, MP John Bott
Featuring Bryan Martin and Moira Stuart as themselves
With:
Narissa Knights
Bernard Brown
Arnold Diamond
Adapted for radio by the producer, Pete Atkin.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.
TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jq0n)
Vintage Goons
The Dreaded Piano Clubber
Henry Crun must face the music as a mad assailant threatens the Nation. Starring Spike Milligan. Re-recording from March 1958.
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
Re-recording from October 1958 by the BBC Transcription Service made for broadcast overseas.
TUE 08:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001ddf8)
Series 7
Student Officer
Policeman turned comic Alfie Moore takes us through the 10 week journey of training a new recruit, preparing them to be a bobby on a beat.
When Alfie took young recruit Zoe under his wing on the streets of Scunthorpe, neither of them new how that journey would end.
How would you deal with the situations that a student officer faces?
Unruly kids, difficult drivers, and the real threats of physical violence.
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 Batting on the Bosphorus: A Skoda-powered Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell (b00ct9rg)
2. Captain of Slovakia
Angus gets his first international cap - as captain of Slovakia.
Scottish sports writer Angus Bell's account of a cricket tour to unusual places in Eastern Europe.
Abridged by Laurence Wareing.
Read by Robert Laing.
Producer: Kirsty Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.
TUE 08:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076d7r)
2. The Chef
Henpecked hotelier and lover of Eirllys Richard, Arnold Pilton must battle to replace his chef.

But can he withstand the attentions of the formidable Theda Pilton and her pet poodle?
Starring Nerys Hughes.
Christopher Denys' series set in the booming 1950s seaside resort of Llantwit-on-Sea.
Eirlys Richards Nerys Hughes
Matthew Dolan Russell Boulter
Arnold Pilton Christopher Scott
Mother Tina Gray
Director: Sue Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
TUE 09:00 Meet David Sedaris (m001jl2x)
Series 9
2. Fresh Caught Haddock
"When George Floyd was killed and seemingly overnight all of New York came to smell like fresh plywood, I thought of Schenectady..."
"Fresh Caught Haddock" is David's response to the BLM marches which took place in New York City, during the Covid pandemic and following the death of George Floyd. It was a period of tremendous social upheaval across the United States but not without humour, and in this story, David reflects characteristically on his experiences as a wry observer on the foibles of human behaviour.
The programme wraps up with a brief question and answer session with the studio audience, where we learn what David thinks about learning foreign languages.
Producer: Steve Doherty
A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 09:30 Will Self Takes the Waters (m000sh7z)
2. Something in the Water
Will Self ponders the origins of our insatiable thirst for bottled waters.
How did mineral water become such a valuable commodity and is it a luxury the world can no longer afford?
Will's a confirmed fan of mineral water - yet he's puzzled by its enduring appeal when H2O flows freely from the tap.
He continues his investigation of the history of five different mineral waters and the spa towns from which they spring.
Will examines how Buxton rose to prominence as a spa town in the 18th and 19th centuries.
What does it owe to the grand spas of central Europe?
Producer: Laurence Grissell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2021.
(Photo credit: Luther Self)
TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002yw2p)
Kings and Queens - King Josiah
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Kings and Queens - King Josiah
Presenter: Mark Dowd
Reading: 2 Kings 22:1-2, 8-13
Music:
Trust and Obey - Daily Service Singers
Worship the Lord in the beauty - Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields
All my hope on God is founded - Rugby School Choir
TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b00vkxhc)
Mike Brearley and Julie Welch
** 4 Extra celebrates a Summer of Cricket with a collection of programmes throughout the week.**
Former England cricket captain, Mike Brearley and sports writer, Julie Welch join Sue MacGregor to discuss favourite books by Graham Greene, Elizabeth Taylor and Heinrich Harrer.
A Burnt Out Case by Graham Greene
Publisher: Vintage Classics
In A Summer Season by Elizabeth Taylor
Publisher: Virago Modern Classics
The White Spider by Heinrich Harrer
Publisher: Harper Perennial
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2010.
TUE 10:30 Cricket Legends (b0b3ggks)
Denis Compton
** 4 Extra celebrates a Summer of Cricket with a collection of programmes throughout the week.**
The life and career of Denis Compton is explored by David Rayvern Allen.
He was one of the last sportsmen to play first class cricket as well as professional football
He was an English cricketer playing 78 Test matches - spending his whole cricket career with Middlesex.
He helped Arsenal win the FA Cup in 1950.
Producer: David Rayvern Allen
First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 Live in April 1998.
TUE 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (b007jp76)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 11:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b007ypr2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]
TUE 12:00 Yes Minister (b007jxzt)
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TUE 13:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001ddf8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 13:30 Batting on the Bosphorus: A Skoda-powered Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell (b00ct9rg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 13:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076d7r)
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TUE 14:00 Hoax! (m002yw2s)
From 24/08/1993
Simon Brett, Johnny Morris and Ian Wallace 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 The Brothers (b007k4nx)
Series 1
Episode 1
A couple of years ago brothers Nigel and Michael gave up respectable careers to set up a website-design company.
That was their first mistake...
Starring Adam Godley and Raymond Coulthard.
First of three comedy series about dysfunctional siblings by Caroline and David Stafford.
Nigel Adam Godley
Michael Raymond Coulthard
Oona Pauline McLynn
Zorro Pearce Quigley
Producer: Marc Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.
TUE 15:00 The Wit and Wisden of Martin Truelove by Dan Sefton (m002yw2v)
** 4 Extra celebrates a Summer of Cricket with a collection of programmes throughout the week.**
BBC Radio's Test Match Special commentary team receive an unexpected visitor.
Their consummate professionalism is upset - with hilarious results!
Starring Michael Maloney, Jon Glover and Martin Hyder.
Dan Sefton's drama sees far more excitement in the commentary box than on the pitch.
Peter ... Jon Glover
Martin ... Michael Maloney
Keith ... Martin Hyder
Trevor ... Ewan Bailey
Karen ... Alison Pettit
Rourke ... Jonathan Keeble
Pienarr ... Stephen Crichtlow
Janet ... Liza Sadovy
Director: Marc Beeby
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003
TUE 15:45 Short Works (m001h610)
Wasteland Girls by Anna Bailey
A story of families, hoarding, magic and revenge set in the United States of America.
An atmospheric, powerful new story from BBC National Short Story Awards shortlisted writer Anna Bailey.
Read by Sarah Twomey.
Producer: Nicola Holloway
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2023.
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TUE 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (m001jl2x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
TUE 22:30 And the Winner Is... (b0105spy)
Series 2
Episode 2
Matt Lucas hosts his alternative awards show – The Lucases - as selected by his guests.
Awards include the Lucas for Most Annoying Nation of People, Biggest Sporting Disappointment and Least Effective TV Detective.
Nominations are provided by Matt's guests:
Kevin Bridges

