

SATURDAY 25 JULY 2026

SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b0076xj6)

Widor's Toccata

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.

SAT 00:30 Hairspray and Harmonies (b00hv33b)

2. Gotta Win!

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

In this concluding programme, 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.

SAT 01:00 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 try and 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.

SAT 01:30 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.

SAT 02:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00vdbsm)

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.

SAT 02:30 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.

SAT 03:00 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.

SAT 03:30 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?

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

Abridged by Donald Bancroft.

Concluded 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.

SAT 03:45 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 Ivan 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.

SAT 04:00 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 QL

Exec Producer: James Robinson

Producer: Sam Holmes & Leying Lee

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

SAT 04:30 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.

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

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moirra/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.

SAT 05:00 Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery (b00rxk51)

5. Anne goes to College

Anne settles into teacher training and further academic studies beckon.

But tragedy strikes at Green Gables...

Conclusion of Lucy Maud Montgomery's classic tale of a young girl's struggles and joys as she settles into a Canadian farming community.

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.

SAT 05:30 Some Tame Gazelle by Barbara Pym (m002z68z)

6. A Fish in Sheep's Clothing

Belinda makes a momentous discovery about Agatha, the

Archdeacon's wife!

And the truth is revealed about Olivia Berridge and Mr Donne.

Another year turns...

Based on the novel by Barbara Pym

Conclusion dramatised by Elizabeth Proud

Harriet Bede ... Miriam Margolyes

Belinda Bede ... Hannah Gordon

Mr Donne ... David Holt

Henry Hockleve ... Peter Jeffrey

Edith Liversidge ... Josephine Tewson

Theodore Grote ... Clive Merrison

Agatha Hockleve ... 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.

SAT 06:00 The Deep Blue Sea by Terence Rattigan (m002zdyh)

Hester Collyer, wife of Sir William, is discovered slumped, apparently dead, in front of a gas fire in her dingy flat in west London.

What has brought an attractive, well-liked woman to such a low ebb?

Starring Alexandra Gilbreath, Adam Kotz and Hugh Quarshie.

One of Sir Terence Rattigan's most enduring plays was first performed on the London stage in 1952 with Dame Peggy

Ashcroft and Kenneth More.

Based on events in the playwright's own life, it explores the damaging effects of repressed emotions and unrequited love...

Hester Collyer Alexandra Gilbreath

Freddie Page Adam Kotz

William Collyer Hugh Quarshie

Mr Miller Jon Strickland

Jackie Jackson Paul Ritter

Philip Welch Tim Treloar

Ann Welch Diane O'Kelly

Mrs Elton June Watson

Director: Mary Peate

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

SAT 07:15 Short Works (m001mtfg)

Stay the Course by Dima Alazayat

A walk in the park stirs up some uncomfortable memories and raises difficult questions of identity.

Written by Dima Alazayat.

Read by Hasan Dixon.

Producer: Nicola Holloway

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 June 2023.

SAT 07:30 Victorian Love Stories (Omnibus) (m002zt8)

A collection of Victorian love stories by Oscar Wilde, George Egerton, Ellen T Fowler, Henry Harland and Ernest Dowson. Tales of requited and unrequited passion. Omnibus of five stories.

Oscar Wilde: THE NIGHTINGALE AND THE ROSE

A young man needs a red rose to woo his love, and a nightingale makes the ultimate sacrifice to procure the bloom.

Read by Jo James.

George Egerton: A LITTLE GREY GLOVE

A rich man falls hook, line and sinker for a mysterious married woman beside a river bank.

Read by Simon Tait.

Ellen T Fowler: AN OLD WIFE'S TALE

A man recounts how he saved his wife-to-be in a house fire but could not save her sister...

Read by Hilary Neville.

Henry Harland: FLOWERS O' THE QUINCE

An aristocrat returns to England from Panama to succeed as lord of a grand estate, after his sudden inexplicable disappearance abroad more than 30 years ago...

Read by Joanna Tope.

Ernest Dowson: THE STATUE OF LIMITATIONS

A man who's worked in Chile for 15 years grows increasingly apprehensive at the thought of seeing the faded beauty of his fiancée when he returns to England.

Read by Jimmy Chishol.

Producer: Julia Butt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

SAT 08:45 Inner Voices (b09w2369)

Series 3

The Expedition by Dylan Moran

A man decides that he and his wife need a bit of distance. So he undertakes an arduous Arctic expedition with her brother.

Written and performed by Dylan Moran.

Series of character monologues by top UK comics.

Director: Liz Webb

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

SAT 09:00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (b007jrr4)

Series 2

4. Getting It Together

The dear ladies struggle trying to build a flat-pack settee.

Starring Dame Hilda Bracket and her lifelong companion Dr Evadne Hinge.

Another extract of life from the genteel setting of the Stackton Tressel - the Suffolk village where the musical duo reside.

Written by Gerald Frow.

Dame Hilda Bracket George Logan

Dr Evadne Hinge Patrick Fyffe

Maud Daphne Heard

Special guest: Graham Stark

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 (b007k33c)

Series 1

Judgement Summons

Rookie barrister Roger Thursby finds himself defending a fortunate debtor.

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

Judge Perkins Thorley Walters

Mr Starling John Junkin

Mrs Starling Denise Coffey

Other parts played by:

Patricia Gallimore

Alan Barry

John Gabriel

Malcolm Hayes

Audio from restored from BBC Transcription Service tapes - originally edited for sale abroad.

Producer: David Hatch.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1970.

SAT 10:00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em - A Celebration of a Comedy Classic (b074bg38)

'Ooh Betty!'

It's time to celebrate the BBC's hit TV comedy about the disaster-prone lives of hapless Frank Spencer and his long-suffering wife Betty.

Created by Ray Allen, it ran for 22 episodes over three series from 1973-78, starring Michael Crawford and Michele Dotrice – spanning a host of catchphrases and impersonators.

In this behind-the-scenes documentary, scriptwriter Ray reveals his difficulty in getting the show commissioned – and how Michael Crawford wasn't first choice to play Frank.

The show's legendary daring stunts were co-ordinated by Stuart Fell who admits it was 'ambitious for the BBC' at the time.

Michele Dotrice recalls how filming on the edge of a cliff was 'a bit hairy' and reveals her mother's reaction when the stunt hit TV screens.

Classic clips and rare archive appearances are interwoven amongst fresh and in-depth interviews in this celebration of the BBC's much-loved comedy classic.

Presented and produced by Richard Latto.

First broadcast on BBC Radio Solent in 2015.

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SAT 14:00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (b007jrr4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 Brothers in Law (b007k33c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em - A Celebration of a Comedy Classic (b074bg38)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 The Shout by Robert Graves (m002zdyk)

A man believes he has the power to "shout" people to death. Charles Crossley is convinced he can split their souls into pieces.

During a country cricket match between the patients of the psychiatric hospital where he resides and the local villagers, Charles tells the story of his magical powers.

He also reveals the effect it had on a local couple, Richard and Rachel, who inadvisedly invited him to their home.

Stars David Suchet, Nigel Anthony and Janet Maw.

Robert Graves' sinister supernatural story, first published in 1929.

Dramatised by Martyn Wade.

Charles Crossley David Suchet

Richard Nigel Anthony

Rachel Janet Maw

David Geoffrey Bevers

George / Mr Austin William Eedle

Susan Deborah Makepeace

Mary Natasha Pyne

Pauline Elaine Claxton

Mother Avril Clark

Cricket Captain Stuart Organ

Player Stephen Hattersley

Music and sound: Roger Limb - BBC Radiophonic Workshop

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1986.

