

SATURDAY 18 JULY 2026

SAT 00:00 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.

SAT 00:30 Australian Wanted in Woodhall Spa (b00wsqv9)

How did the tradition of overseas cricketers playing for amateur clubs in England begin?

Chris Ledgard tells the story of one small-scale international cricket exchange and explores its rich history.

'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.

Chris 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.

Producer: Mary Ward-Lowery

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

SAT 01:00 Young PC (m002ywb6)

Series 1

3. Beginning To See The Light

A threatening phone call tests the integrity of PC Paula Young - and her commitment to the police force...

A newly qualified PC has been posted to her home town much to the discomfort of her boyfriend and other petty criminals.

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.

SAT 01:45 Human Voices by Penelope Fitzgerald

(b007zjw5)

10. Aerial Torpedoes

The story draws to an end with a cautious romance - and an unexpected bang...

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

Concluded by Penelope Wilton.

Producer: Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1992.

SAT 02:00 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.

SAT 02:30 Steptoe and Son (b007jp6x)

Series 6

Seance in a Wet Rag and Bone Yard

Sceptical Harold slams Albert's claims about speaking to the

dead...

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

Madame Fontana Patricia Routledge

Dorothy Gwen Nelson

Mr Weldon Edward Kelsey

Producer: Bobby Jaye

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in March 1976.

SAT 03:00 The Confessional (m001g1nn)

Series 3

The Confession of Jessie Cave

Stephen Mangan returns with his comedy chat show about shame, guilt and occasional repentance.

Each episode, Stephen invites a distinguished guest into his virtual confessional box to make three 'confessions' to him.

An antidote to conventional talk shows, their stories don't

reflect their proudest moments. Stephen could not be less

interested in those. He wants them to open up about their darker side. Settle back for stimulating journeys through shame, regret

and toe curling embarrassment.

The series begins with Harry Potter actor, writer, podcaster, cartoonist and illustrator, Jessie Cave in the hot seat.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan.

With additional material by Nick Doody.

Producer: Frank Stirling

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

December 2022.

SAT 03:30 Batting on the Bosphorus: A Skoda-powered

Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell

(b00ct9rm)

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.

Abridged by Laurence Wareing.

Concluded by Robert Laing.

Producer: Kirsty Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

SAT 03:45 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 try and discover 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.

SAT 04:00 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.

SAT 04:30 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 Lettis

Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.

Director: Eoin O'Callaghan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1994.

SAT 05:00 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.

SAT 05:30 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.

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

Dramatised in six parts 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.

SAT 06:00 The Best of Friends by JCW Brook (m002z5sj)

Bill and John were schoolfriends.

Bill was always domineering, extrovert and aggressive, John the reverse.

Their lives, were intertwined as children, as teenagers leaving school, and as young married adults.

Their ongoing involvement sparks shocking consequences...

Starring Christopher Scoulard and Michael Cochrane.

Dark mystery written by JCW Brook.

John ... Christopher Scoulard

Bill ... Michael Cochrane

Sarah ... Angela Down

Christine ... Frances Jeater

Bill as a Boy ... Rosalind Adams

John as a Boy ... Patience Tomlinson

Inspector Anders ... Gordon Reid

Sergeant Pait ... Andrew Secombe

Director: Ian Cotterell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1981.

SAT 07:30 The West: A New History of an Old Idea by

Naoise Mac Sweeney (Omnibus) (m002z5sl)

Historian Naoise Mac Sweeney delves into the lives of

historical figures to explore and interrogate the received narrative and origins of 'the West'.

Is 'Plato to Nato' actually true? How has the myth of the West and its exclusively European origins been built and maintained?

A brilliant and rigorous interpretation of history that reflects the

diversity of ideas and figures in the West.

Using the lives of historical figures from ancient Greece to present day, Naoise interrogates the idea of the West and its

claims to Greco-Roman lineage.

Omnibus of five episodes abridged by Patricia Cumper.

Read by Nina Sosanya.

Producer: Naomi Walmsley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2023.

SAT 08:45 I, An Actor (m002z5sn)

6. Filming with Meryl

Nicholas Craig is the greatest actor in the world...

Although his publisher has upset him by cutting out a favourite

passage from I, An Actor.

His working life has been nothing if not varied - from performing in a day centre in Wellingborough, to a film

location in India with Meryl Streep - although really she would be better off playing Mistress Quickly in Leatherhead.

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 June 1989.

SAT 09:00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket

(b007jrnd)

Series 2

3. Putting It On The Map

To try and encourage local tourism, the dear ladies revive an old custom.

Starring Dame Hilda Bracket and her lifelong companion Dr

Evadne Hinge.

Another extract of life from the genteel setting of 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

Major Anthony Sharp
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 (b0524gr2)
Series 1
Breach of Contract
Rookie barrister Roger Thursby must defend a woman being sued by a pop star over a pup.
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
Grimes John-Glyn Jones
Sally Mantering Ann Davies
Mandy McCloud Aimi Macdonald
The Judge Richard Wattis
Mrs Thursby Jean Anderson
Kitty Doyle Ann Wain
Other parts..... John Bentley
Producer: David Hatch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.
SAT 10:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000gl70)
3: The Ditch and Six House Parties
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 last of three programmes, he concludes the story of the technological advances in radio and the arrival of podcasts.
More of Chris's favourite radio moments include:
* THE DITCH
- BBC Radio, 2010
* SIX HOUSE PARTIES'
- from Ross Sutherland's 'Imaginary Advice' podcast
Producer: Jessica Treen
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in 2018.
SAT 11:00 The Best of Friends by JCW Brook (m002z5sj)
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SAT 14:30 Brothers in Law (b0524gr2)
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SAT 15:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000gl70)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 16:00 The Double by Fyodor Dostoyevsky (m0010nn9)
Jonathan Holloway reimagines Fyodor Dostoyevsky's nightmare vision.
A lonely civil servant is driven to madness when his life is stolen by a doppelganger.
It's relocated it to a steampunk version of 19th Century St Petersburg, substituting the labyrinthine Tsarist bureaucracy of the original with the advanced computer systems office of the Russian Federation's Intelligence Services.
To win his superiors' admiration the story's hero, Golyadkin, starts working on perfecting a new cyber-weapon only to find that a new arrival in the office who looks remarkably like him is taking all the credit for his work.
In this fresh adaptation, the 21st century begins to intrude - samovars bubble, dances mix trance with live string quartets, electric taxis whine on the highways while horses clatter by and computers are gas-fuelled.
In Golyadkin's fractured mind he's lost all sense of where he exists in time and what we're experiencing is his dream of the future.
Dostoyevsky's themes of grinding bureaucracy, societal pressures inducing feelings of inadequacy and hopelessness are given a bleakly modern twist.
Golyadkin Joseph Millson
The Double Joseph Millson
Andrei Filippovich Olsufy Sean Murray
Dr Rutensplitz Elizabeth Counsell
Klara Olsufyevna Kerry Gooderson
Needles Kerry Gooderson
Marmeladov Lauren Cornelius
Raskolnikov Joseph Ayre
Fatboy Ryan Whittle
Maitre D' Ryan Early
Director: Gemma Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2018.
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SAT 20:00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (b007jrnd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
SAT 20:30 Brothers in Law (b0524gr2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
SAT 21:00 The Changing Sound of Radio (m000gl70)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SAT 22:00 The Million Pound Radio Show (m002z5sq)
World Cup Special
In Italia 90 world cup year, what's this obsession with football all about?
Sharp-edged topical humour in the most expensive show on radio.
Written by and starring Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell
With:
Felicity Montagu
Nigel Pegram
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1990.
SAT 22:30 Tim Key's Poetry Programme (m000gmgt)
Series 5
Rome
Tim Key broadcasts live from his trailer in Rome, where he's shooting a film directed by the legendary Sir Hayden Higgins.
Written and presented by Tim Key.
Key Tim Key
Lord Tom Basden
Megan Katy Wix
Sir Hayden Miles Jupp
Pamela Carlotta Morelli
Producer: James Robinson
A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2020.
SAT 23:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b06pxm45)
Series 3
The Madman in the Attic
With Tom's Dad advocating some rather drastic "rationalising", Tom realises that it might be time to have a clear-out himself.
Sitcom where Tom Wrigglesworth 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 Wrigglesworth
Dad Paul Copley
Mum Kate Anthony
Granny Elizabeth Bennett
Written by Tom Wrigglesworth 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 (b007jvvo)
Series 6
The Fit and Fat Show
Anna Dapton presents her very personal radio guide to staying fit and healthy.
Radio Active is the one and only local national radio station
Starring:
Helen Atkinson-Wood
Geoffrey Perkins
Angus Deayton
Philip Pope
Michael Fenton-Stevens
Music by Philip Pope, Steve Brown and Michael Fenton-Stevens.
Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with John Canter.
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

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SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002z5rr)
Nautical Castaways
Matthew Pinsent
Olympic Gold rower Matthew Pinsent is castaway by Sue Lawley.
Matthew won his fourth Olympic gold medal at the 2004 summer games in Athens.
His first three were all won rowing with Sir Steve Redgrave - as a pair in 1992 in Barcelona and 1996 in Atlanta and as part of the coxless four in 2000's Sydney games.