Jason Manford
Lee Mack
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 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002z09s)
Kemah Bob 2/3
The Comedy Club keeps the laughs coming from 10pm to midnight, every night of the week. Tonight, Alison Spittle picks up her chat with the award-winning Kemah Bob.
TUE 23:00 All the World's a Globe (b007k44p)
2. Civilisation
From Egypt to origami.
The history of mankind from the first amoeba to the Second World War.
Presented by the entire cast of the National Theatre of Brent - Desmond Olivier Dingle and Wallace, aided by Mr Barker.
Written by Patrick Barlow.
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 McCall: The Interview (b0076cyy)
The Moroccan Striped Pig
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.
This time, they tell Paul about their strange first meeting.
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 (b007tc73)
Series 1
Healthy Week
Feel the burn! Edge Falls is going fit, fit, fit.
And while there's Pilates in the car park and a separate fat section in the restaurant one desperate man just wants to return a sales item.
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
Rick Turino Anthony Glennon
Miranda Lindsay Allen
Victor/Jim Neil Warhurst
Karl Paul Barnhill
Woman Rachel Bavidge
Director: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

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Series 1
1. Passing Out
Paula Young has newly-qualified as a police constable.
Now she's posted to her home town much to the discomfort of her boyfriend and other petty criminals...

Starring Julia Ford.
Three-part crime serial by Mark Davies Markham.
Paula Young Julia Ford
Rene Young Natasha Pyne
Arthur Young Paul Copley
Jan Taylor Becky Hindley
Dean O'Rourke Vincent Davies
Sergeant Thompson Geoffrey Whitehead
Tony Tim Dantay
Lizzie Jo-Anne Knowles
Martin Whelan Roger May
Eric Woods Richard Tate
Nellie Jones Tessa Worsley
Director: Michelle Matherson Frederick
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1996.
WED 06:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b03k3f1f)
8. A Medical Emergency
Penelope Fitzgerald's bitter-sweet comedy of life in Broadcasting House, London, during the dark days of 1940.
Down in the concert hall, a startling event occurs in one of the booths.
Read by Penelope Wilton.
Abridged by David Dorward
Producer - Patrick Rayner
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.
WED 07:00 After Henry (b007jnh1)
Series 2
The Cold
'Some people like all the pampering and self-indulgence that goes with being ill, and some of us just don't. It really comes down to whether one's a selfish sort of person or not.
Sarah, her mother Eleanor and daughter Clare battle with colds - and each other.
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
Doctor Peter Howell
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 (b007k15z)
Series 2
The Holiday Camp
Sid hires the Lad to run his new venture, but then he discovers a surprise next door.
Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.
Starring Tony Hancock.
With:
Bill Kerr
Sidney James
Kenneth Williams
Andree Melly
Denis Wilson
Announcer: Kenneth Williams
Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.
Music recorded by the BBC Augmented Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.
Producer: Dennis Main Wilson
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1955.
WED 08:00 Michael Spicer: Before Next Door (m000y6t6)
Series 1
To Put It Another Way
Roberta's networking as Michael's part-time, unpaid manager is finally paying off and she is beginning to get her husband some serious industry traction.
She lines up an audition for the prestigious topical panel show, To Put It Another Way. Unfortunately, this lands Michael in a bear pit of bullying stand up comedians who are used to the gladiatorial nature of these shows. Encountering a bitter, aggressive stand-up is enough to put Michael off being a comedian for good.
As the restructuring process at work comes to a climax (being re-interviewed for the job he already has) Michael is at a very low ebb.
Feeling like a comedy failure after acting as a punch bag at the panel show run through, he is now certain he is for the chop.
In spite of the battering he received in front of an audience at the TV run through, he receives encouragement from stand-up comic Natalie Duke, who gives Michael an idea that might change everything. Could he really could give up the day job? Roberta is pushing Michael hard to take the plunge and use the platform his Room Next Door following has created to forge a comedy career, with her as his full-time manager, of course.
But it seems that she is far more keen to ditch her secure day job than Michael is, especially when his boss at the kitchen worktop company delivers his plan to reorganise the company.
Will Michael take the plunge? Will Roberta take the plunge?
Will you take the plunge and give it a listen?
Written and performed by Michael Spicer.
With:
Ellie Taylor