SAT 17:00 The Deep Blue Sea by Terence Rattigan (m002zdyh)

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SAT 18:15 Short Works (m001mtff)

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SAT 18:30 Victorian Love Stories (Omnibus) (m002zt8)

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SAT 19:45 Inner Voices (b09w2369)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket (b007jrr4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 Brothers in Law (b007k33c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em - A Celebration of a Comedy Classic (b074bg38)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Any Bloke (b007jyzg)

Series 2

Dream Catcher

Phil and Sarah face new challenges.

And Phil gets told off for not wearing his empathy womb at his partner's antenatal class.

Starring Jim Sweeney and Caroline Quentin

Return of Gary Brown's comedy series about family life in the 1990s.

Phil.....Jim Sweeney

Sarah....Caroline Quentin

Fay....Sara Kestelman

Liam....Steve Steen

Gerald....Lloyd Peters

Len Brian Glover

Sophie....Nadine Balantyne

Midwife Kim Barry

Other parts played by:

Jonathan Keeble

Ian Masters

Eva Stuart

Rachel Atkins

Sarah Jane Holm

Producer: Ann Jobson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1995.

SAT 22:30 Tim Key's Poetry Programme (m000gsmj)

Series 5

Bunny

Tim Key broadcasts live from deep within Skuzzler's Bell, a cave network in Austria.

It's the site of an infamous expedition made some 40-odd years ago by Tim's father.

But the water's rising, there's no obvious means to escape and in the darkness, someone is waiting to take revenge.

Written and presented by Tim Key.

Key Tim Key

Lord Tom Basden

Megan Katy Wix

Bunny Karl Johnson

Producer: James Robinson

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

SAT 23:00 Tom Wigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b06qkp8n)

Series 3

Profit and Loss

Mr and Mrs Wigglesworth receive some bad news about a friend while Granny helps Tom with a "gambling situation".

Sitcom where Tom Wigglesworth phones home for his weekly check-in with his Mum, Dad and Gran, giving us a glimpse into his family background and the influences that have shaped his temperament, opinions and hang-ups.

Tom Tom Wigglesworth

Dad Paul Copley

Mum Kate Anthony

Granny Elizabeth Bennett

Written by Tom Wigglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles Jupp

Producer: Richard Morris

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

SAT 23:30 Radio Active (b007k3ny)

Series 6

Bogie Awards

The stars are out for the Bogies!

Who'll win the much coveted gold-plated awards?

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 Michael Fenton-Stevens.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.

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SUN 05:00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em - A Celebration of a Comedy Classic (b074bg38)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002zdy9)

Nautical Castaways

Dame Katherine Grainger

Olympian and rower Dame Katherine Grainger is castaway by Kirsty Young.

A six-time rowing World Champion across a variety of classes, her silver medal at Rio in 2016 made her the most successful female British Olympic athlete ever, having won medals in five consecutive games.

Born in Glasgow in 1975, Katherine's parents were teachers. At school she earned a black belt in karate, and it wasn't until she went to Edinburgh University that her passion for rowing was truly ignited.

Winning silver medals at the Sydney, Athens and Beijing Olympics, Katherine finally ceased to be the sport's eternal bridesmaid when, with her partner Anna Watkins, she won gold in the Double Sculls at the 2012 London Olympics. After two years away from the sport, Katherine returned in 2014, to win her fourth silver and fifth overall Olympic medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics with her new partner, Vicky Thornley.

Alongside her sporting achievements, she gained an Honours degree in Law from Edinburgh, a Masters in Medical Law from Glasgow University and was awarded a PhD in Homicide Sentencing from King's College London in 2013. She was made the fourth Chancellor of Oxford Brookes University in 2015 and became a Dame in the 2017 New Year Honours.

DISC ONE: Tina Turner - Proud Mary

DISC TWO: Miriam Makeba - Pata Pata

DISC THREE: Les Miserables Original London Cast - Claude-Michel Schonberg's One Day More
DISC FOUR: Elvis Presley - If I Can Dream
DISC FIVE: Texas - Halo
DISC SIX: The Waterboys - The Whole of the Moon
DISC SEVEN: Dusty Springfield - You Don't Own Me
DISC EIGHT: Elbow - One Day Like This
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Elvis Presley - If I Can Dream
BOOK CHOICE: Book of Quotations
LUXURY CHOICE: Archive of past Sunday papers
Producer: Cathy Drysdale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2017.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00kr7bp)
Series 1
Sloths
Sir David muses on the natural history of the sloth
It's perhaps the most lethargic beast in the animal world, and one that he has admitted to wanting to be.
Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.
Producer: Julian Hector
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2009.
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m002zdye)
Poetry Please - William Blake
Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Poetry Please featuring William Blake.
Roger McGough celebrates the birth of William Blake with a selection of his most popular verse, read by Samuel West, Janet Suzman and David Collins.
Producer – Peter Everett
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.
SUN 07:30 News from Nowhere by William Morris (Omnibus) (m002zdyf)
1890: William Guest dreams it's the early 2000s and England has changed...
First published in 1890, William Morris's utopian vision of a future England which had left industrialisation behind.
Omnibus of five episodes 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 revolutionised Victorian taste.
Producer: Marilyn Imrie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1990.
SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m000l9mt)
Soweto Kinch
Saxophonist Soweto Kinch chooses 'Snake Hip Swing' by Ken 'Snake Hips' Johnson and 'Pffat Time' by Steve Williamson.
SUN 08:50 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (Omnibus) (b0bhfnpj)
Episode 2
Fresh out of "finishing school", Joyce Pilton auditions for Professor Broadbent's Punch and Judy show, with disastrous results...
Starring Nerys Hughes.
Continuing Christopher Denys' series set in the 1950s heyday of the Great British seaside holiday.
Omnibus of the last five of ten-parts
Eirlys Richards Nerys Hughes
Matthew Dolan Russell Boulter
Theda Pilton/Mother Tina Gray
Dad Ian Brooker
Professor Bernie Broadbent Chris Emmett
Joyce Pilton Tracy Wiles
Voice of Punch and Judy Guy Higgins
Iorweth Jenkins Iwan Thomas
Owain Owen Terry Molloy
Alderman Lloyd-Meredith Ian Brooker
Cox'n Hughes Andy Hockley
Kalama Attercliffe Badria Timimi
Arnold Pilton Christopher Scott
Cox'n Hughes Andy Hockley
Attercliffe David Bannerman
Director: Sue Wilson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.
SUN 10:00 Know Your Place (b0195ds4)
Jumpers
Will Ramsay have the head for heights for a dangerous 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
Joe Dunlop
James Taylor
Frances Jeater
Producer: Edward Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1983.
SUN 10:30 Take It From Here (b0b0552g)
From 25/10/1955
The Glums plan to open a sweet shop, and Madam Butterfly as you've never heard it before...