His summer 2004 success saw him lead the four to victory - in a photo-finish that saw them beat the Canadian team by less than a tenth of a second.
He won his first Gold at the Junior World Championships aged just 17.
Between 1991 and 2002, Matthew won a gold medal every year at the World Championships and his life was given over to rowing - he took a year out from his studies to compete in the 1992 Olympics, fitted his wedding around the rowing calendar and followed a rigorous training regime to maintain his 6'5", 17-stone frame at the peak of its strength and fitness.
DISC ONE: Alan Green and Martin Cross - BBC Radio Five Live Rowing Commentary
DISC TWO: Léo Delibes's Coppélia - Orchestra of the Royal Opera House
DISC THREE: Hubert Parry's I Was Glad - Choir of St Pauls Cathedral, soloist Andrew Lucas
DISC FOUR: Queen - We Are The Champions
DISC FIVE: Green Day - Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)
DISC SIX: Eagles - Hotel California
DISC SEVEN: Sting - Fields of Gold
DISC EIGHT: Red Hot Chili Peppers - Californication
Castaway's Favourite: Sting - Fields of Gold
Book Choice: World Atlas, extended
Luxury Choice: Shaving kit
Producer: Olivia Seligman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b01130qm)
Series 2
Cuckoo
The Cuckoo is one of the iconic brood parasites of the world - the bird that cons another species into taking its egg as its own and rears the chick to fledging.
In the single frame of the Cuckoo you have a long distance migrant, travelling from Africa to breeding grounds in the temperate north, and back again.
The Cuckoo does not raise its own chick and across a range of Cuckoo individuals, they parasitise several species of bird - all much smaller than they are.
Sir David Attenborough explores the world of the Cuckoo and not only marvels at their natural history but tells the story of how a wildlife cameraman resolved a scientific mystery - and how the Cuckoo itself harbours yet more secrets to science and natural history.
Producer: Julian Hector.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002z5rt)
Elizabeth Jennings, John Donne, Jenny Joseph and Edwin Muir
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects three programmes: The Progress of the Soule by John Donne plus poetry readings by Elizabeth Jennings, Jenny Joseph, Edwin Muir.
The programmes:
**Three Score and Ten - Elizabeth Jennings
Presented by Ian McMillan
Produced by Sharon Sephton
First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 2016 (with original readings from 1983)
**The Progress of the Soule
Alex McCowen reads from John Donne's unfinished epic poem Metempsychosis or The Progress of the Soule
Produced by Peter Fozzard
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1990.
**Three Score and Ten - Jenny Joseph, Edwin Muir
Presented by Ian McMillan
Produced by Sharon Sephton
First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in 2016 (with original readings from 1983)
**And Daljit reads from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month: Alcatraz - Poems from the Contemporary Welsh edited by Robert Minninnick.
Poetry Extra is presented by Daljit Nagra and produced for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sarah Wade.
SUN 07:30 Batting on the Bosphorus: A Skoda-powered Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell (Omnibus) (m002z5rw)
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 MI6 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, Angus begins his tour with a cricket match on ice.
Omnibus of five episodes abridged by Laurence Wareing.
Read by Robert Laing.
Producer: Kirsty Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.
SUN 08:40 Witness History (p0085dxt)
Pickles and the Stolen World Cup
In 1966 host nation England won the football World Cup. But the national team very nearly had no trophy to hold aloft after triumphing over Germany in a memorable final. In the run-up to the tournament, the cup was on display in central London when it was stolen from right under the noses of a round-the-clock police guard.
The investigation into the theft quickly turned to farce with a flat-footed Scotland Yard failing to find the cup. A dog called Pickles put the police to shame when he found the missing

trophy while on his daily walk.

Simon Watts finds out more, meeting owner Dave Corbett who recalls how he and Pickles became national heroes for returning the trophy.

Producer/Presenter: Simon Watts

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2016.

SUN 08:50 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (Omnibus) (b0bgpfvz)

Episode 1

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

Starring Nerys Hughes.

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

Omnibus of the first five of ten episodes.

Eirllys 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

Owain Owen Terry Molloy

Gweny Jenkins Siiriol Jenkins

PC Ianto Evans David Holt

Round-the-Bay Baynon Owen Garmon

Griff Gadabout Keith Drinkel

Director: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

SUN 10:00 Know Your Place (b018ttwj)

Marriage of Convenience

Is it wedding bells for caretaker Ramsay in a quest to keep his job?

Ramsay Potts is the jobsworth caretaker at a crumbling

Edwardian block of flats, pursued by the over-amorous cleaner Elsie.

Starring Roy Dotrice and Patricia Hayes.

Sitcom written by Andrew Palmer and Nell Brennan.

Ramsay Potts Roy Dotrice

Elsbeth Spurgeon Patricia Hayes

With:

Pat Coombs

John Graham

Benny Lee

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1982.

SUN 10:30 Take It From Here (b09z66f6)

From 18/10/1955

Trouble at Prufrock's matrimonial agency, and Ethel wants to open a sweet shop in 'The Glums'.

Starring:

Professor Jimmy Edwards

Dick Bentley

June Whitfield

Alma Cogan

Wallace Eton

Music from The Keynotes and the BBC Revue Orchestra

conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Announcer: David Dunhill

Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1955.

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SUN 16:00 The Bee Maker by Anita Sullivan (b092ky54)

It's 2020 and the bees are nearly all gone.

Human beings might be next.

Robotics expert, Deborah, builds artificial bees in order to help pollinate fruit trees across the world - real bees having been driven to the brink of extinction.

But then a strange phenomenon strikes mankind - people start getting lost. It happens slowly, people lose their way, forget where they are. But before long society starts to crumble.

Deborah must fight her way across an apocalyptic Britain and find her way back home. But first she must remember where that is.

Anita Sullivan's dark and cautionary tale about our busy technology-filled lives.

Deborah... Alice Lowe

May... Harriet Walter

Ant... Stuart McLoughlin

Hire Car Salesman... Alun Raglan

Customs Official... John Norton

Lost passenger... Claire Cage

Director: James Robinson

A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2014

SUN 16:45 Summer Ghosts (b0137xd4)

All the Dead Mothers of My Daughter's Friends by Sophie Hannah

"Yes, the ghosts you see at night, they're the souls - the auras, if you like - of good people who didn't deserve to die. That's why they're full of regret, and frightening. Ghosts we see in broad daylight are the ones whose deaths were right and fair - they've been redeemed by death. They were evil while alive..."

First in a series of commissioned stories presenting ghosts or ghostly happenings in the cold light of day.

Will something 'unexplained' be as scary in a light that is... well, reliable to the eye!

Sophie Hannah's story is read by Tracy-Ann Oberman.

Mel makes a friend at the school gates - and learns about the different types of ghosts in the world.

Then the theories are tested out...

Producer: Duncan Minshull

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.

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SUN 21:30 Take It From Here (b09z66f6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

SUN 22:00 Revolting People (b00fkx2m)

Series 2

Some More Trying Times

Sergeant McGurk takes up spying. Samuel Oliphant enters showbiz and Ezekiel Spriggs gets stuck.

Comedy set just before the American Revolution.

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

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.

SUN 22:30 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m0019jw2)

Series 1

Bristol to Penzance

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.

He travels in this episode from Bristol to Penzance.

Among his many fellow travellers, he meets:

* Bert, a Cornish Bard, Marissa and Leanne who have travelled the world working on cruise liners

* Angela who for many years ran one of Cornwall's most famous and historic pubs

* Astra who is learning the ropes at circus school

Producers: Peter Lowe & Nick Symons

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

SUN 23:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b06418ms)

Series 4

The Supplement

Damien is offered the chance to present his own TV series all about "street food".

It's something which doesn't initially appeal, particularly as he is busy editing the food supplement for a Sunday newspaper - territory which is far more familiar.

But when he is forced to become more populist to placate the paper's editor, perhaps this is the time to finally take the plunge into the murky world of "TV".

And Damien's boundaries are further tested when his kitchen is commandeered by Anthony and Mr Mullaney, who are in the midst of planning a property renovation company together.

Sitcom charting the life of cookery writer Damien Trench, who lives in London's Queen's Park with his partner Anthony.

Created by and starring Miles Jupp.

Written by Justin Edward.

Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony Justin Edwards

Ian Frobisher Philip Fox

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Livi Hollinshead Alex Tregear

Paula, the Editor Jessica Turner

Arlo Chance Stephen Critchlow

Producer: Sam Michell.

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

SUN 23:30 Electric Ink (b011kvmm)

Series 1

Episode 3

Editor Oliver wants Terry from Tottenham, as 'street boy' Freddy inadvertently breaks a top story in the Treasury.