Joanna Neary
Susan Wokoma
Kiell Smith-Bynoe
Greig Johnson,
Tara Flynn
Peter Curran
Producer: Matt Tiller
A Starstruck and Tillervision production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2021.
WED 08:30 Batting on the Bosphorus: A Skoda-powered Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell (b00ct9rj)
3. Left-handed Batsmen
Scottish sports writer Angus Bell's account of a cricket tour to unusual places in Eastern Europe.
Angus visits a Slovenian village full of left-handed batsmen.
Written by Angus Bell.
Abridged by Laurence Wareing.
Read by Robert Laing.
Producer: Kirsty Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.
WED 08:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076d8c)
3. The Hotelier
Frustrated hotel manager Arnold Pilton takes his first steps as an entrepreneur, but it takes Matthew to see the real opportunities...
Starring Nerys Hughes.
Christopher Denys' series set in the booming 1950s seaside resort of Llantwit-on-Sea.
Eirlys Richards Nerys Hughes
Matthew Dolan Russell Boulter
Arnold Pilton Christopher Scott
Owain Owen Terry Molloy
Director: Sue Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
WED 09:00 Ivo Graham's Obsessions (m00244m8)
Series 1
4. Fatiha El-Ghorri & Paul Gorton
Ivo Graham brings 2 more celebrity guests to Radio 4, to tell us about their obsessions.
Comedian Fatiha-El Ghorri and Paul Gorton of the hit BBC show 'The Traitors' join Ivo this week. Fatiha El-Ghorri is obsessed with trainers, and judges the audience on theirs while Paul details the hours he spends in his gaming room. Ivo also delves into the audience to find out what their obsessions are, and finally Ivo is joined by a Very Obsessed Person, or 'VOP'. This week, Ailish Morrison comes on to tell us about her unexpected twin passions of cheerleading and Lord of the Rings.
Hosted by Ivo Graham
Featuring Fatiha El-Ghorri, Paul Gorton and Ailish Morrison
Written by Ivo Graham and Zoe Tomalin
Additional Material by Cody Dahler, Christina Riggs and Peter Tellouche
Recorded at the Marylebone Theatre by Duncan Hannant
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 Will Self Takes the Waters (m000sr3r)
3. A Kind of Magic
Will Self ponders the origins of our insatiable thirst for bottled waters.
How did mineral water become such a valuable commodity and is it a luxury the world can no longer afford?
Will's a confirmed fan of mineral water - yet he's puzzled by its enduring appeal when H2O flows freely from the tap.
He investigates the history of five different mineral waters and the spa towns from which they spring.
Will is transported to Scandinavia where he samples popular Swedish mineral water, Ramölösa. He explores the magical qualities ascribed to water - now and in the past.
He also discusses a brand of glacial meltwater which comes with a high price tag.
Producer: Laurence Grissell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.
(Photo credit: Luther Self)
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002yxc5)
Kings and Queens - King Nebuchadnezzar
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Kings and Queens - King Nebuchadnezzar
Presenter: Jay Hulme
Reading: Daniel 4:34-37
Music:
Before the throne - Olly Hamilton & musicians
Crown Him with Many Crowns - Lucy Grimbale
Ancient of Days - AMC Gospel
WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b012qlbx)
The 1981 Ashes
In 1981, Mike Brearley - 39 years old, retired and greying - took over the England team in the middle of a six-match series, already one-nil down against the Australians.
His predecessor as captain was still in the side, but the side had not won a game for a year and that captain's poor performances