Starring:
Professor Jimmy Edwards
Dick Bentley
June Whitfield
Alma Cogan
Wallace Eton
Music from The Keynotes and Charles Shadwell and BBC Revue Orchestra
Announcer: David Dunhill
Written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.
Producer: Charles Maxwell
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1955.
SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002zdy9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
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SUN 16:00 London Bridge by Nick Perry (b02x93db)
In the future, the city of London is divided in two.
North of the River Thames is a virtual police state, while the South is a lawless no-go area ruled by criminal gangs.
When the body of young boy washes up on the banks of the river, a police detective must cross the dangerous divide in the search for his killers...
Starring Justin Salinger, Tim McMullan and Nicholas Murchie.
Dystopic vision of London written by Nick Perry.
Preston Justin Salinger
Ellis Tim McMullan
Archer Nicholas Murchie
Amory Robert Blythe
Mrs Roberts Gabrielle Reidy
Paul Roberts Jerome Holder
Smith Michael Shelford
Hajee Will Howard
Pathologist Joanna Brookes
Medic Hannah Wood
Martha Philippa Stanton
Christopher Isaac Andrews
Security Guard Ben Crowe
Director: Sasha Yevtushenko
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2013.
SUN 16:45 Summer Ghosts (b013835j)
The Queen of Craigielee by Louise Welsh
"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 death were right and fair - they've been redeemed by death. They were evil while alive..."
Series of commissioned stories aiming to present 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?
Louise Welsh's story is read by Tracy Wiles.
Photographing the deserted tower block means going to its 30th floor.
It isn't really the place to be...
Producer: Duncan Minshall
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.
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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today]
SUN 19:50 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (Omnibus) (b0bhfnpj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today]
SUN 21:00 Know Your Place (b0195ds4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:30 Take It From Here (b0b0552g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
SUN 22:00 Revolting People (b00fnrmh)
Series 2
And Yet Even More Trying Times
Samuel is left a fortune by his punitical Aunt Sybil.
But only if his family can fulfil her final wish...
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
Snavey Phillip Pope
Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2001.
SUN 22:30 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m0019r7w)
Series 1
Manchester to Bournemouth
Alexei Sayle takes another train journey and breaks the golden rule of travelling by train in the UK - by actually talking to his fellow passengers.
In this episode, he travels from Manchester to Bournemouth.
Among his many fellow travellers, he meets:
* Moira who, as a dedicated Manchester City fan, has sky blue hair, sky blue clothes and even a sky blue house.
* Jean who's been visiting a lifelong friend who worked alongside her as a psychiatric nurse.
* Steven and Simon who are both accountants spending their leisure time travelling the world together to go to top music gigs
* Rail enthusiast and veteran record producer, Pete Waterman on one of his thousands of trips on the west coast line.
Producers: Peter Lowe & Nick Symons
A Ride production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2022.
SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m002zklj)
Adam Flood 1/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering chats to stand-up comedian and music maker, Adam Flood.
SUN 23:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b064z75b)
Series 4
The Panel Show
Damien is persuaded to appear on topical TV panel show "I Beg Your Pardon" in order to boost his profile ahead of his street food series.
Meanwhile, Anthony and Mr Mullaney's property business has developed to the point at which they can now start buying somewhere to do up.
Will Anthony plump for the right property though?
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 James Kettle.
Damien Trench Miles Jupp
Anthony Justin Edwards
Ian Frobisher Philip Fox
Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey
The Auctioneer/Ivan Mark Edel-Hunt
Livi Hollinshead Alex Tregear
Gavin Colthorpe Stephen Critchlow
Producer: Sam Michell
A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2015.
SUN 23:30 Electric Ink (b011qfr8)
Series 1
Episode 4
The paper hires a reality star as a columnist so Maddox must find a way of rewriting her copy without upsetting her.
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
Debbie Lizzy Watts
With additional material by Tom Mitchelson.
Director: Sally Avens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2009.

MONDAY 27 JULY 2026

MON 00:00 London Bridge by Nick Perry (b02x93db)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 00:45 Summer Ghosts (b013835j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:45 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m002zdy9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00kr7bp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]
MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m002zdye)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 News from Nowhere by William Morris (Omnibus) (m002zdyf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m000l9mt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]
MON 03:50 Promenade Rock by Christopher Denys (Omnibus) (b0bhfnpj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Know Your Place (b0195ds4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Take It From Here (b0b0552g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Raffles (b007jncv)

Series 3

1. No Sinecure

Raffles is dead - and 'Bunny' Manders must face the world alone.

Then comes an invitation to answer a newspaper advertisement...

Starring Jeremy Clyde and Michael Cochrane.

The continuing adventures of cricketer and gentleman thief,

Arthur J Raffles, and his chronicler, Harry 'Bunny' Manders.

The stories of EW Hornung dramatised by Olwen Wymark.

AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde

'Bunny' Manders Michael Cochrane

Dr Theobald Gordon Reid

Mr Maturin John Hartley

The Constable John Church

The Landlord Keith Drinkel

The Porter John Webb

Other parts played by:

Henry Stamper

Frederick Jaeger

Members of the cast

Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.

Director: Gordon House

A BBC Radio 4/BBC World Service co-production, first broadcast in June 1992.

MON 06:30 High Table, Lower Orders (m00016g6)

Series 2

Episode 6

Simon is convinced he knows who the killer is - but can he find the evidence to prove it, and prevent another murder?

Mark Tavener's comedy thriller set in a Cambridge College riven by argument between traditionalists and modernisers.

CAST:

Gilbert Geoffrey Palmer

Simon Samuel West

Zoe Sharon Small

Bernard Jonathan Coy

The Dean Michael Maloney

with Michelle Fairley, Stephen Hogan, Emily Bowker, John Baddeley and Joseph Garton.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2006.

MON 07:00 Control Group Six (b08mnkyz)

Series 2

Episode 2

Can Heaven find a wife soon enough to satisfy a suspicious Bishop?

And if he does, will she smell enough like his mother?

Series two of the bizarre four-part comedy - half sketch show and half psychological thriller - set in the Company's experimental town, Control Group Six.

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 September 1997.

MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jqdz)

Series 3

Big Gums

Captain Mainwaring's platoon sparks havoc in Walmington-on-

Sea when they try to fire a large naval gun.

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 Walker Larry Martyn

Private Pike Ian Lavender

Private Frazer John Laurie

Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley

Town Councillor/Mr. Upton Julian Orchard

The Pickford's Man Michael Middleton

Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1976.

MON 08:00 Dr Phil's Bedside Manner (m000z0r7)

The Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, Edinburgh

An innovative mix of comedy performance and documentary with Dr Phil Hammond.

As a doctor and a comedian, Phil knows that humour and laughter are vital coping mechanisms in the NHS, as he travels the UK on a mission to listen to the beating heart of a national institution.

Expect an adventurous, hilarious, thought provoking mix of humour and happiness, tragedy and reflection as the personal thoughts, opinions, experiences and hopes of people who work for and use the NHS are revealed.

In each programme, Phil visits one NHS hospital somewhere in the UK and speaks to porters and patients, cleaners and cardiologists, visitors and volunteers, the managers and the medics.

Beginning at the Royal Hospital for Children and Young People, Edinburgh, Dr Phil hears the stories of staff and patients.

Dr Phil performs a free stand-up comedy show for the staff based on his listening experiences at the hospital.

How does humour help us cope?

Producer: David Morley

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

MON 08:30 Sounds Like London: 100 Years of Black Music in the Capital (b0383jgq)

1. 1948: Empire Windrush

Lloyd Bradley explores the story of London's transformation through its music, taking in the wave of Commonwealth immigration in the 40s right up to the present day.

Passenger liner, the HMT Empire Windrush brings an exciting new style of music to London with the arrival of Caribbean Calypso star Lord Kitchener.

Read by Ben Onwukwe.

Abridged in five parts by Natalie Steed.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2013.

MON 08:45 Small Island by Andrea Levy (b0080jbw)

1. Childhood

Andrea Levy's award-winning novel exploring empire, prejudice, war and love in Jamaica, England, America and India.

The story of the Windrush Generation and the part they played in the Second World War and the prejudice they faced from the Mother Country are a little known aspect of recent British History.

Small Island tells the story of four people caught up in this past; Hortense, Gilbert, Queenie and Bernard.

Hortense's childhood is affected by the stigma of illegitimacy.