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 20 JULY 2026

MON 00:00 The Bee Maker by Anita Sullivan (b092ky54)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:45 Summer Ghosts (b0137xd4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:45 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002z5rr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b01130qm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002z5rt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Batting on the Bosphorus: A Skoda-powered

Cricket Tour Through Eastern Europe by Angus Bell

(Omnibus) (m002z5rw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Witness History (p0085dxt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys

(Omnibus) (b0bgpfvz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Know Your Place (b018ttwj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Take It From Here (b09z66f6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Dick Francis (b007jpxx)

Bolt

1. Threats and Menaces

Champion jockey Kit Fielding is engaged to Danielle de Brescou the niece of his employer Princess Casilia.

The Princess recruits Kit to fend off Henri de Brescou, a dangerous cousin trying to involve her in the armaments business.

But Kit also has problems of his own...

Dick Francis's 1986 racing thriller.

Starring Eric Allan and Sian Phillips.

Dramatised in five-parts by John Ashe.

Kit Fielding Eric Allan

Princess Casilia Sian Phillips

Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Henri John Bull

Greening Jack May

Dusty Christian Rodska

Thomas Steve Hodson

Allardeck Bill Wallis

Roland Simon Carter

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994

MON 06:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b00h8qls)

Series 2

1. Cuts

College is battling against ever present finance savings and Simon finds himself bereft of a job.

Could this be the perfect opportunity for Gilbert to furnish the college with a more popular course and upset the Dean in the process?

Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Samuel West.

Return of Mark Tavener's comedy thriller set in a small

Cambridge college - riven by arguments between traditionalists and modernisers.

Gilbert Geoffrey Palmer

Simon Samuel West

Zoe Sharon Small

Bernard Jonathan Coy

The Dean Michael Maloney

Jane Tracey Wiles

Jim Stephen Hogan

With David Bannerman

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

MON 07:00 Control Group Six (b08ltysh)

Series 2

Episode 1

President Frank is dead, killed by an exploding theatre review at the end of the last series.

So Control Group Six, the Company's experimental town is now minus a leader.

Our hero, Dr Heaven, is looking for a job, and he doesn't mind light cleaning. Can the Director of the Company help or will her plans put a different sheen on Heaven's career?

Series two of the bizarre four-part comedy - half sketch show and half psychological thriller.

Written and performed by Richard Bean

Andrew Clifford

Clive Coleman

Colin Swash

With Geraldine Fitzgerald.

Producer: Jon Rolph

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997.

MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jqbr)

Series 3

My British Buddy

Walmington-on-Sea's warm welcome for some American troops backfires.

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 Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Hodges Warden Bill Pertwee

Private Walker Larry Martyn

Colonel Schultz Jack Watson

Mrs Fox Mollie Sugden

Shirley Wendy Richard

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.

MON 08:00 The Architects (b0536qr7)

Series 2

D.I.Y.

Sir Lucien casts aside his hopes of Brutalism returning to fashion and decides to go into house building.

His loyal team must follow...negotiating marshland, unexploded bombs and homicidal relatives en route.

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

Lucy Jane Slavin

Darvo/Receptionist Ian Cunningham

Director: Toby Swift

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2015.

MON 08:30 News from Nowhere by William Morris (m002z6zw)

1. A New Dawn

In 1890, William Guest dreams it is at least the year 2003...

William Morris's utopian vision of a future England which had left Industrialisation behind was first published in 1890.

Abridged in five parts by Donald Bancroft.

Read by David Burke.

William Morris (1834 - 1896) was an English designer, craftsman, poet, and early socialist.

His decorative designs greatly influenced the rise of the Arts and Crafts movement in England and revolutionised Victorian taste.

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1990.

MON 08:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076dbm)

6. The Punch and Judy Man

Fresh out of "finishing school", Joyce Pilton auditions for Professor Broadbent's Punch and Judy show and faces disaster! Starring Nerys Hughes.

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

Eirlys Richards Nerys Hughes

Matthew Dolan Russell Boulter

Theda Pilton Tina Gray

Professor Bernie Broadbent Chris Emmett

Joyce Pilton Tracy Wiles

Voices of Punch and Judy Guy Higgins

Director: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

MON 09:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m002yvs7)

Series 85

6. Yorkshire Sayings

The godfather of all panel shows returns to 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 Wild in the Garden (m002z6zy)

A Glade in the Urban Forest

Chris Baines looks at domestic gardens from the point of view of wildlife and discovers gardeners are recreating habitats for

an increasing number of animals.

He begins with the ultimate woodland edge dweller, the hedgehog.

Chris invites 'hedgehog scientist' Nigel Reeve into his own suburban garden in the Midlands to discover what makes the perfect environment for the creatures.

Producer: Brett Westwood

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002z700)

Beatitudes: Blessed are the poor in spirit

Christian reflection and music with Daisy Andoh Cunnell of Edinburgh University's School of Divinity.

Reading: Luke 18: 10-14

MON 10:00 The Tingle Factor (b07169t1)

Bryan Forbes

**** Bryan Forbes joins 4 Extra's 100 Club. Born 22nd July 1926 - he died aged 86 in 2013.

Film director, actor, screenwriter and novelist Bryan Forbes talks to Robin Ray about the music that moves him.

Recalling his life and career highlights, Bryan's selection includes the work of Puccini, John Barry and Elton John.

Producer: Emma Kingsley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.

MON 10:30 That Reminds Me (b007jz0c)

Series 1

Bill Pertwee

Comic actor Bill Pertwee recalls the early days of his showbiz career as he entertains an audience.

Featuring his memories of recording some of BBC's radio classic comedy series:

* Beyond Our Ken

* Round the Horne

* Dad's Army.

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999.

MON 11:00 Dick Francis (b007jpxx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b00h8qls)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 Control Group Six (b08lyslh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jqbr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 The Architects (b0536qr7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 News from Nowhere by William Morris (m002z6zw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076dbm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Wordaholics (b01rlmpt)

Series 2

Episode 1

Gyles Brandreth challenges his comedy panellists to display their knowledge of words and language.

Ready to vie for wordy supremacy in the ring:

Milton Jones

Natalie Haynes

Susie Dent

Alun Cochrane

Milton will be coining a new word to describe his fear of becoming a monk: 'cloisterphobia.

Alun's Yorkshire roots help him guess the meaning of the Polish word 'prozvonit'.

Susie explains the origin of the phrase 'gingering up'.

Natalie tries to ban the word 'guesstimate'.

Written by Jon Hunter and James Kettle

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.

MON 14:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076b38)

Series 2

Episode 1

Ever thought your partner was more interested in your friends than you?

If so, you're one step ahead of Cassie's new boyfriend and Pete's new girlfriend, who both have some surprises in store...

Starring Debra Stephenson and Dave Lamb

Amanda Murphy's comedy-drama series about Cassie and Pete, who'd make a great couple - if they weren't so busy being friends.

Cassie Debra Stephenson

Pete David Lamb

Dad Mike Grady

Mum Brigit Forsyth

Simon Shaun Dooley

PJ Brendan Burns

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

MON 15:00 Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery (b00rvxz8)

1. Anne with an 'E'

Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert have decided to adopt an orphan boy to help them on their farm.

Little do they expect the delivery of an impetuous, red-headed girl named Anne Shirley.

Lucy Maud Montgomery's classic tale of a young girl's struggles and joys as she settles into a Canadian farming community in the late 19th century.

First published in 1908.

Dramatised in five parts by Marcy Kahan

Anne Barbara Barnes

Marilla Susan Engel

Matthew Sean Baker

Mrs Blewett Shirley Dixon

Station Master Ioan Meredith

Rachel Ann Beach

Mrs Spencer Janet Maw

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.

MON 15:30 Some Tame Gazelle by Barbara Pym (m002z703)

2. Tea

Agatha goes to Karlsbad, leaving the coast clear for Belinda. But will she come running when the Archdeacon invites her to tea?

And who is Olivia Berridge?

Why does she keep sending socks to Mr Donne? Harriet is on the warpath and wants some answers.

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

Dramatised in six parts by Elizabeth Proud

Harriet Bede ... Miriam Margolyes

Belinda Bede ... Hannah Gordon

Mr Donne ... David Holt

Henry Hoccleve ... Peter Jeffrey

Agatha Hoccleve ... Elizabeth Proud

Miss Prior ... Hilda Schroder

Miss Jenner ... Jillie Meers

Emily ... Karla Goodman

Singers: Harvey Brough, Phyllida Hancock, Mary Lincoln

Musical direction by Malcolm McKee

Producer: Sioned William

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.

MON 16:00 The Tingle Factor (b07169t1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

MON 16:30 That Reminds Me (b007jz0c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

MON 17:00 Dick Francis (b007jpxx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 17:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b00h8qls)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 18:00 Control Group Six (b08lyslh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jqbr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 19:00 The Architects (b0536qr7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 19:30 News from Nowhere by William Morris (m002z6zw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076dbm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 20:00 Wordaholics (b01rlmpt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

MON 20:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076b38)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

MON 21:00 Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery (b00rvxz8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

MON 21:30 Some Tame Gazelle by Barbara Pym (m002z703)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 today]

MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m002yvs7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 22:30 Listen Against (b016x3gn)

Series 4

Episode 2

A week of radio that never happened.

Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes rewind and mangle real programmes

Written and created by Jon Holmes.

Listen Against is the comedy that takes the back off your radio and television, fiddles round with the programmes inside and then puts them all back the wrong way round.

With:

Kevin Eldon

Justin Edwards

Sarah Hadland

James Bachman

Kim Wall

David Mara

Written by Jon Holmes, Gareth Gwynn, John Hunter, James Kettle, Joel Morris and Jason Hazeley, Matt Chorlton, John Luke Roberts and Rachel Wheeley.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.

MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002z98k)

David Arnold 1/4

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats to composer David Arnold about writing the music to Little Britain.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m002yw8p)

Series 27

England out, Starmer out, School's out

The Dead Ringers team train their vocal firepower on the week's news. This week: England are out of the World Cup,

Starmer is out of office, and Katherine Jenkins has a potty mouth.
 Starring Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Lewis Macleod, Duncan Wisbey and Jess Robinson.
 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 (b00hg82b)
 Series 3
 The Expo
 Marvel at the meerkats, visit a new theme park....and one man must face 'The Curator'.
 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 21 JULY 2026

TUE 00:00 The Tingle Factor (b07l69t1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 That Reminds Me (b007jz0c)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Dick Francis (b007jpxx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b00h8qls)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 Control Group Six (b08lyslh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jqbr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 The Architects (b0536qr7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]
TUE 03:30 News from Nowhere by William Morris (m002z6zw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076dbm)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 Wordaholics (b01rlmpt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076b38)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery (b00rvxz8)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 Some Tame Gazelle by Barbara Pym (m002z703)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Dick Francis (b007jpyf)
 Bolt
 2. Horses Begin to Die
 Henri de Brescou is bent upon obtaining authority from the French Government to make plastic guns.
 Now he's making threats to Roland, Princess Casilia's frail and elderly husband...
 Starring Eric Allan, Sian Phillips and Elizabeth MacGovern.
 Dick Francis's racing thriller.
 Dramatised by John Ashe.
 Kit Fielding Eric Allan
 Princess Casilia Sian Phillips
 Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern
 Henri John Bull
 Roland Simon Carter
 Dusty Christian Rodska
 Thomas Steve Hodson
 Allardeck Bill Wallis
 Wykeham William Eedle
 Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994
TUE 06:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b00h8x8d)
 Series 2
 2. Cheat
 While Simon is struggling in his new status as don, the Dean finds his popularity with the students on the increase.
 Meanwhile, Gilbert faces the rather grave task of dealing with a student found cheating.
 And there's grim news for Simon...
 Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Samuel West.
 Mark Tavener's comedy thriller set in a small Cambridge college - riven by arguments between traditionalists and modernisers.
 Gilbert Geoffrey Palmer
 Simon Samuel West
 Zoe Sharon Small
 Bernard Jonathan Coy
 The Dean Michael Maloney
 With:
 Michelle Fairley
 Stephen Hogan
 Matt Green
 Anthony Glennon

Tom Price
 Zoe Gardner
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.
TUE 07:00 Yes Minister (b007jltg)
 Series 2
 The Greasy Pole
 Blending jobs with chemicals makes an explosive mixture for MP Jim Hacker.
 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
 Joan Little, MP Brenda Blethyn
 Sir Wally Macfarlane Freddie Earle
 Professor Henderson Jerome Willis
 Lord Crichton Geoffrey Toone
 Lady Crichton Helena Breck
 The Protector Helen Atkinson Wood
 Newsreader Moira Stuart
 Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.
TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jq35)
 Vintage Goons
 The Siege of Fort Night
 Seagoon sets off to ask Henry Crun to invent a waterproof gas stove.
 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 March 1958 by the BBC Transcription Service made for broadcast overseas.
TUE 08:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001dmzl)
 Series 7
 Caravan Conundrum
 Policeman turned comic Alfie Moore on being called to a camping site to investigate a suspected break-in.
 What he finds inside one caravan creates a storm of competing interests.
 Should Alfie follow the letter of the law, focus on police targets or be led by his empathy and common sense?
 What do you do when self-interest comes up against your personal morals?
 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 News from Nowhere by William Morris (m002z60k)
 2. Bright Morning in London
 Transported from 1890, William Guest travels across London where commercial morality is now extinct.
 First published in 1890, this is the author's utopian vision of a future England which had left Industrialisation behind.
 Abridged by Donald Bancroft.
 Read by David Burke.
 William Morris (1834 -1896) was an English designer, craftsman, poet, and early socialist.
 His decorative designs greatly influenced the rise of the Arts and Crafts movement in England and revolutionized Victorian taste.
 Producer: Marilyn Imrie
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1990.
TUE 08:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076dc1)
 7. The Town Clerk
 Will the bullying and lascivious town clerk of Llantwit-on-Sea, Owain Owen, get away with his financial scam?
 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
 Owain Owen Terry Molloy
 Alderman Lloyd-Meredith Ian Brooker
 Director: Sue Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
TUE 09:00 Meet David Sedaris (m001jszh)
 Series 9
 3. Pussytoes
 "Gretchen reaches into her purse and pulls out a palm sized black book... I mistake it for a pocket Bible, super-abbreviated, with only the good parts included, and just as I wonder, wait - what good parts? I realise it's for addresses, that it is, true to its colour and size, my father's Little Black Book."

This week there's just one essay, "Pussytoes" – Sedaris's response to the death of his father, Lou, about whom David has written, to great acclaim and occasional disbelief, many times in his long career. His father's decline in his later years had turned him from the monster recalled in earlier essays to a gentler person.
 "One of the things I'd heard again and again at the church that morning was, "Lou was a real character." A character is what you call a massively difficult person once he has reached the age of eighty-five. It's what Hitler might have been labelled had he lived another three decades."
 David Sedaris plays to packed houses across the world but loves coming back to his adopted home in the UK to record a selection of his most recent work for BBC Radio 4. "When I first started doing these shows, there were a lot of Americans in the room – but now there's just a few," he says. "It's a great feeling to have built an audience, here in the UK."
 Producer: Steve Doherty
 A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 09:30 Wild in the Garden (m002z60m)
 Feeding The Flocks
 A garden encounter with a sparrowhawk is short and often dramatic.
 As it makes a raid on the bird table, it often carries off one of the birds feeding there.
 Chris Baines invites ornithologist Andrew Cannon into his suburban garden to find out how the birds of prey reflect the health of the local bird population.
 Series looking at domestic gardens from the point of view of wildlife and how gardeners are recreating habitats for a growing number of animals and birds.
 Producer: Brett Westwood
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.
TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002z60p)
 Beatitudes - Blessed are those who mourn
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Beatitudes - Blessed are those who mourn
 Presenter: Imogen Ball
 Reading: Revelation 21: 1 - 7
 Music:
 Blessed assurance - Daily Service Singers
 Drop drop slow tears - Naomi BBC Young Chorister
 Alpha and Omega - Israel Houghton & Philippa Hanna (BBC Recording)
TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000sqhl)
 Twayna Mayne & Simon Savidge
 Comedian Twayna Mayne and books blogger Simon Savidge join Harriett Gilbert to discuss their favourite books by Claudia Rankine, Tayari Jones and Anne Enright.
 Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankine
 Publisher: Penguin
 An American Marriage by Tayari Jones
 Publisher: One World
 Actress by Anne Enright
 Publisher: Jonathan Cape
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.
TUE 10:30 Henry Cyril Paget: Lord Of The Dance (b00m36bl)
 As a child, Sheila McClennon spent her summer holidays in Anglesey, where she became obsessed with the story of the Fifth Marquis, Henry Cyril Paget.
 He was an extravagant eccentric who converted the chapel at his stately home into a theatre and spent enough to bankrupt the family in the space of six years.
 His was a life of jaw-dropping excess. After the bankruptcy, a series of auctions held to recoup some of the money he had spent lasted several months and consisted of 17,000 lots, including some of the most lavish costumes in existence and jewels worth millions of pounds in today's money.
 The family was keen to erase him from their history.
 Little has been known about him until now, as Sheila returns to the scene of her family holidays to find out more about the man dubbed by locals, 'The Mad Marquis'.
 Producer: Geoff Bird
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.
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TUE 13:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076dc1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
TUE 14:00 Hoax! (m002z60s)
 From 31/08/1993
 Christopher Timothy, John Wells and Peter Jones tell the stories, but only two are true.
 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 (b007k4wc)

Series 1

Episode 2

Brothers Nigel and Michael review a new website and Oonagh becomes a therapist.

Starring Adam Godley and Raymond Coulthard.

Comedy series about two dysfunctional brothers starting a website-design company

Written by Caroline and David Stafford.

Nigel Adam Godley

Michael Raymond Coulthard

Oonagh..... Pauline McLynn

Zorro Pearce Quigley

Sally Alice Hart

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

TUE 15:00 Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery (b00rw8p3)

2. Off To School

Anne finds a friend in a neighbour and an enemy at school as she confronts her tormentor Gilbert Blythe.