were partly to blame.
On his first two days back, Australia ran up another huge total and Brearley's own side collapsed. Amidst baying newspaper headlines England were 500 - 1 against winning the game.
Yet Brearley's team achieved a victory to rival any in sport, which galvanised the nation and saw many who had never been interested in cricket before glued to the events on the pitch as Ian Botham led the team to the front pages.
Brearley himself goes back to the archives to tell the inside story of what remains one of the most remarkable summers of sport there has ever been.
As the Royal wedding, the rise of the SDP and the inner city riots all came and went, the cricket united the nation.
Hear from the players of both sides including Botham, Border, Willis and Lillee.
Plus the memories of Sam Mendes, Donald Treford, Scyld Berry and Gideon Haigh.
Producer: Martin Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.
WED 11:00 Young PC (m002yxc1)
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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076d8c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (m000l923)
Series 5
JRR Tolkien
James Walton's literary quiz with Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Sebastian Faulks, Harry Ritchie and Nigel Williams. From April 2002.
Author of the week: JRR Tolkien.
Reader: Beth Chalmers.
Producer: Dawn Ellis.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.
WED 14:30 Bristow (b007y1dg)
Series 3
The Good, the Bad and the Temporary
There's a new girl in town, and Bristow knows his office isn't big enough for the two of them.
Starring Michael Williams.
Frank Dickens' sitcom is based on his famous long-running newspaper cartoon strip about the Chester-Perry buying clerk.
Bristow Michael Williams
Jones Rodney Bewes
Mrs Purdy Dora Bryan
Perkins Leslie Phillips
Hewitt Owen Brenman
Miss Sunman Katy Odey
Fudge Jon Glover
Postboy Simon Schatzberger
Stokes David Battley
Sylvana Jackie Neglia
Music: John Whitehall
Producer: Neil Cargill
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.
WED 15:00 The Small Miracle by Paul Gallico (m002yxc7)
The story of a small boy, a donkey, and a journey to Rome.
Adaptation of Paul Gallico's classic tale.
Read by: Jenny Agutter
Producers: David Benedictus and Katriona Wade
First broadcast on Radio 4 in April 1994.
WED 15:45 Short Works (m002f01h)
The Kiss by Francesca Rhydderch
Catrin is living the dream.
A stolen weekend in Paris with her younger lover.
So why is she struggling to enjoy herself?
An original short story written by Francesca Rhydderch.
Read by Carys Eleri.
Sound Design by Nigel Lewis
Producer: ?Ryan Hooper
A BBC Audio Wales production for BBC Radio 4., first broadcast in June 2025.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
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WED 22:00 Ivo Graham's Obsessions (m00244m8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 22:30 Ken Cheng: I Can School You (m001tj1z)**2. Cooking Up a Full English**

Comedian Ken Cheng focusses his analytical observations on school subjects.

In this episode, Ken explores English lessons, the only subject you keep on learning after you've learned it.

Written and performed by Ken Cheng.

Producer: Rajiv Karia

An EcoAudio certified production.

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

WED 23:00 Dave Podmore (b007jyjh)

Dave Podmore's Cricket Night

Episode 1

For cricket's most unremarkable medium-paced trundler, Dave Podmore, every problem is an opportunity.

So Pod turns his 140 hours of community service, teaching the basics of the game to kids, into a novel way of promoting his testimonial dinner.

Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds.

Pod Christopher Douglas

Andy Hamer Andrew Nickolds

With:

Nick Newman

Chris Pavlo

Mark Perry

Nichola Sanderson

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

WED 23:30 Dial M for Pizza (b00bbnvt)**Series 2****Episode 1**

The return of the piping hot comedy show served with extra relish and added capers.

Sharp comedy sketches featuring casting for 'Superman - The Movie' and who'll win the millionth customer promotion at an undertakers?

Series of six written by James Hendrie and Ian Brown.

Serving up the pizza fun:

Robert Bathurst

Brenda Blethyn

Enn Reitel

Jonathan Kydd

Plus a guest side salad of Jonathan Ross.

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.

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THU 01:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b03k3flh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Wednesday]

THU 02:00 After Henry (b007jnh1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]

THU 02:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k15z)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]

THU 05:00 The Small Miracle by Paul Gallico (m002yxc7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday]

THU 05:45 Short Works (m002f01h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Young PC (m002yxfh)**Series 1****2. Ball of Confusion**

Paula Young, a newly qualified police constable, is posted to her home town much to the discomfort of her boyfriend and

other petty criminals.

A brick through the Youngs' kitchen window is meant as a warning to Paula and her family.

Cast:

Paula Young Julia Ford

Rene Young Natasha Pyne

Arthur Young Paul Copley

Jan Taylor Becky Hindley

Dean O'Rourke Vincent Davies

Sergeant Thompson Geoffrey Whitehead

Tony Charles Tim Dantay

Lizzie Jo-Anne Knowles

James Bridges Roger May

Katie Coates Penny Lindley

Written by Mark Davies Markham

Director Michelle Matherson Frederick

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

THU 06:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b03k3flh)**9. Protecting National Monuments**

Penelope Fitzgerald's bitter-sweet comedy of life in

Broadcasting House, London, during the dark days of 1940.