In her young adult years she meets and falls in love with her cousin Michael.

Dramatised in fifteen parts by Pat Cumper.

Hortense Nadine Marshall

Michael Javone Prince

Young Hortense Tyra McKenzie-Gray

Young Michael..... Joel Davis

Mr Philip Burt Caesar

Miss Ma Adjoa Andoh

Miss Jewel Dona Croll

Queenie Lyndsey Marshall

Gilbert Don Gilet

Mrs Ryder Barbara Barnes

Celia Carla Henry

Miss Morgan Elizabeth Bell

Celia's Mother Tanya Moodie

Douglas Nathan Stewart-Jarrett

Airman Pethrow Gooden

Mrs Anderson Clare Perkins

Mr Anderson Declan Wilson

Minister Delroy Brown

Music by Felix Cross

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

MON 09:00 Just a Minute (m002z5yz)

Series 97

1. How much wood would a woodchuck chuck?

We're back with a bang this week with some of our toughest

subjects to date. They include my advice for a blind date, I refuse to go back to..., and the last time I made a citizen's arrest.

Plus who makes the classic repetition mistake of saying BBC?

Host: Sue Perkins

Players: Paul Merton, Lucy Porter, Rachel Parris, Gyles Brandreth

Producer: Georgia Keating

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman

Production Manager: Katie Baum

Sound Editor: Marc Willcox

Additional material by Angela Channell

An EcoAudio certified production.

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.

MON 09:30 Time of My Life (m002zdyr)

Journalists

Caroline Swinburne meets groups of retired professionals

who've chosen to spend their senior years in care homes that cater for specific trades.

She begins by meeting some retired journalists

There's not an empty seat in their home as the residents gather to watch the 1 O'Clock TV news and bemoan the state of their profession.

Producer: Sarah Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.

MON 09:45 Daily Service (m002zdyv)

Beatitudes 2 - Blessed are the Pure in Heart

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

Theme: Beatitudes 2 - Blessed are the Pure in Heart

Presenter: Reverend Canon Dr Hayley Matthews.

Reading: Psalm 51: 10-14

Music:

Blest are the Pure in Heart

Cross of Jesus

Nothing But The Blood

MON 10:00 Sounds Natural (b08tlz1s)

Bobby Charlton

Football legend Bobby Charlton tells Derek Jones about his little-known interest in ornithology.

From Preston's Deepdale stadium.

Grey Lag Greese, Roe Deer and Lesser-Spotted Woodpecker are among is choices of recordings from the BBC Sound Archives.

When originally broadcast, the England World Cup and Manchester United star had just taken over as the manager of Preston North End FC.

Produced at BBC Bristol by John Burton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1973.

MON 10:30 Boy Racers (b011j7v1)

Two young motor racing drivers battle it out at speeds of 150 mph to become stars on the race track.

Aasmah Mir follows their fortunes and find out what it takes to make it motor sport.

In a multi-million pound industry, she discovers it is not just dedication you need, but very deep pockets.

With dreams of becoming Formula One Champion, teenagers Alex Lynn and Oliver Rowland are team-mates and rivals racing in the British Formula Renault UK Championship.

Aasmah goes trackside to join them on the important first race weekend of the championship at Brands Hatch.

Off track, she goes behind-the-scenes in the pit, where the drivers psych themselves up for the race and parents nervously wait to see who will make it to pole position and onto the podium.

She also hears from world champions and international stars Lewis Hamilton and Jenson Button on their journey to that pinnacle of achievement.

From very different backgrounds, 17-year old Alex from Essex only passed his driving test last October and is financially supported by family and sponsors. 18-year old karting champion Oliver, whose father died last year, recently moved from his home in Sheffield to Northampton to pursue his career and is funded by a racing foundation, as well as working in the Silverstone shop.

For these two teenagers, motor racing is a way of life.

Both are part of the British Racing Drivers Club's Superstars scheme, a mentoring programme, which recognises emerging talent and potential champions. But in a hugely competitive sport, the stakes are high, with very few succeeding to the top.

Producer: Tamsin Barber

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2011.

MON 11:00 Raffles (b007jncv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

MON 11:30 High Table, Lower Orders (m00016g6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

MON 12:00 Control Group Six (b08mnkyz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jqdz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

MON 13:00 Dr Phil's Bedside Manner (m000z0r7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

MON 13:30 Sounds Like London: 100 Years of Black Music in the Capital (b0383jgq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Small Island by Andrea Levy (b0080jbw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 14:00 Wordaholics (b01lr48h)

Series 2

Episode 2

Gyles Brandreth hosts the comedy panel show challenging

guests to display their knowledge of words and language.

Ready to vie for wordy supremacy in the ring:

Katy Brand

Alex Horne

Richard Herring

Natalie Haynes

Katy Brand reveals an unexpected love of Proverbs in the Old Testament and takes a guess at what 'cougar juice' meant at the turn of the 20th century.

Richard Herring explains why his favourite West County word from his schooldays is 'waspy'.

Natalie Haynes guesses the meaning of the German word 'zechpreller' which has no direct translation in English

Alex Horne coins his very own onomatopoeia to describe a snowflake landing on a bubble.

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 (b0076b6f)

Series 2

Episode 2

Cassie and Simon and Pete and Jenny are now acting like a happy foursome.

Or so Pete hopes.

There's a surprise visitor on the way; and a romantic meal, which doesn't end up quite as Cassie hoped...