The classic tale of a young girl's struggles and joys as she settles into a Canadian farming community in the late 19th century.

Written by Lucy Maud Montgomery and first published in 1908.

Dramatised by Marcy Kahan

Anne Barbara Barnes

Diana Joanne MacInnes

Marilla Susan Engel

Matthew Sean Baker

Gilbert Robert Harper

Mr Philips / Doctor Kim Wall

Mrs Barry Alice Arnold

Rachel Ann Beach

Mrs Spencer Janet Maw

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1997.

TUE 15:30 Some Tame Gazelle by Barbara Pym (m002z60w)

3. Judgement Day

The rain brings unexpected guests and more gossip to the home of the sisters.

Harriet is still worried by the rumours about Mr Donne, but matters come to a head on the night he delivers the parish magazine.

Could a supper party be the place to get to know the new arrivals in the village – Dr Parnell and Mr Mold?

Based on the novel by Barbara Pym

Dramatised by Elizabeth Proud

Harriet Bede ... Miriam Margolyes

Belinda Bede ... Hannah Gordon

Mr Donne ... David Holt

Henry Hoccleve ... Peter Jeffrey

Dr Parnell ... Benjamin Whitrow

Edith Liversidge ... Josephine Tewson

Connie Aspinall ... Joanna David

Mrs Wilton ... Elizabeth Proud

Nat Mold ... Christopher Scott

Ricardo Bianco ... Geoffrey Matthews

Emily ... Karla Goodman

Singers: Harvey Brough, Phyllida Hancock, Mary Lincoln

Musical direction by Malcolm McKee

Produced by Sioned William

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

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TUE 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (m001jszh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 22:30 And the Winner Is... (b0106z05)

Series 2

Episode 3

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

Awards include the Lucas for Least Scary Tabloid Scare Story, Ghastliest Hairstyle Since Hair Was Invented and Most

Fanciable Cartoon Character.

Nominations are provided by Matt's guests:

Limmy

Holly Walsh

Marc Wootton

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 (m002z98p)

David Arnold 2/4

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats again to composer David Arnold about writing music for comedies.

TUE 23:00 All the World's a Globe (b007k4cp)

3. The Fall of Troy. The Rise of Greece

The Fall of Troy and the Rise of Greece

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.

With guest star Juliet Stevenson.

Written by Patrick Barlow, with additional material by Jim

Broadbent and Martin Duncan.

With thanks to

Patrick Barlow

Jim Broadbent

Martin Duncan

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1990.

TUE 23:15 Foley and McColl: The Interview (b0076d23)

Cool As You Like

The comedy duo behind the Morecambe and Wise tribute 'The

Play What I Wrote' are still telling all in their big interview with Michael Parkinson.

This time, the duo tell Parky about their dramatic showbiz bust-up.

Written by and starring Sean Foley and Hamish McColl.

With Michael Parkinson.

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

TUE 23:30 Edge Falls (b007tz5g)

Series 1

Gorilla Tactics

A man in a monkey suit, a Spirit of the Blitz theme and a hostage situation.

Can Mick save Sonya from a fate worse than working at the

Retail Village?

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

Phil Karl Theobald

Valerie Sarah Hadland

Old Jack Sam Dale

John/Jim Neil Warhurst

Tina Jasmine Callan

Old Woman Rachel Bavidge

Director: Sally Avens

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Bolt

3. Hostile Intelligence

Danielle de Brescou is followed and terrified by two men in

hoods.

Meanwhile two of Princess Casilia's finest racing horses are

slaughtered with a bolt gun...

Starring Eric Allan and Sian Phillips.

Dick Francis's racing thriller.

Dramatised by John Ashe.

Kit Fielding Eric Allan

Princess Casilia Sian Phillips

Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Henri John Bull

Roland Simon Carter

Dusty Christian Rodska

Wykeham William Eedle

Lord Vaughnley Gerry Hinks

Prince Liitsi Sam Dastor

Beatrice Bunt Margaret Robertson

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994

WED 06:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b00h9110)

Series 2

3. Death

One of the students has been found hanged in what appears to be a suicide - but Simon is not convinced.

He feels the college may once more have a murder on its

hands...

Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Samuel West.

Mark Tavener's comedy thriller set in a small Cambridge

college - riven by arguments between traditionalists and

modernisers.

Gilbert Geoffrey Palmer

Simon Samuel West

Zoe Sharon Small

Bernard Jonathan Coy

The Dean Michael Maloney

With:

Michelle Fairley

Rachel Atkins

Anthony Glennon

Elizabeth Bell

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

WED 07:00 After Henry (b007k2z7)

Series 2

Bedside Manners

'You hear of people going into hospital for simple routine tests, and then it turns out they've got something quite ghastly.'

Poorly Sarah's in hospital and must cope with visits from her

mother and daughter.

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

The Sister Deborah Findlay

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 September 1986.

WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k1f3)

Series 2

The Chef That Died of Shame

The regular Hancock cast play different characters - in the rise

and fall saga of a pie-stall cook, Percy Higgins.

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

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 Bridget Christie: Mortal (m000v2sx)

Birth

Following on from her hugely successful, award-winning series

– 'Minds The Gap' and 'Utopia', Bridget Christie turns her

attention to Mortality

Like many of us forced to work from home during Covid

In a collection of informative, personal and absurd recordings, she confronts the difficult questions most of us spend our lives avoiding - all whilst being interrupted by cats, chores, children, foxes and a plumber.

"Do twins share a soul or do they get one each?"

"Why don't we bury our placentas and plant a tree on top of them?"

"Who's blocked the toilet again?"

If you are mortal, then this is the show for you.

Written and performed by Bridget Christie

With guest appearances from:

* Bridget's dad

* Bridget's sister, Eileen

* Bridget's friend, Ash

Producer: Carl Cooper

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

WED 08:30 News from Nowhere by William Morris (m002z7cy)

3. The Road to Bloomsbury

William Guest struggles to come to terms with the utopian London of the twenty-first century....

William Morris's utopian vision of a future England which had left industrialisation behind was first published in 1890.

William Morris (1834 -1896) was an English designer, craftsman, poet, and early socialist. His decorative designs greatly influenced the rise of the Arts and Crafts movement in England and revolutionised Victorian taste.

Read by David Burke.

Abridged by Donald Bancroft.

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1990.

WED 08:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076dcl)

8. Mister Showbusiness

Joyce Pilton is sweet 16 and still star-struck, but will she fall into the clutches of seedy talent show host Larry Parry?

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

Dad Ian Brooker

Mother Tina Gray

Joyce Pilton Tracy Wiles

Director: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

WED 09:00 Ivo Graham's Obsessions (m0024f3x)

Series 1

5. Kat Sadler & Felix White

Comedian and obsessive Ivo Graham welcomes another 2 celebrity obsessive to talk about their greatest loves.

This week, Ivo is joined by writer and star of the BAFTA-winning *Such Brave Girls*, Kat Sadler, and former Maccabees guitarist and current *Tailenders* host, Felix White. Kat has seen Friends more times that you can count, but which of the friends is she most like? Felix discovered his love of Baseball whilst touring the states, and explains to Ivo why he should be just as obsessed with it as he is. Ivo also finds out what the studio audience's obsessions are, before being joined by a Very Obsessed Person, or VOP. Aaron Carty is a Beyonce obsessive, and has toured the world as a Beyonce drag impersonator - can you get more obsessed than that?

Hosted by Ivo Graham

Featuring Kat Sadler, Felix White and Aaron Carty

Written by Ivo Graham and Matthew Crosby

Additional Material by Cameron Loxdale, Christina Riggs and Peter Tellouche

Recorded at RADA Studios by Chris MacLean

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 Wild in the Garden (m002z7d0)

The Pollinators

Gardens are now more important than ever as habitats for pollinating insects.

Chris Baines learns how to build nest boxes for bumblebees and discovers the delights of backyard moth-trapping.

A look at domestic gardens from the point of view of wildlife and how gardeners are recreating habitats for an increasing number of animals.

Presented by Chris Baines

Produced by Brett Westwood

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002z7d2)

Beatitudes - Blessed are the meek

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

Theme: Beatitudes - Blessed are the meek

Presenter: David Waters

Reading: James 3: 13-18

Music:

O love that wilt not let me go - Daily Service Singers

Meekness and Majesty - Graham Kendrick

Greater than it all - Jake & Mates (BBC Recording)

WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m001gwv0)

Annie Nightingale's Age of Irreverence

A lifelong fan of both comedy and new music, Annie Nightingale looks at how, in the youth revolution of the late 50s and 60s onwards, British rock music and comedy were closely intertwined.

Starting with The Goon Show, she takes us on a personal tour of the pop culture scene that includes The Beatles, Beyond The Fringe and That Was The Week That Was, The Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band, Monty Python and The Rutles. We hear how a core group of British musicians and satirists influenced each other, sharing a similar view of the world and a fearless desire to disrupt and lampoon the political and social norms in which they'd been brought up.

Contributors include David Quantick, composer John Altman, comedy historian Jen Roberts, and 'Legs' Larry Smith of the Bonzos.