Out on a stroll, two BBC staff make a discovery in Trafalgar Square.

Read by Penelope Wilton.

Abridged by David Dorward

Producer - Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

THU 07:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jzwc)

I'll See You at the Source

As their Thames quest climaxes, Jennifer attempts to drink Sam under the table

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 Timothy Spall

Jennifer Conway Carla Mendonca

Boogie Ronald Herdman

Sam Tucker Geoffrey McGivern

Delia Smith Melinda Walker

Michael Gary Parker

Canoeist Nicholas Murchie

Barman Jonathan Adams

PA Ainslie Foster

Adolescent Girl Julie Gibbs

Cricketer John Fleming

Old Lady Jillie Meers

Other parts played by the cast.

Producer: Caroline Leddy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1993.

THU 07:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00r39q1)**Series 2****Episode 8**

Dr Y invents a time-travel machine, plus a never-ending sing-along with the studio audience.

More quick-fire sketches, terrible puns, humorous songs plus TV and cinema parodies.

Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo

Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Written by John Esmonde & Bob Larbey, Graeme Garden,

David Hatch, Eric Idle, Brian Cooke & Johnnie Mortimer and

Bill Oddie.

Originating from the Cambridge University Footlights revue 'Cambridge Circus', ISIRTA ran for 8 years on BBC Radio and quickly developed a cult following.

Music by Dave Lee.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1965.

THU 08:00 Believe It! (m00174kh)**Series 6****Journey Home**

Jon Canter's "radiography" of Richard Wilson returns for its sixth series.

Exploring elements of Richard's life that are very nearly true - expect visits from David Tennant, Sir Ian McKellen, Arabella

Weir and Stephen Mangan to name but four.

For starters, Richard has an extraordinary urge to go back to his birthplace, Greenock.

Who better to accompany him than fellow Scot David Tennant?

Richard persuades David to drive.

Starring Richard Wilson and David Tennant

Producer: Clive Brill

A Brill production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2022.

THU 08:30 Batting on the Bosphorus: A Skoda-powered Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell (m002yxf1)**4. Cricket in Croatia**

Scottish sports writer Angus Bell's account of a cricket tour to unusual places in Eastern Europe.

Angus visits a Croatian village where cricket has been played since the time of Napoleon.

Written by Angus Bell.

Abridged by Laurence Wareing.

Read by Robert Laing.

Producer: Kirsty Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

THU 08:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys**(b0076d8w)****4. The Silver Gumshoe**

Llantwit-on-Sea's bandmaster Jenks decides he wants to marry Eirlys - but first he needs to hire a private detective...

Starring Nerys Hughes.

Christopher Denys' series set in the booming 1950s seaside resort of Llantwit-on-Sea.

Eirlys Richards Nerys Hughes

Matthew Dolan Russell Boulter

Iorweth Jenkins Iwan Thomas

Gweny Jenkins Siriol Jenkins

PC Ianto Evans David Holt

Director: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

THU 09:00 P.O.V. (m002yl2p)**Series 2****S2 E4: Are You A Laugh?**

This week in P.O.V. you'll hear a day in the life of an anti-woke warrior, an attempt to unsubscribe, and the answer to the

question, Are You A Laugh?

Written and performed by Davina Bentley, Jake Bhardwaj,

Kylie Brakeman, Stephen Buchanan, The Exploding Heads,

Rachel Fairburn, Daniel Foxx, Matt Green, Farrel Hegarty,

Sooz Kempner, Larry & Paul, and Ed Night & Paddy Young.

Additional material by James Clarke.

Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios and Guilt Free Post,

London; Sonido Studios, Clydebank; 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 Will Self Takes the Waters (m000symf)**4. On the Rocks**

Will Self ponders the origins of our insatiable thirst for bottled waters.

How did mineral water become such a valuable commodity and is it a luxury the world can no longer afford?

Will's a confirmed fan of mineral water - yet he's puzzled by its

enduring appeal when H2O flows freely from the tap.

He investigates the history of five different mineral waters and the spa towns from which they spring.

Will imagines himself in the Loire Valley on a water tasting

trip, accompanied by water sommelier Martin Riese. They sample the French brand Badoit and explore the science of

drinking water and why the French have so many mineral water brands.

Producer: Laurence Grissell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.

(Photo credit: Luther Self)

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002yxfn)

Kings and Queens - Queen Esther

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

Theme: Gardens in the Bible - Solomon: Garden of Plenty

Presenter: Sharon Grenham Thompson

Reading: Esther 8:3-8

THU 10:00 Great Lives (b095rrzz)

Helena Morrissey on Rachael Heyhoe Flint

City boss Dame Helena Morrissey champions the life of

Rachael Heyhoe Flint, the pioneer of women's cricket.

Regarded as a ground breaker, Baroness Heyhoe Flint ruffled

feathers and shook up a male dominated sport.

Helena Morrissey makes the case for why Heyhoe Flint is a

great life.