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 Dave Lamb

Dad Mike Grady

Mum Brigit Forsyth

Simon Shaun Dooley

Jenny Mika Simmons
 PJ Brendan Burns
 Producer: Graham Frost
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.
MON 15:00 Gertrude Stein and the Liberation Fruitcake by Patricia Hannah (m00070nq)
 In 1944, Gertrude Stein bakes a liberation cake whilst reminiscing about the artists and writers she knows. Angela Pleasance stars as the real-life American writer who socialised with leading figures from literature and art, including Pablo Picasso, Ernest Hemingway and Henri Matisse. Patricia Hannah's kitchen monologue mixes gossip, wartime politics and the true meaning of genius.
 Director: Louise Dalziel.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.
MON 15:45 The Phoenix and the Carpet by E Nesbit (b00tkmm5)
 1. The Egg
 "There was a soft cracking sound; the egg burst in two and out of it came a flame-coloured bird."
 A mysterious egg rolls out from a second-hand carpet for the nursery.
 E Nesbit's fantasy novel for children. first published in 1904. Series of magical adventures for Robert, Anthea, Jane and Cyril.
 Abridged in five parts by Penny Leicester
 Read by Patricia Hodge
 Producer: Marion Nancarrow
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.
MON 16:00 Sounds Natural (b08tlz1s)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:30 Boy Racers (b011j7v1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
MON 17:00 Raffles (b007jncv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:30 High Table, Lower Orders (m00016g6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 18:00 Control Group Six (b08mnkyz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jqdz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 Dr Phil's Bedside Manner (m000z0r7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Sounds Like London: 100 Years of Black Music in the Capital (b0383jgq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 Small Island by Andrea Levy (b0080jbw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 Wordaholics (b01rr48h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076b6f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 Gertrude Stein and the Liberation Fruitcake by Patricia Hannah (m00070nq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 21:45 The Phoenix and the Carpet by E Nesbit (b00tkmm5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]
MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m002z5yz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 22:30 Listen Against (b01752w7)
 Series 4
 Episode 3
 Another week of radio that never happened.
 Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes rewind and mangle real programmes for you to enjoy the wrong way round.
 Written and created by Jon Holmes
 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, John Luke Roberts, Rachel Wheelley and Alice Arnold.
 Producer: Sam Bryant
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011.
MON 23:00 Current-ish (m002z679)
 Burnham, Bellingham, and the spirit of Margaret Thatcher
 Lucy Porter is joined by John Tothill, Kyras Gray and Amy Annette to talk all things current-ish events. Should politicians wear ties? Should children learn to read? And should we all now identify as Spanish?
 Hosted by Lucy Porter
 Written by Lucy Porter, Ruth Husko and Katie Sayer, with additional material by Mike Shephard
 Producer - Katie Sayer
 Assistant producer - Lorna Reader
 Executive producer - Victoria Lloyd
 A Mighty Bunny production for BBC Radio 4
MON 23:30 The Museum of Everything (b00hlcw5)
 Series 3
 Transport
 Lady Bagshot claims on the insurance, and the model railway club hits the buffers.
 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 28 JULY 2026
TUE 00:00 Sounds Natural (b08tlz1s)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 Boy Racers (b011j7v1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Raffles (b007jncv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 High Table, Lower Orders (m00016g6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 Control Group Six (b08mnkyz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jqdz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 Dr Phil's Bedside Manner (m000z0r7)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]
TUE 03:30 Sounds Like London: 100 Years of Black Music in the Capital (b0383jgq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:45 Small Island by Andrea Levy (b0080jbw)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 Wordaholics (b01rr48h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076b6f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Gertrude Stein and the Liberation Fruitcake by Patricia Hannah (m00070nq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:45 The Phoenix and the Carpet by E Nesbit (b00tkmm5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Raffles (b007jndt)
 Series 3
 2. To Catch a Thief
 London's glittering high society falls foul of some audacious jewel robberies - but for once, the cracksmen are not Raffles. Starring Jeremy Clyde and Michael Cochrane.
 The adventures of cricketer and gentleman thief, Arthur J Raffles, and his chronicler, Harry 'Bunny' Manders.
 Written by EW Hornung and dramatised by Olwen Wymark.
 AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde
 'Bunny' Manders Michael Cochrane
 Inspector Mackenzie Henry Stamper
 Dr Theobald Gordon Reid
 Lord Ernest Belville Terence Edmond
 Mr Maturin John Hartley
 Other parts played by members of the cast.
 Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.
 Director: Gordon House
 A BBC Radio 4/BBC World Service production, first broadcast in June 1992.
TUE 06:30 Whodunnits (m000z78w)
 A Charles Paris Mystery - A Deadly Habit
 1. The Monastery
 When Charles is offered a job in a verbatim theatre piece set in a monastery, he isn't very enthusiastic.
 But at least it saves him from having to do anymore DIY for Frances.
 Before too long disaster strikes the production - and Charles once again is on the trail of a murderer.
 Bill Nighy stars as actor-cum-sleuth, Charles Paris.
 Simon Brett's mystery novel, first published in 2018.
 Dramatised in four parts by Jeremy Front.
 Charles Bill Nighy
 Frances Suzanne Burden
 Maurice Jon Glover
 Lydia Ria Marshall
 Kit Joseph Ayre
 Justin Tony Turner
 Brendan Jonathan Kydd
 Nina Marilyn Nnadebe
 Bar manger Stewart Campbell
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2021.
TUE 07:00 Yes Minister (b007k0fx)
 Series 2
 The Skeleton in the Cupboard
 MP Jim Hacker gets the better of Sir Humphrey when trying to avert a crisis in South Derbyshire.
 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
 Dr Cartwright Ian Lavender
 Alex Andrews Clive Merrison
 Civil Servant Peter Acre

Civil Servant Ellen McIntosh
 The Man on the Train William Eedle
 Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.
TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (m001wjdl)
 Vintage Goons
 The Albert Memorial
 Neddie Seagoon converts London's Albert Memorial into a spaceship.
 Ground-breaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.
 Starring:
 Peter Sellers
 Harry Secombe
 Spike Milligan
 Vintage Goons is a series of re-recorded episodes made by the original cast for sale abroad.
 With The Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
 Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
 Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
 Producer: Charles Chilton
 The original version from series 4, 'The First Albert Memorial on the Moon' was broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1953. Sadly it wasn't saved in the BBC Archives.
 This re-recording from March 1958 by the BBC Transcription Service was made for broadcast overseas.
 First UK broadcast on the BBC Home Service in November 1958.
TUE 08:00 It's a Fair Cop (m001dwt9)
 Series 7
 Speeding
 Copper turned stand up Alfie Moore, takes on the topic of speeding.
 Is it ever acceptable and if so how fast?
 When Alfie decide to tackle a notorious speeding spot on his patch, he heads out with speed gun in hand to lay down the law. But when he pulls over Barbra she tries to justify her actions. Should Alfie let her go with a warning? Or is it ticket time?
 Written and presented by Alfie Moore
 Script Editor: Will Ing
 Production Co-ordinator: Becky Carewe-Jeffries
 Producer: Sam Holmes
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2022.
TUE 08:30 Sounds Like London: 100 Years of Black Music in the Capital (b0383pv3)
 2. Caribbean steel pan
 After his exploration of calypso, Lloyd Bradley turns his attention to another Caribbean import which has seeped into the soundtrack of London - steel pan.
 The story of London's transformation through its music, taking in the wave of Commonwealth immigration in the 40s right up to the present day.
 Abridged by Natalie Steed.
 Read by Ben Onwukwe.
 Producer: Kirsteen Cameron
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2013.
TUE 08:45 Small Island by Andrea Levy (b0080nxp)
 2. Hurricane
 The story of the Windrush Generation and the part they played in the Second World War and the prejudice they faced from the Mother Country are a little known aspect of recent British History.
 Small Island tells the story of four people caught up in this past: Hortense, Gilbert, Queenie and Bernard.
 A hurricane in Jamaica exposes a secret and devastates Hortense Roberts.
 Andrea Levy's award-winning novel exploring empire, prejudice, war and love in Jamaica, England, America and India.
 Dramatised by Pat Cumper
 Hortense Nadine Marshall
 Michael Javone Prince
 Young Hortense Tyra McKenzie-Gray
 Young Michael Joel Davis
 Mr Philip Burt Caesar
 Miss Ma Adjoa Andoh
 Miss Jewel Dona Croll
 Queenie Lindsey Marshal
 Gilbert Don Gilet
 Mrs Ryder Barbara Barnes
 Celia Carla Henry
 Miss Morgan Elizabeth Bell
 Celia's Mother Tanya Moodie
 Douglas Nathan Stewart-Jarrett
 Airman Pethrow Gooden
 Mrs Anderson Clare Perkins
 Mr Anderson Declan Wilson
 Minister Delroy Brown
 Music by Felix Cross
 Director: Sally Avens
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.
TUE 09:00 Meet David Sedaris (m001k121)
 Series 9
 4. Eat the Rich!
 "I told him that I followed a strict hegan diet. "Vegan?" he asked. "No," I said. "Hegan. I only eat things that were male. I'm hoping that's all clearly marked on your menu."
 Three shorter comic essays, in this week's show: In "Eat The

Rich", David Sedaris plays with the modern world of often highly particular dietary requirements, where almost anything can be 'a thing, now'. His commencement speech to the students of Oberlin College in the USA is re-lived in "A Speech To The Graduates" with a very particular and characteristically unorthodox array of lifestyle steers - including the choice of scented candles and the importance of saying thank you. Finally, "Best Wishes" throws light on his experiences signing books for his readers.

With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, the globetrotting, trash-picking, aisle-rolling storyteller has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers. Sedaris has recently been enrolled into the prestigious American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4

TUE 09:30 Time of My Life (m002zdzc)

Clergy

Caroline Swinburne meets groups of retired professionals who've chosen to spend their senior years in care homes that cater for specific trades.