Producer: Victoria Ferran

Executive Producer: Susan Marling

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

WED 11:00 Dick Francis (b007jpyx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

WED 11:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b00h9110)

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WED 12:00 After Henry (b007k2z7)

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WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (m000lfq1)

Series 5

Philip Larkin

James Walton's literary quiz with Sebastian Faulks, John Walsh, Lynne Truss and Stephen Fry. From May 2002.

Author of the week: Philip Larkin

Reader: Beth Chalmers

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

WED 14:30 Bristow (b007vgv7)

Series 3

Chapter and Verse

As the Chester-Perry clerk writes for the house journal, he learns the meaning of poetic justice.

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

Hewitt Owen Brenman

Miss Sunman Katy Odey

Fudge Jon Glover

Postboy Simon Schatzberger

Hickford Roger Lloyd Pack

Liftboy Ian Kelland

Music: John Whitehall

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

WED 15:00 Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery (b00rwxkj)

3. A Kindred Spirit

The adventures of Anne continue as a new teacher arrives in town and Anne bakes an unfortunate cake.

The classic tale of a young orphan girl's struggles and joys as she settles into a Canadian farming community in the late 19th century.

Written by Lucy Maud Montgomery and first published in 1908.

Dramatised by Marcy Kahan

Anne Barbara Barnes

Diana Joanne MacInnes

Marilla Susan Engel

Matthew Sean Baker

Gilbert Robert Harper

Mr Phillips / Mr Barry Kim Wall

Miss Stacy Adjoa Andoh

Mrs Blewett Shirley Dixon

Rachel Ann Beach

Mrs Spencer Janet Maw

Ruby Sarah Wateridge

Josie Colleen Prendergast

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.

WED 15:30 Some Tame Gazelle by Barbara Pym (m002z7d5)

4. The Prime of Life

Mr Mold has a surprising proposition for Harriet. But is it enough for the confirmed spinster?

Meanwhile Belinda spends time with a rather cryptic Henry ahead of Agatha's return from Karlsbad with an old friend in

tow.

Based on the novel by Barbara Pym

Dramatised by Elizabeth Proud

Harriet Bede ... Miriam Margolyes

Belinda Bede ... Hannah Gordon

Mr Donne ... David Holt

Henry Hockleve ... Peter Jeffrey

Dr Parnell ... Benjamin Whitrow

Edith Liversidge ... Josephine Tewson

Theodore Grote ... Clive Merrison

Agatha Hockleve ... Elizabeth Proud

Nat Mold ... Christopher Scott

Singers: Harvey Brough, Phyllida Hancock, Mary Lincoln

Musical direction by Malcolm McKee

Producer: Sioned Wiliam

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in 1995.

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WED 22:30 Ken Cheng: I Can School You (m001tqtn)

3. Not an Exact Science

Comedian Ken Cheng focusses his analytical observations on school subjects.

In this episode, Ken explores Science lessons, and explores their current shortcomings. What could be tweaked in the classroom to make it truly interesting?

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 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002z98r)

David Arnold 3/4

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats again to

composer David Arnold about his comedy credentials.

WED 23:00 Dave Podmore (b007wqf2)

Dave Podmore's Cricket Night

Episode 2

Pod's attempts to find alternative employment after another poor season lead him to Whitecoats College.

Here, he faces the ultimate challenge of becoming a first-class umpire.

Written by Christopher Douglas, Nick Newman and Andrew Nickolds.

Pod Christopher Douglas

Andy Hamer Andrew Nickolds

With:

Nick Newman

Nichola Sanderson

Ewan Bailey

Chris Pavlo

John Kettleby

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2004.

WED 23:30 Dial M for Pizza (b007k2kx)

Series 2

Episode 2

More piping hot comedy serving up spicy sketches with Brenda Blethyn and Robert Bathurst.

Featuring talking cats, the "Adventures of Mr Makes a lot of Mistakes", and a side helping of university cutbacks.

Written by James Hendrie and Ian Brown.

Serving up the pizza fun:

Robert Bathurst

Brenda Blethyn

Mike Grady

Jonathan Kydd

Producer: David Tyler

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988.

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THU 06:00 Dick Francis (b007jpbz)

Bolt

4. The Killing Game

Prince Litsi faces terror, hanging by his finger tips from the top of the old stand at Bradbury racecourse.

Starring Eric Allan and Sian Phillips.

Dick Francis's racing thriller.

Dramatised by John Ashe.

Kit Fielding Eric Allan

Princess Casilia Sian Phillips

Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern

Roland Simon Carter

Dusty Christian Rodska

Wykeham William Eedle

Hodges Gerry Hinks

Prince Litsi Sam Dastor

Beatrice Bunt Margaret Robertson

Allardeck Bill Wallis

Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994

THU 06:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b00h9t26)

Series 2

4. Sidetracked

One of the students has confessed to murder, but Simon is not convinced he's guilty.

But the investigation is put on hold when Simon finds himself debating against a Government minister about modernisation.

Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Samuel West.

Mark Tavener's comedy thriller set in a small Cambridge college - riven by arguments between traditionalists and modernisers.

Gilbert Geoffrey Palmer

Simon Samuel West

Zoe Sharon Small

Bernard Jonathan Coy

The Dean Michael Maloney

With:

Stephen Hogan

Michelle Fairley

David Bannerman

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

THU 07:00 Capital Gains (b007qgnq)

Series 1

Risk Capital

Amateur philosopher, Julius Hutch is looking forward to spending his retirement just "pottering".

But one morning, he wakes early to find that his life is changed forever...

Starring Peter Jones.

First of two series written by Collin Johnson.

Julius Hutch Peter Jones

Mrs Pauline Tone Celestine Randall

Kate Justine Midda

Sexton Lewis Jeffrey Wickham

News Reader Collin Johnson

Producer: Andy Jordan.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

THU 07:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00r9214)

Series 2

Episode 9

Amazing secrets of the BBC revealed in Auntie's very own story.

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

Stars Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden, David Hatch, Jo Kendall and Bill Oddie.

Written by Tim Brooke-Taylor, Graeme Garden 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 and Bill Oddie.

Producer: Humphrey Barclay

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1965.

THU 08:00 Believe It! (m0017cqr)

Series 6

Stuff

Jon Canter's continuing "radiography" of Richard Wilson

explores elements of his life that are very nearly true.

Richard decides it's time to declutter his life.

One can only have so many gravy boats or Sibelius Symphonies.

Starring:

Richard Wilson

Stephen Mangan

Arabella Weir

Producer: Clive Brill

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

THU 08:30 News from Nowhere by William Morris (m002z604)

4. Boats on the Thames

William Guest, transported from 1890, questions how England

became the utopia of his dreams...

William Morris's utopian vision of a future England which had

left industrialisation behind was first published in 1890.

William Morris (1834 -1896) was an English designer,

craftsman, poet, and early socialist. His decorative designs

greatly influenced the rise of the Arts and Crafts movement in

England and revolutionised Victorian taste.

Read by David Burke.

Abridged by Donald Bancroft.

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1990.

THU 08:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076dd2)

9. The Holiday-Maker

A mysterious guest is staying at Theda Pilton's guesthouse and

Matthew is sent to solve the mystery.

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

Mother Tina Gray

Kalama Attercliffe Badria Timimi

Director: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

THU 09:00 P.O.V. (m002yxw3)

Series 2

S2 E5: A Friendly Reshuffle

This week in P.O.V., you'll hear audio sketches from the

internet's funniest video comedians, including a friendly

reshuffle, a nerve-wracking best man's speech, and an

intervention that's out of this world.

Written and performed by Jake Bhardwaj, Kylie Brakeman,

Stephen Buchanan, Cowboy Complex, Rachel Fairburn, Daniel

Foxy, Matt Green, Sooz Kempner, Will Sebag-Montefiore, Ed

Night & Paddy Young.

Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios and Guilt Free Post,

London; Sonido Studios, Clydebank; and Maximum Fun, Los

Angeles.

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 Wild in the Garden (m002z607)

Pools Winners

As country ponds are drained or polluted, what makes the ideal

des-res for frogs and toads in our back gardens?

Chris Baines takes a look at domestic gardens from the point of

view of wildlife and discovers how gardeners are re-creating

habitats for an increasing number of animals.

He introduces some of the residents of his suburban pond to

amphibian experts Jim Foster and Trevor Bebee.

Presented by Chris Baines

Produced by Brett Westwood

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002z60b)

Beatitudes - Blessed are those who hunger

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Beatitudes - Blessed are those who hunger

Presenter: Richard Carter

Reading: Luke 6: 20-23

THU 10:00 Great Lives (m000qy4c)

Rob Rinder on Jessica Mitford

Barrister and TV presenter Robert Rinder chooses the former

aristocrat turned civil rights activist and investigative journalist,

Jessica Mitford.

Jessica Mitford was the fifth born of the notorious Mitford

Sisters. Born into the aristocracy, as a child she had her own

language, collected a running-away fund and fought to set

herself apart from her fascist siblings. As an adult she was in

turn a communist rebel, an investigative journalist, a civil rights

activist and pop singer - opening a gig for Cyndi Lauper and

recording an unlikely duet with her friend and fellow mischief

maker Maya Angelou.