With Matthew Parris and Dr Raf Nicholson who teaches history at Queen Mary University of London and is a writer on the women's game

Dame Helen has also made it to the top of her career in a male dominated word of the City. She is founder of the 30% Club, a

campaign group whose aim is to get a minimum of 30% women on FTSE-100 boards. Now working as Head of Personal

Investing with Legal and General Investment Management.

Producer: Perminder Khatkar

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2017.

THU 10:30 The Last Stand (b00t8xfp)

John Rawling relives the drama of the Second Test between

England and West Indies at Lord's in 1963.

It was an incident-packed match

Ferocious fast bowling, brave innings and a batsman with a

broken arm.

At four minutes to six on the final day, with just eight balls left, any result was still possible.

Producer: Tony Shearman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 5 Live in October 1999.

THU 11:00 Young PC (m002yxfh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b03k3flh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

THU 12:00 Boogie Up the River (b007jzwc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00r39q1)

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THU 13:00 Believe It! (m00174kh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 Batting on the Bosphorus: A Skoda-powered Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell (m002yxf1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076d8w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 We've Been Here Before (b00ft41b)

Series 2

Episode 1

Return of the topical historical satirical panel show setting out

to prove that there's nothing new under, or in, The Sun.

Hosted by Clive Anderson.

Gyles Brandreth and Arthur Smith

battle it out against

John O'Farrell and Arabella Weir.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

THU 14:30 The Change (b00nj6fd)

Series 1

Different for Girls

Coming to terms with a transvestite for a husband is hard for

troubled, hormonal wife Carol.

She wants to save her marriage and so George agrees to throw

away his entire wardrobe of female attire - but throwing out the

favourite tiara is just too hard...

Starring Lynda Bellingham and Chris Ellison.

Sitcom by Gavin Petrie and Jan Etherington.

Carol Lynda Bellingham

George Chris Ellison

Violet Sylvia Syms

Maureen Maureen Beattie

Dave Mark Powley

Ken James Vaughan

Jerry Richard Standing

Sonia Emma Kennedy

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

THU 15:00 The Ashes by Sue Townsend (m002yxfq)

** 4 Extra celebrates a summer of cricket with a collection of

programmes throughout the week.**

Louise gets involved with the captain of the England cricket

team.

But he's already got a wife.

Old-fashioned cricket obsessive Dennis and his wife Bobby

find their family life turned upside down when Louise shares

her unexpected news.

Cricketing comedy written by Sue Townsend, the author of the

Adrian Mole stories.

Louise ... Robin Weaver

Dennis ... Ronald Herdman

Bobby ... Karen Archer

Geoffrey Rutter-King ... Stephen Tompkinson

Hunterson ... David Sinclair

Yvonne ... Joanna Myers

Pug Wilson ... Fraser Kerr

With the voices of Brian Johnston and Peter Barker.

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in July 1991.

THU 15:40 Kew Gardens by Virginia Woolf (b013824q)

Virginia Woolf's classic story celebrating the link between

nature and humanity set on a sweltering summer's day in Kew

Gardens.

'One couple after another with much the same irregular and

aimless movement passed the flower-bed and were enveloped in

layer after layer of green blue vapour, in which at first their

bodies had substance and a dash of colour, but later both

substance and colour dissolved in the green-blue atmosphere.

How hot it was! So hot that even the thrush chose to hop, like a

mechanical bird, in the shadow of the flowers. Instead of

rambling vaguely the white butterflies danced one above

another, making with their white shifting flakes the outline of a

shattered marble column above the tallest flowers.'

Likened to an impressionist painting, memories are stirred and

snapshots of lives filter through the gentle hum of the garden as

couples flit like butterflies past Kew's sumptuous flowerbeds,

their conversations dissolving into flashes of colour, shape and

movement into the steamy atmosphere.

Author Virginia Woolf (1882-1941) is regarded as one of the

foremost literary figures of the twentieth century, one of the

greatest innovators in the English language.

Read by Lindsay Duncan.

Producer: Justine Willett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in August 2011.

THU 16:00 Great Lives (b095rrzz)

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Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell

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(b0076d8w)

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 21:40 Kew Gardens by Virginia Woolf (b013824q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:40 today]

THU 22:00 P.O.V. (m002yl2p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 22:30 1966 and All That (b0100q4y)

The 1920s and 30s

King George utters some unmemorable last words.

DH Lawrence of Arabia writes Lady Chatterbox's Llama.

And John Yogi Bear discovers the BBC, but finds there's not

much on...

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain begins in the 1920s

and 1930s.

With:

Joss Ackland

Eleanor Bron

Rory Bremner

Ewan Bailey

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

John Humphrys

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002z09v)

Kemah Bob 3/3

The Comedy Club - Two hours of comedy, every night from **1**

0pm. Tonight, Alison Spittle wraps up her three-part chat with

the award-winning Kemah Bob.

THU 23:00 Paul Sinha's General Knowledge (m000ylfx)

Series 3

Episode 4

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 is a race against the clock for Paul to present the

virtual audience with an A-Z of facts.