"Once a priest, always a priest."

Residents at the Manorhead home for retired clergy reflect on their lives and look forward to the next one.

Producer: Sarah Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.

TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m002zdzf)

Beatitudes - Blessed are the peacemakers

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

Theme: Beatitudes - Blessed are the peacemakers

Presenter: Laura Darrall

Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12

Music:

Make Me a Channel of your peace - Lucy Grumble

Deep Peace - Aled Jones

Peace in the valley - Jools Holland and Ruby Turner

TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000sz2m)

Jane Hill & Derek Owusu

BBC News presenter Jane Hill and writer Derek Owusu join Harriet Gilbert to discuss books by Kate Summerscale, Mark Olden and F. Scott Fitzgerald.

The Suspicions of Mr Whicher by Kate Summerscale

Publisher: Bloomsbury

Murder in Notting Hill by Mark Olden

Publisher: Zero Books

Tender is the Night by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Publisher: Penguin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.

TUE 10:30 A Fork in the Road (b09djg67)

Sheep farmer Ken Wild lives on an island in an 18th century farmhouse.

Not unusual - except that this island is surrounded by the six lanes of the trans-Pennine M62 motorway.

In a tapestry of words, sound and specially composed music, we reveal the extraordinary story of Ken and his wife Beth.

We also enter the minds of the motorists who regularly pass their farm, which sits marooned in the middle of the motorway. The simplicity of Ken's existence contrasts with the complexity of the modern lives carried by the motorway. The two worlds frequently collide - often with fatal consequences.

Presented by Gary O'Donoghue.

Producer: Laurence Grissell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.

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TUE 13:45 Small Island by Andrea Levy (b0080nxp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

TUE 14:00 Hoax! (m002zdzj)

From 07/09/1993

Bernard Cribbins, Dulcie Gray and Anthony Shaffer tell the stories.

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

Devised by Ian Messiter

Producer Edward Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1993.

TUE 14:30 The Brothers (b007m477)

Series 1

Episode 3

Liquidised orchids, tropical fish and John Travolta's cuff links. More events for brothers Nigel and Michael. Has one of them got a date?

Starring Adam Godley and Raymond Coulthard.

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

Written by Caroline and David Stafford.

Nigel Adam Godley

Michael Raymond Coulthard

Oonagh..... Pauline McLyynn

Zorro Pearce Quigley

Daughter..... Alice Hart

Dad John Glover

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

TUE 15:00 The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k3myc)

Series 2

The Chief Justice Of Beauty

Precious Ramotswe - owner and founder of The No 1 Ladies'

Detective Agency - is worried about her fiancée, Mr JLB

Matekoni.

Meanwhile, Mma Makutsi takes on a case for the Chief Justice

of Beauty...

Adapted from Alexander McCall Smith's popular series of

novels set in Botswana.

Dramatised by the author.

Mma Ramotswe Claire Benedict

Mr JLB Matekoni Joseph Marcell

Mma Makutsi Nadine Marshall

Motlamedi Noma Dumezweni

Charlie Maynard Eziashi

Dr Moffat William Gaminara

Principal/Mother Aicha Kossoko

Chief Justice of Beauty Don Warrington

Director: Gaynor Macfarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

TUE 15:45 The Phoenix and the Carpet by E Nesbit

(b00tkzbw)

2. Revenge

The children have witnessed the arrival of the Phoenix.

Now he reveals they have a magic carpet on their floor.

But the cook is not happy....

E Nesbit's fantasy novel of magical adventures.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

Read by Patricia Hodge

Producer: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

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TUE 22:00 Meet David Sedaris (m001k121)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 22:30 And the Winner Is... (b010g9fx)

Series 2

Episode 4

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

Awards include the Lucas for Most Supreme Cock-up, Silliest

Historical Attire, Dreariest Pastime and Most Regrettable

Musical Fad.

Nominations are provided by Matt's guests:

Simon Evans

Alex Lowe

Sir Tim Rice

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 (m002zkm2)

Adam Flood 2/3

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

stand-up comedian and music maker, Adam Flood.

TUE 23:00 All the World's a Globe (b007jwrt)

From Scythians to Shakespeare

From the Scythians to the Crusades.

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 McCol: The Interview (b0076d57)

Hereford Hop

The comedy duo behind the Morecambe and Wise tribute 'The

Play What I Wrote' finally continue spilling the beans to

Michael Parkinson.

This time, they tell Parky about diversifying into cheese.

Written by and starring Sean Foley and Hamish McCol.

With Michael Parkinson.

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2003.

TUE 23:30 Edge Falls (b007vjkl)

Series 1

Mother of Shopping

The Big Boss comes calling for the unveiling of a new art work

at the Retail Village.

But with a group of anti-capitalists on site, Sonya's big chance

to impress takes on Titanic qualities.

Starring Sarah Lancashire and Mark Benton.

Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst's sitcom following the lives of

the staff of Edge Falls Retail Village.

Mick Mark Benton

Sonya Sarah Lancashire

Rez Emil Marwa

Valerie Sarah Hadland

Jeff Birkenfleck Neil Warhurst

Chris Paul Barnhill

Miranda Lindsay Allen

Colin Anthony Glennon

Milosh John Douglall

Tina/Shaz Jasmine Callan

Customer/Man in Car Park Sam Dale

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.

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WED 06:00 Raffles (b007jnfh)

Series 3

3. An Old Flame

Raffles has had many worthy adversaries, both on the cricket

field and in his more nefarious pursuits, but none prove so

formidable as Jacques Saillard - an old flame.

Starring Jeremy Clyde and Michael Cochrane.

The adventures of cricketer and gentleman thief, Arthur J

Raffles, and his chronicler, Harry 'Bunny' Manders.

Written by EW Hornung and dramatised by Olwen Wymark.

AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde

'Bunny' Manders Michael Cochrane

Jacques Saillard Eleanor Bron

Dr Theobald Gordon Reid

Charles is playing a monk in a play in the West End when a cast member falls down stairs. A nasty accident or something more sinister? Charles can't help but be suspicious.

By Jeremy Front, based on the novel by Simon Brett

Charles Bill Nighy
 Frances Suzanne Burden
 Maurice Jon Glover
 Brendan Jonathan Kydd
 Kit Joseph Ayre
 Kelly Jane Slavin
 Nina..... Marilyn Nnadebe
 D.S. Dalby Stewart Campbell
 Directed by Sally Avens

WED 07:00 After Henry (b007jnl5)

Series 2

The Kitten

'One kitten looks pretty much like another kitten so far as I'm concerned. They're just small versions of cats. And I'm not that keen on cats.'

Sarah and her mother disagree over tidiness of the house - until a visitor arrives...

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
 Policeman Michael Hadley
 Percy Bradshaw Simon Brett

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 The Missing Hancocks (m000cc7h)

Series 4

Prime Minister Hancock

A recreation of the missing episode 7 of series 2 of Hancock's Half Hour.

The Lad stands for Parliament, with no success whatsoever. But in his dreams he's swept to power on a landslide, and the country salutes... Prime Minister Hancock!

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Tony Hancock Kevin McNally
 Bill Kerr Kevin Eldon
 Kenneth Williams Robin Sebastian
 Sid James Simon Greenall
 Andree Melly Suzy Kane

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

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

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

Producers: Neil Pearson and Hayley Sterling.

The lost original recording was first heard on the 31st May, 1955.

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

WED 08:00 Bridget Christie: Mortal (m000v7q9)

Life

Bridget Christie turns her attention to Mortality.