She's championed by Robert Rinder, the criminal barrister and

TV personality known to many from the reality courtroom

series 'Judge Rinder' and more recently, 'My Family, The

Holocaust and Me' who reveals the impact her story has had on

his own life.

Robert Rinder and presenter Matthew Parris are joined by guest

expert Laura Thompson, author of the New York Times best

seller, 'The Six: The Lives of the Mitford Sisters'.

Presenter: Matthew Parris

Producer: Nicola Humphries for BBC Bristol

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2021.

THU 10:30 Hairspray and Harmonies (b00hr5kt)

1. Gotta Sing!

Member groups of the Ladies Association of British

Barbershop Singers are due to battle it out against each other in

their 2008 competition in Harrogate.

Kit Hesketh Harvey attends rehearsals as the 60-strong chorus

of Birmingham-based 'Second City Sound' prepare to compete -

and put him through his musical paces.

In the first of two programmes, he talks to members of the

Chorus about how they got involved, while Pat Keiman explains

close harmony to him.

Kit also talks to Dr Liz Garnett who's written the definitive

book about barbershop singing.

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

THU 11:00 Dick Francis (b007jpbz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b00h9t26)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 12:00 Capital Gains (b007qgnq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00r9214)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 Believe It! (m0017cqr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 News from Nowhere by William Morris (m002z604)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076dd2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fy1g5)

Series 2

Episode 2

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 Natalie Haynes

battle it out against

John O'Farrell and Richard Herring.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

THU 14:30 The Change (b00nmtwl)

Series 1

Birth of the Blues

Sonia has her baby and, of course, George is over the moon at

being a grandfather - until, that is, a bombshell drops...

Comedy about troubled, hormonal Carol whose husband

George has revealed that he's a transvestite.

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 Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery (b00rxdcz)

4. Bad Hair Day

Anne attempts to alter her hair colour with disastrous results,

but sets her sights on a place at the Academy.

The classic tale of a young orphan girl's struggles and joys as

she settles into a Canadian farming community in the late 19th

century.

Written by Lucy Maud Montgomery and first published in

1908.

Dramatised by Marcy Kahan

Anne Barbara Barnes

Rachel Ann Beach

Gilbert Robert Harper

Matthew Sean Baker

Marilla Susan Engel

Josie Colleen Prendergast

Miss Stacy Adjoa Andoh

Jane Amanda Gordon

Mrs Blewett Shirley Dixon

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.

THU 15:30 Some Tame Gazelle by Barbara Pym (m002z60g)

5. Tribal Customs

The Bishop presents his patronising slide show of the Mbawawa

people. Harriet and Theo meet at the show, but nothing is as it

seems.

And why is Mr Donne going away?

Based on the novel by Barbara Pym

Dramatised by Elizabeth Proud
 Harriet Bede ... Miriam Margolyes
 Belinda Bede ... Hannah Gordon
 Mr Donne ... David Holt
 Henry Hoccleve ... Peter Jeffrey
 Edith Liversidge ... Josephine Tewson
 Theodore Grote ... Clive Merrison
 Agatha Hoccleve ... Elizabeth Proud
 Connie Aspinall ... Joanna David
 Emily ... Karla Goodman
 Singers: Harvey Brough, Phyllida Hancock, Mary Lincoln
 Musical direction by Malcolm McKee
 Producer: Sioned Wiliam
 First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in 1995.
THU 16:00 Great Lives (m000qy4c)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:30 Hairspray and Harmonies (b00hr5kt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
THU 17:00 Dick Francis (b007jpbz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 17:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b00h9t26)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 18:00 Capital Gains (b007qgnq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
THU 18:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00r92l4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
THU 19:00 Believe It! (m0017cqr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 19:30 News from Nowhere by William Morris (m002z604)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 19:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076dd2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
THU 20:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fy1g5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
THU 20:30 The Change (b00nmtwl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
THU 21:00 Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery (b00rxdzc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
THU 21:30 Some Tame Gazelle by Barbara Pym (m002z60g)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 today]
THU 22:00 P.O.V. (m002yxw3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 22:30 1966 and All That (b01075px)
 The 1940s
 The French Resistance struggle to victory under General de Gaulle.
 Hitler gets stuck in a bunker with his Gerbil.
 And John Humphrys interviews Winston Churchill.
 Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain reaches the 1940s.
 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 (m002z98m)
 David Arnold 4/4
 From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Paul Garner chats to David Arnold about writing the music for Bond... James Bond.
THU 23:00 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b096gspx)
 Series 2
 Case #96 - Community Disservice
 The return of acclaimed double-act Max and Ivan as incompetent private detectives for hire.
 Joanna Lumley guest stars.
 The detectives investigate a series of mysterious thefts which threaten the very future of Nunhead Community Centre.
 Assisted by the permanently tired caretaker Gerry, they track the chief suspect, washed-up former B-Movie actress Lavinia Moncrief and eventually have to go undercover to infiltrate her bizarre acting classes. Also featuring bell ringers, hypnotism and a mutant komodo dragon.
 Written by and starring Max Olesker and Ivan Gonzalez.
 Max Max Olesker
 Ivan Ivan Gonzalez
 Lavinia Moncrief Joanna Lumley
 Gerry Glossop David Reed
 Andromedo David Reed
 Battle re-enactor David Reed
 Narrator Lewis Macleod
 Malcolm McMichaelmas Lewis Macleod
 Soulless Property Developer Lewis Macleod
 Janet from the Council Lolly Adefope
 Bell-ringer Lolly Adefope
 Developed by John Stanley Productions.
 Producer: Ben Walker
 A Retort production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2017.
THU 23:30 Small Scenes (m0002r4w)
 Series 4
 Episode 3

A visit to the World Small Talk Championships and uncover a nationwide drug network that operates along the rambling paths of Great Britain.
 Symphonious sketch show.
 Starring:
 Daniel Rigby
 Mike Wozniak
 Cariad Lloyd
 Henry Parker
 Freya Parker
 Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer
 A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2019.

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FRI 00:00 Great Lives (m000qy4c)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Hairspray and Harmonies (b00hr5kt)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Dick Francis (b007jpbz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b00h9t26)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Capital Gains (b007qgnq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 I'm Sorry, I'll Read That Again (b00r92l4)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 Believe It! (m0017cqr)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]
FRI 03:30 News from Nowhere by William Morris (m002z604)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076dd2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fy1g5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]
FRI 04:30 The Change (b00nmtwl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery (b00rxdzc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]
FRI 05:30 Some Tame Gazelle by Barbara Pym (m002z60g)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Dick Francis (b007qg3v)
 Bolt
 5. Nemesis for Two
 Champion jockey Kit Fielding gets wind that Henri de Bescou plans to kill more horses.
 Kit is determined to put a stop to this needless slaughter.
 Starring Eric Allan and Sian Phillips.
 Conclusion of Dick Francis's racing thriller.
 Dramatised by John Ashe.
 Kit Fielding Eric Allan
 Princess Casilia Sian Phillips
 Danielle Elizabeth MacGovern
 Roland Simon Carter
 Wykeham William Eedle
 Prince Litsi Sam Dastor
 Henri John Bull
 Greening Jack May
 Thomas Steve Hodson
 Beatrice Bunt Margaret Robertson
 Allardeck Bill Wallis
 Directed by Shaun MacLoughlin at BBC Pebble Mill.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1994.
FRI 06:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b00hdfdn)
 Series 2
 5. Relish
 While Simon is distracted with his murder investigation, the fellows find themselves undergoing individual performance assessments.
 The Master finds the whole idea appalling. The Dean, on the other hand, seems to be relishing every moment
 Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Samuel West.
 Mark Tavener's comedy thriller set in a small Cambridge college - riven by arguments between traditionalists and modernisers.
 Gilbert Geoffrey Palmer
 Simon Samuel West
 Zoe Sharon Small
 Bernard Jonathan Coy
 The Dean Michael Maloney
 With:
 Michelle Fairley
 Kim Wall
 Rachel Atkins
 Thomas Wheatley
 Anthony Glennon
 Zoe Gardner
 Tom Price
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.
FRI 07:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00vdbms)
 Series 5
 Episode 3
 Scandal rocks the Parish Council, but can they keep it off the

front pages?
 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
 Producer: Lissa Evans
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.
FRI 07:30 Beyond Our Ken (m002z68n)
 Series 5
 Episode 1
 Kenneth Horne has an unusual holiday encounter and Hornerama looks at entertainment - are theatre stars losing their lustre?
 A madcap mix of sketches and songs written by Eric Merriman.
 Starring:
 Kenneth Horne
 Kenneth Williams
 Hugh Paddick
 Betty Marsden
 Bill Pertwee
 Music from Jill Day, The Fraser Hayes Four and the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.
 Incidental music by Edwin Braden.
 Announcer: Douglas Smith
 Beyond Our Ken hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 - featuring regulars like Arthur Fallowfield, Cecil Snaith and Rodney and Charles.
 Producer: Jacques Brown
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1961.