He gives them a letter, they give him a word, and he either gives

them a fact or he just reads out the script he prepared for

another word. Starting with A for Aubergine and Alligator, how

far can he get before the twenty-eight minutes are up?

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 (m0002m49)

Series 4

Episode 2

A woman discovers why there are so many Cornish pasty shops

in British train stations.

Plus - a man attempts to return a sleeping bag to John Lewis

with dramatic consequences.

Symphonious sketch show.

Starring:

Daniel Rigby

Mike Wozniak

Cariad Lloyd

Henry Paker

Freya Parker

Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike

Wozniak with additional material by the cast

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer

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

February 2019.

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Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell

(m002yxfi)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys

(b0076d8w)

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FRI 04:00 We've Been Here Before (b00ft41b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 The Change (b00nj6fd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 The Ashes by Sue Townsend (m002yxfq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:40 Kew Gardens by Virginia Woolf (b013824q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:40 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Young PC (m002ywb6)

Series 1

3. Beginning To See The Light

Paula Young, a newly qualified police constable, is posted to

her home town much to the discomfort of her boyfriend and

other petty criminals.

A threatening phone call tests Paula's integrity and her

commitment to the police force.

Written by Mark Davies Markham

Paula Young Julia Ford

Rene Young Natasha Pyne

Arthur Young Paul Copley

Jan Taylor Becky Hindley

Dean O'Rourke Vincent Davies

Sergeant Thompson Geoffrey Whitehead

Tony Charles Tim Dantay

Lizzie Jo-Anne Knowles

Martin Whelan Roger May

Eric Woods Richard Tate

Sandra Caroline Strong

Director Michelle Matherson Frederick

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1996.

FRI 06:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald

(b007zjw5)

10. Aerial Torpedoes

Penelope Fitzgerald's bitter-sweet comedy of life in

Broadcasting House, London, during the dark days of 1940.

The story draws to an end with a cautious romance and an

unexpected bang.

Read by Penelope Wilton.

Abridged by David Dorward

Producer - Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1992.

FRI 07:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00v8lr2)

Series 5

Episode 2

With the village bankrupt - council leader John cracks down on

expenses. Political satire with John Baddeley.

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 (b007jp6x)

Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell (b00ct9rn)

5. The Elusive First Century

Scottish sports writer Angus Bell's account of a cricket tour to unusual places in Eastern Europe.

With his trip drawing to a close, all Angus's hopes of making that elusive first century remain pinned to his final match in Poland.

Written by Angus Bell.

Abridged by Laurence Wareing.

Read by Robert Laing.

Producer: Kirsty Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

FRI 08:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076d9g)

5. The Longshoremen

Deck-chair attendant and fisherman, Cox'n Hughes is victimised by the local fishing community.

Matthew decides to find out why.

Starring Nerys Hughes.

Christopher Denys' series set in the booming 1950s seaside resort of Llantwit-on-Sea.

Eirlys Richards Nerys Hughes

Matthew Dolan Russell Boulter

Cox'n Hughes Andy Hockley

Round-the-Bay Baynon Owen Garmon

Griff Gadabout Keith Drinkel

Director: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

FRI 09:00 Parish Matters (m002533x)

Series 1

2. 'He's not presumed dead yet, Hank'

A brand-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 suffering from low morale and the council meets to decide what can be done to cheer everyone up. Can they slow the Parish 'brain drain' and stop losing their best and brightest to greener pastures abroad? How might they increase the birth rate in order to secure a brighter and more baby-filled tomorrow? There's a surprise proposal for a new education campus and award ceremony to celebrate the parishioners and their achievements. But can the best (and only) cop in town solve the mystery disappearance of the beloved, whiskery Parish mascot Brendan?

PARISH MATTERS is a half hour 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. Produced by Keith Martin and Exec Produced by Sam Michell. A FABEL radio Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 09:30 Will Self Takes the Waters (m000t47b)

5. What Goes Around

Will Self ponders the origins of our insatiable thirst for bottled waters.

How did mineral water become such a valuable commodity and is it a luxury the world can no longer afford?

Will's a confirmed fan of mineral water - yet he's puzzled by its enduring appeal when H2O flows freely from the tap.

He investigates the history of five different mineral waters and the spa towns from which they spring.

Will Self explores the environmental impact of the bottled water industry. He is transported to the island paradise of Fiji - whose number one export is water and looks at whether it's possible to justify shipping bottled water around the globe. Closer to home, he speaks to Nestlé, the owners of Buxton Water, about their own environmental record.

Producer: Laurence Grissell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.

(Photo credit: Luther Self)

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002ywbD)

Kings and Queens - King Cyrus

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

Theme: Kings and Queens - King Cyrus

Presenter: Azariah France Williams

Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Music:

Here I am Lord - Daily Service Singers

All heaven declares - Lou Fellingham

Honour - Becca Folkles & Psalms x Saints

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b00763t6)

Series 2

Zadok the Priest

Simon Halsey, Mary Davis and the Duke of Devonshire reflect on the impact of Handel's Zadok the Priest.