Like many of us forced to work from home during Covid lockdown, Bridget recorded this series herself in her house, and in her local park, on a pre-sanitised recording device sent to her in the post. Batteries weren't included. She had to buy them all herself.

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, bad WiFi, life admin and her own dead self from beyond the grave.

"Does life have meaning?", "How do you live in the moment?", "Why is life like a washing machine cycle?" and "What's that dog barking at?"

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 Sounds Like London: 100 Years of Black Music in the Capital (b03847f6)

3. Afro-rock

A milestone is passed with the emergence of Afro-rock - a genuine London sound from an African perspective.

Lloyd Bradley explores the story of a London's transformation through its music, taking in the wave of Commonwealth immigration in the 40s right up to the present day.

Abridged by Natalie Steed.

Read by Ben Onwukwe.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2013.

WED 08:45 Small Island by Andrea Levy (b0080q83)

3. Missing

The story of the Windrush Generation and the part they played in the Second World War and the prejudice they faced from the Mother Country are a little known aspect of recent British History.

Small Island tells the story of four people caught up in this past; Hortense, Gilbert, Queenie and Bernard.

Hortense begins teacher training in Kingston but her success is marred by news of Michael.

Andrea Levy's award-winning novel exploring empire, prejudice, war and love in Jamaica, England, America and India.

Dramatised by Pat Cumper

Hortense Nadine Marshall
 Young Hortense Tyra McKenzie-Gray
 Celia Carla Henry
 Miss Morgan Elizabeth Bell
 Celia's Mother Tanya Moodie
 Douglas Nathan Stewart-Jarrett
 Airman Pethrow Gooden

Music by Felix Cross

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

WED 09:00 Ivo Graham's Obsessions (m0024p0r)

Series 1

6. Mike Bubbins & Sian Lloyd

In the last of the series, Ivo Graham travels to Cardiff to find out what obsesses his Welsh guests

Ivo is joined by writer and star of BBC Two's Mammoth, Mike Bubbins, and former weather reporter and Welsh national treasure Siân Lloyd.

Mike loves the 70s, and what's more 70s than American cop show The Rockford Files? Siân has a remarkable sweet tooth and love of baking. Ivo also finds out what the Cardiff audience are obsessed with, before being joined by a Very Obsessed Person, or VOP, Cath Pendleton aka the Merthyr Mermaid talks about her love of cold water swimming, and the unbelievable feats she has accomplished in sub-zero temperatures.

Hosted by Ivo Graham

Featuring Mike Bubbins, Siân Lloyd and Cath Pendleton

Written by Ivo Graham and Tom Craine

Additional Material by Ruth Husko, Eleri Morgan, Christina Riggs and Peter Tellouche

Recorded at Cardiff Glee Club 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 Time of My Life (m002zdzr)

The Motor Trade

Caroline Swinburne meets retired professionals who have chosen to spend their senior years in care homes that cater for specific trades.

She drops in on retired professionals from the motor trade as their care home celebrates the annual car fete.

They're joined by entertainer Bruce Forsyth, who came from a motoring family himself and whose sister was one of their former residents.

Producer: Rob Ketteridge

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002zdzr)

Beatitudes - Blessed are those who are persecuted

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

Theme: Beatitudes - Blessed are those who are persecuted

Presenter: Bishop David Walker

Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 1-12

Music:

Take my life and let it be - Daily Service Singers

God shall wipe away all tears - from The Armed Man

O Jesus I have promised - Daily Service Singers

WED 10:00 The Documentary (m002zdzv)

British Music's Caribbean Roots

The Windrush generation have made a significant contribution to British black music for many generations,

From grime to UK garage, to drum to jungle, to gospel to Lovers rock, from Roots and Dub to Ska, to Reggae and Calypso.

Young Warrior, the son of historic dub legend Jah Shaka, explores the colourful roots of how British black music has entered the UK mainstream and is now embedded across many music genres.

With first-hand accounts from record producer, Dennis Bovell, DJ, David Rodigan, singer, Marla Brown (daughter of the late, great Crown Prince of Reggae, Dennis Emanuel Brown) and musician and son of Bob Marley, Julian Marley.

Producer: John Offord

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in December 2019.

(Photo: Young Warrior and Marla Brown. Credit: John-Offord)

WED 10:50 The First Black Music Station in Europe (w3ct3bxxr)

In 1981, Rita Marley's brother Leroy Anderson aka Lepke launched the Dread Broadcasting Corporation (DBC), Europe's first dedicated black music station.

Frustrated by the lack of airtime for reggae music in the UK, Lepke setup a mast in his back garden and began to broadcast to a small area of West London every Sunday afternoon.

DBC soon expanded to cover all styles of black music and with its unmistakable logo featuring a dread with headphones and a spliff became a trailblazer for the future of black British radio in the UK.

Neil Meads speaks to former DBC station manager Michael Williams about the early days of the station, and DJ Carmella Jervier who explains how it inspired her own career.

Producer/Presenter: Neil Meads

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in 2023.

(Photo: Dread Broadcasting Corporation. Credit: BBC)

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WED 14:00 The Write Stuff (m000llkm)

Series 5

PG Wodehouse

James Walton's literary quiz. The teams are led by Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh with guests Wendy Holden and Joseph Connolly.

Author of the week is PG Wodehouse

Reader Beth Chalmers

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2002.

WED 14:30 Bristow (b007w5jb)

Series 3

Repaying Mr Piper

Why is Bristow surrounded by incompetents? He has a theory - and determines to bumble toward the proof.

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
 Perkins Leslie Phillips
 Gert Liz Fraser
 Daisy Joan Sims
 Miss Sunman Katy Odey
 Fudge Jon Glover
 Postboy Simon Schatzberger
 Stokes David Battley
 Miss Pleasant Jackie Neglia

Music: John Whitehall

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2000.

WED 15:00 The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k7xcy)

Series 2

The Confession

Precious Ramotswe - owner and founder of The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency - has to find two women wronged in the past by her client, Mr Molefelo.

Adapted from Alexander McCall Smith's popular series of novels set in Botswana.

Mma Ramotswe Claire Benedict
 Mr JLB Matekoni Joseph Marcell
 Mma Makutsi Nadine Marshall
 Mma Potokwane Janice Acquah
 Clerk Emmanuel Ighodaro
 Mr Molefelo Ben Onwukwe
 Mma Seipone Alibe Parsons

Director: Gaynor Macfarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2005.

WED 15:45 The Phoenix and the Carpet by E Nesbit (b00t07v)

3. Wishing...

Just by wishing, the children can go anywhere they want on the magic carpet.

But nothing is as simple as it sounds...

E Nesbit's fantasy novel of magical adventures.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

Read by Patricia Hodge

Producer: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

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WED 22:30 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music (b007jzvg)

Series 1

Fans

Fans...who needs them? Well, pop stars, if they want to be, well, pop stars...

Mitch Benn sets out on a musical journey through the showbiz glitz and backstage litter of pop music.

With:

Robert Ince

Alfie Joey

Tash Baylis

Kirsty Newton

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

WED 23:00 Dave Podmore (b007wzp2)

Dave Podmore's Cricket Night

Episode 3

There's uproar when a Russian billionaire turns Pod's cricket ground into a supermarket, leaving Pod with divided loyalties.

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

Producer: Richard Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

WED 23:30 Dial M for Pizza (b007k2sr)

Series 2

Episode 3

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

Featuring more "Adventures of Mr Makes a lot of Mistakes", and Beethoven's 15th Symphony

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 Raffles (b007jnfw)

Series 3

4. The Raffles Relics

Bunny is appalled to hear Raffles calmly announce that he intends to visit New Scotland Yard to view an exhibition of his own craftsman's tools...