 Restored and remastered by Ted Kendall and Keith Wickham for BBC Audio.
 From BBC Light Programme and BBC Transcription Service recordings for overseas.
FRI 08:00 The Confessional (m001g9sm)
 Series 3
 The Confession of Neil Dudgeon
 Midsomer Murders star, Neil Dudgeon reveals some toe curling tales about his past - including that time in hospital...
 Stephen Mangan hosts his comedy chat show about shame, guilt and occasional repentance.
 Each episode, Stephen invites a distinguished guest into his virtual confessional box to make three 'confessions' to him.
 An antidote to conventional talk shows, the guests' stories don't reflect their proudest moments. Stephen wants them to open up about their darker side - however much they may squirm.
 Written and presented by Stephen Mangan
 With additional material by Nick Doody
 Producer: Frank Stirling
 A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2022.
FRI 08:30 News from Nowhere by William Morris (m002z68r)
 5. Journey's End at Kelmscott
 Can William Guest, transported from 1890, come to terms with having to leave the England of his dreams?
 William Morris's utopian vision of a future England which had left industrialisation behind was first published in 1890.
 William Morris (1834 - 1896) was an English designer, craftsman, poet, and early socialist. His decorative designs greatly influenced the rise of the Arts and Crafts movement in England and revolutionised Victorian taste.
 Read by David Burke.
 Abridged by Donald Bancroft.
 Producer: Marilyn Imrie
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1990.
FRI 08:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076ddm)
 10. Absent Without Leave
 It seems that Matthew's past is about to catch up with him when a mystery army sergeant arrives in town.
 Starring Nerys Hughes.
 Conclusion of 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
 Arnold Pilton Christopher Scott
 Cox'n Hughes Andy Hockley
 Attercliffe David Bannerman
 Director: Sue Wilson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
FRI 09:00 Parish Matters (m0025bdo)
 3. 'Bring back hanging?'
 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 in a state of total lawlessness when the best and

only cop in town goes on holiday and the council meets to discuss law and order. Can they bring this period of chaos to an end? The restrictive curfew is a political hot potato while inventive self-defence classes are proposed and the efficacy of the Parish rehabilitation program is called into question. The council hotly debates the culprit behind the spate of cat burglaries - could it be the same person responsible for the unfolding hostage situation? And can the best (and only) cop in town ever solve the mystery of the missing uniform?

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 Flanigan, 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 Wild in the Garden (m002z68t)

The Biggest Nature Reserve of All

Chris Baines explores the collective importance of gardens for wildlife and suggests considering them as habitats in their own right.

In the final episode in the series he meets experts gathering the data from our towns and cities and explores how changes in farming are driving more birds, animals and insects into urban areas.

Presented by Chris Baines

Produced by Brett Westwood

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002z68w)

Beatitudes - Blessed are the merciful

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

Theme: Beatitudes - Blessed are the merciful

Presenter: Sandra Godley

Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Music:

By the streams - Jonathan Ogden

What a friend we have in Jesus - Lou Fellingham

I need you - Volney Morgan and New Ye

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b0076xj6)

Widor's Toccata

Ever since Widor's Toccata was included in two Royal wedding ceremonies in the 1960's, this display of fireworks at the organ has become a firm favourite for married couples to exit the Church by in the UK.

Organist Thomas Trotter dissects the music and dispels the myths about playing Widor's Toccata. Organist Daniel Roth explains what it's like to be Widor's direct successor as present day organist at the St Sulpice in Paris. And record producer Simon Cooper talks about hearing a synthesized version of the piece as a 7 year old which switched him on to music for the first time and led him to become a composer himself

Featuring:

Thomas Trotter

John Berry

Simon Cooper

Daniel Roth

Dr Francis Jackson

Katherine Dienes

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 March 2006.

FRI 10:30 Hairspray and Harmonies (b00hv33b)

2. Gotta Win!

Kit Hesketh-Harvey is back with the Birmingham-based chorus Second City Sound.

Can they win a medal at the Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers contest in Harrogate?

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

FRI 11:00 Dick Francis (b007qg3v)

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FRI 13:30 News from Nowhere by William Morris (m002z68r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:45 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (b0076ddm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m001jc23)

Series 17

Episode 1

The Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his new curator Anna Ptaszynski (podcaster - No Such Thing As A Fish) welcome:

* Australian entrepreneur Bill Liao

* Actress Miriam Margolyes OBE

* Comedian Chris McCausland, who lost his sight aged 22

The Museum's Guest Committee speculate inspiring questions such as: What is the best record? What would your favourite, long dead, author write about now? And how could a fruit fly

save your life?

This series of The Museum of Curiosity has been recorded remotely.

The Museum's exhibits were catalogued by Mike Turner, Mandy Fenton and Lydia Mizon of QI.

Exec Producer: James Robinson

Producer: Sam Holmes & Lying Lee

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

FRI 14:30 Millport (b0076b7f)

Series 3

Reinstatement

As the first ferry of the holiday season arrives - why is Irene back on the island?

The return of the bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson.

Barmaid Irene Bruce is 30-something and hankering after a better life on the mainland.

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moir/Agnes Janet Brown

Alberto/Dr Hume/Ferryman Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley

Minister Robert Patterson

Dougie Kenneth Bryans

Music arranged by Olly Fox.

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2002.

FRI 15:00 Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery (b00rxk51)

5. Anne goes to College

As Anne settles into teacher training and further academic studies beckon, tragedy strikes at Green Gables.

The classic tale of a young orphan girl's adventures after arriving in a Canadian farming community in the late 19th century.

Written by Lucy Maud Montgomery and first published in 1908.

Dramatised by Marcy Kahan

Anne Barbara Barnes

Aunt Josephine Shirley Dixon

Miss Stacy / Organiser Adjoa Andoh

Josie Colleen Prendergast

Rachel Ann Beach

Gilbert Robert Harper

Matthew Sean Baker

Marilla Susan Engel

Ruby Sarah Wateridge

Jane Amanda Gordon

Diana Joanne MacInnes

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1997.

FRI 15:30 Some Tame Gazelle by Barbara Pym (m002z68z)

6. A Fish in Sheep's Clothing

Belinda makes a momentous discovery about Agatha and the truth is revealed about Olivia Berridge and Mr Donne.

Another year turns.

Based on the novel by Barbara Pym

Dramatised by Elizabeth Proud

Harriet Bede ... Miriam Margolyes

Belinda Bede ... Hannah Gordon

Mr Donne ... David Holt

Henry Hoccleve ... Peter Jeffrey

Edith Liversidge ... Josephine Tewson

Theodore Grote ... Clive Merrison

Agatha Hoccleve ... Elizabeth Proud

Connie Aspinall ... Joanna David

Ricardo Bianco ... Geoffrey Matthews

Miss Prior ... Hilda Schroder

Miss Jenner ... Jillie Meers

Olivia Berridge ... Laura Bazeley

Singers: Harvey Brough, Phyllida Hancock, Mary Lincoln

Musical direction by Malcolm McKee

Producer: Sioned Wiliam

First broadcast in BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.

FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b0076xj6)

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FRI 20:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m001jc23)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Millport (b0076b7f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery

(b00rxk51)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 21:30 Some Tame Gazelle by Barbara Pym (m002z68z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 today]

FRI 22:00 Parish Matters (m0025bd0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 22:30 Becoming Njambi (m000zsq4)

Who Am I?

Kenyan-born comedian Njambi McGrath goes on a challenging journey of self-discovery, as she traces the roots of her upbringing and the British influences that shaped her life. Njambi explores the history of British colonisation of her home country and how it directly impacted her father's life, and subsequently her own.

Njambi shares the story of meeting her husband, starting a family and moving to the UK and becoming the talk of the town.

Produced by Julia Sutherland

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

FRI 22:45 Rhys James (b09m10bz)

Rhys James Is ...

Privileged

Comedian Rhys James explores different aspects of himself through live stand up, spoken word poetry and interview clips. In this opening episode, he examines his privileged status and chats to his mum and dad.

Written and performed by Rhys James

Music by Steve Dunne.

Sound by David Thomas.

Producer: Carl Cooper

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

FRI 23:00 Vent (b01f9xz7)

Series 3

Stirrings in the Night

Ben and Mary's love life is in jeopardy, so Blitz recruits Lord Byron to offer the couple some useful relationship advice.

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/Lord Byron Spencer Brown

Bea Scarlett Milburn-Smith

Director: Nigel Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.

FRI 23:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00nyw10)

Series 3

Episode 2

Olga the ex-tyrant takes on a British Post Office - and a man tries to buy his mother a gift in an expensive department store. Plus Sandrine, the Parisian radio host, chats about why French culture is much better than the culture of say, Britain.

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

With:

Rosie Cavaliero

Ben Moor

Ben Willbond

Written by Laura Solon.

With additional material by Charlie Miller, John-Luke Roberts and Gareth Gwyn

Script Editor: Jeremy Dyson

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.