This anthem written for the coronation of George II has become a favourite for choral societies and church choirs throughout the world.

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

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2001.

FRI 10:30 Australian Wanted in Woodhall Spa (b00wsqy9)

Chris Ledgard tells the story of one small-scale international cricket exchange and explores its rich history: the tradition of overseas cricketers playing for amateur clubs in England.

'Australian wanted for Woodhall Spa Cricket Club'. Such adverts can be found on any number of English cricket club websites. All over England, small cricket clubs welcome foreign players for the summer season, committing themselves to supporting the players - with work or accommodation - on the understanding that they'll bring a sparkle to the score sheet.

This documentary follows one such exchange at Potterne cricket club in Wiltshire and weaves in its rich and fascinating history - which has seen some noble names playing in obscure places.

Chris meets Zimbabwean cricketer Dylan Higgins, who's come to this quintessentially English village club direct from Harare. The team captain is Graham Gaiger, who runs the construction company that provides Dylan with a job. Will the incoming sporting hero meet the expectation of the club? And how do overseas players go down with the locals?

A fascinating, light-hearted observational documentary with a backbone of social history, on what happens when a new face is brought into the bosom of a tight band of sporting fanatics.

Presenter: Chris Ledgard

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

FRI 11:00 Young PC (m002ywb6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 11:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald (b007zjw5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 today]

FRI 12:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00v8lr2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jp6x)

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FRI 13:00 The Confessional (m001g1nn)

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FRI 13:30 Batting on the Bosphorus: A Skoda-powered**Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell (b00ct9rn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076d9g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 14:00 The Personality Test (b007vt9q)

Series 3

Eve Pollard

All about Eve - writer and ex-newspaper editor Eve Pollard is in the hot seat posing questions all about her.

Tackling the ultra-personal quiz are:

Sue Perkins

Carrie Quinlan

Will Smith

Robin Ince

Comedy quiz presented by a new guest host every show. All the questions are about them.

Script by Simon Littlefield and Kieron Quirke.

Devised and produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

FRI 14:30 Ballylenon (b007mf83)

Series 1

Episode 6

Will the '1000 Years' Festival mark the end of the old courthouse battle?

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

Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.

Phonsie Doherty TP McKenna

Muriel Maconchy Margaret D'Arcy

Vera Maconchy Stella McCusker

Vivienne Boal Aine McCartney

Guard Gallagher John Hewitt

Stumpy Bonnar Gerard McSorley

Canon Friel Kevin Flood

Aubrey Frawley Dominic Letts

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.

FRI 15:00 Peter Tinniswood (b007rfd0)

I Always Take Long Walks

Dame Judi Dench stars as Enid, the wife of a man addicted to cricket.

She shares with us her private thoughts - many of which she has while taking walks - on cricket, kitchen units and life with her husband.

Written by Peter Tinniswood.

Director: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991.

FRI 15:30 Some Tame Gazelle by Barbara Pym (m002ywbG)

1. Passions

Belinda loves Henry, Harriet loves Mr Donne, and Agatha loves no one but herself.

Passions are roused amongst the cassocks and behind the garden produce stall.

But at least the toilet arrangements are satisfactory and everyone is guaranteed a good tea.

Base on Barbara Pym's first novel, first published in 1950.

Dramatised by Elizabeth Proud

Harriet Bede ... Miriam Margolyes

Belinda Bede ... Hannah Gordon

Mr Donne ... David Holt

Henry Hoccleve ... Peter Jeffrey

Agatha Hoccleve ... Elizabeth Proud

Edith Liversidge ... Josephine Tewson

Ricardo Bianco ... Geoffrey Matthews

Singers:

Harvey Brough

Phyllida Hancock

Mary Lincoln

Musical direction by Malcolm McKee

Producer: Sioned Wiliam

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b00763t6)

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FRI 22:00 Parish Matters (m002533x)

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FRI 22:30 Ashley Blaker: 6.5 Children (m000y7ss)

Series 1

4. Lockdown

Ashley Blaker recalls the challenges of parenting during lockdown when he had to home school six children at six very different levels.

He also wonders if, despite the hardships, this was actually a golden period to be looked back on with great affection. If nothing else, it was a year mostly without the horror of family trips.

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 (b01dw7cx)

Series 3

Loneliness Is a Crowded Head

Ben's life is full of well-meaning people trying to do everything for him. Everything, that is, except leave him alone.

He begins to wonder if Robinson Crusoe might have been on to a good thing.

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

Bea Scarlett Milburn-Smith

Castaway John Kay-Steel

Waiter Bruce Alexander

Director: Nigel Smith.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.

FRI 23:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking

(b00nvwg8)

Series 3

Episode 1

A surreal take on infuriating call centres and ex-soviet tyrants settling in British suburbs.

The return of award-winning comedian Laura Solon's sketch and character comedy series

With:

Rosie Cavaliero

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