Starring Jeremy Clyde and Michael Cochrane.

The adventures of cricketer and gentleman thief, Arthur J

Raffles, and his chronicler, Harry 'Bunny' Manders.

Written by EW Hornung and dramatised by Olwen Wymark.

AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde

'Bunny' Manders Michael Cochrane

Mrs Fisher Gudrun Ure

Druce Peter Forbes

The Colonel Terence Edmond

'Beefy' Matthew Morgan

The other boys were played by Richard Pearce, Nicholas

Murchie and Matthew Sim

Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.

Director: Gordon House

A BBC Radio 4/BBC World Service production first broadcast

in June 1992.

THU 06:30 Whodunnits (m000zkym)

A Charles Paris Mystery - A Deadly Habit

Episode 3

When an actress falls down stairs in the West End theatre where

Charles is appearing his suspicions are aroused. The discovery of a sex-tape on a covert camera in her dressing-room only

confirms them. But who is the voyeur and potential murderer? Charles sniffs criminality. The game is afoot!

By Jeremy Front, based on the novel by Simon Brett

Charles Bill Nighy

Frances Suzanne Burden

Maurice Jon Glover

Kit Joseph Ayre

Alice Elinor Coleman

Brendan Jonathan Kydd

Nina Marilyn Nnadebe

Dervla Jane Slavin

Directed by Sally Avens

THU 07:00 Capital Gains (b007qw7j)

Series 1

Episode 2

Retired gent Julius Hutch is beset with bills and final demands.

Then a sum of £4,601,740.72 is mistakenly paid into his

account by an offshore bank.

So should he return it or not? And whose money is it anyway?

Starring Peter Jones.

Written by Collin Johnson.

Julius Hutch Peter Jones

Pauline Tone Celestine Randall

Creditor Collin Johnson

Creditor Peter Whitman.

Producer: Andy Jordan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1995.

THU 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jq7qq)

Series 3

Discover Gravity the Burkiss Way

The Burkiss Way is back, but the team are refusing to mention the unsavoury Eric Pode of Croydon.

Cult sketch comedy series which originally ran from 1976 to 1980.

Starring:

Fred Harris

Jo Kendall

Nigel Rees

Chris Emmett

Written by Andrew Marshall and David Renwick.

Producer: John Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1977.

THU 08:00 Believe It! (m0017kfg)

Series 6

Party

Jon Canter's continuing "radiography" of Richard Wilson

explores elements of his life that are very nearly true.

Richard decides to hold the party to end all parties.

But who will be invited?

And will they come?

And who's doing the canapés?

Starring

Richard Wilson

Sir Ian McKellen

Arabella Weir

Jos Vantylr

Producer: Clive Brill

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

THU 08:30 Sounds Like London: 100 Years of Black Music in the Capital (b03859mj)

4. Poppier

As roots reggae is increasingly acclaimed by the 1970s music press, many black British teenagers find themselves drawn to the poppier sounds of lovers' rock.

Lloyd Bradley explores the story of a London's transformation through its music, taking in the wave of Commonwealth immigration in the 40s right up to the present day.

Abridged by Natalie Steed.

Read by Ben Onwukwe.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2013.

THU 08:45 Small Island by Andrea Levy (b0080qnp)

4. Dreams

The story of the Windrush Generation and the part they played in the Second World War and the prejudice they faced from the Mother Country are a little known aspect of recent British History.

Small Island tells the story of four people caught up in this past; Hortense, Gilbert, Queenie and Bernard.

Hortense is settling down to her new life in Kingston following the end of the war - but she is haunted by her cousin Michael's absence.

Andrea Levy's award winning novel exploring empire, prejudice, war and love in Jamaica, England, America and India.

Dramatised by Pat Cumper.

Hortense Nadine Marshall

Gilbert Don Gilet

Celia Carla Henry

Mrs Anderson Clare Perkins

Mr Anderson Declan Wilson

Music by Felix Cross

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

THU 09:00 P.O.V. (m002z792)

Series 2

S2 E6: What If This Was a Sketch Show, Though?

This week on P.O.V., it sounds like we've got the internet's funniest video comedians to make an audio sketch show. And even if we haven't, doesn't it say something that it seems like we have? There's also some breaking news about podcasts, a prank that makes the victim look like a right mug, and a guided meditation for haters.

Written and performed by Jake Bhardwaj, Kylie Brakeman, Stephen Buchanan, The Exploding Heads, Rachel Fairburn, Daniel Foxx, Matt Green, Larry & Paul, Kelechi Okafor, Will Sebag-Montefiore, and Ed Night & Paddy Young.

Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios and Guilt Free Post, London; Sonido Studios, Clydebank; Oscillate Recordings, Manchester; 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 Time of My Life (m002zf0c)

The Chelsea Pensioners

Caroline Swinburne meets retired professionals who have chosen to spend their senior years in care homes that cater for specific trades.

Now she meets retired servicemen who've chosen to spend their final years surrounded by others from the military at The Royal Hospital Chelsea.

Producer: Simon Elmes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m002zf0f)

Beatitudes - You are the salt of the earth

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

Theme: Beatitudes - You are the salt of the earth

Presenter: Laura Luz

Reading: Matthew 5: 13- 16

THU 10:00 Great Lives (b04dyk53)

Louis Armstrong

Band leader Chris Barber chooses the legendary jazz trumpeter, Louis Armstrong.

Chris Barber - who has been a jazz band leader since 1949 - didn't have to think too hard when Humphrey Carpenter invited him to nominate a "great life" for discussion. His chosen subject is the founding father of jazz, Louis Armstrong (1901-1971).

Joining them to discuss the immortal Satchmo is his biographer Laurence Bergreen.

Producer: Peter Everett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.

THU 10:30 The British Reggae Revolution (b00wr7rw)

In the late 1970s, there was an explosion of bands that completely connected with disenchanted youth all over Britain. They sang about isolation and rejection from a society that didn't understand them. But it wasn't punk music, it was reggae.

Groups like Aswad, Steel Pulse, Matumbi and Misty in Roots were formed by first generation, British-born blacks who eloquently voiced the fear and anguish of growing up in a predominantly white society.

Brought up on British pop and their parents' records, they combined a punk attitude with a Jamaican reggae sound. Their efforts to become successful mirrored thousands of young black kids across the UK who were coping with a right-wing backlash to the influx of Caribbean immigrants.

The National Front were stirring up racial hatred and the government's SUS law resulted in hundreds of black people stopped and searched on the mere suspicion of committing a crime. It wasn't long before there was rioting in the streets. The British reggae bands provided the soundtrack to that struggle. Back then Don Letts - now a Grammy Award winning film maker - was the resident DJ at the infamous Roxy Club, credited with turning the punks on to reggae. A first generation, British-born black himself, he had a front row seat watching this burgeoning scene produce hit making artists.

From the politicised heavy roots of bands like Steel Pulse to the

smooth pop hits of Lovers' Rock, Don examines how Britain produced its very own reggae revolution.

Producer: James Hale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010.

THU 11:00 Raffles (b007jnfw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 Whodunnits (m000zkym)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 12:00 Capital Gains (b007qw7j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b00jq7qq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 Believe It! (m0017kfg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 Sounds Like London: 100 Years of Black Music in the Capital (b03859mj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:45 Small Island by Andrea Levy (b0080qnp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fz84k)

Series 2

Episode 3

The topical historical satirical panel show setting out to prove that there's nothing new under, or in, The Sun.

Hosted by Clive Anderson.

Mark Steel and David Quantick

battle it out against

John O'Farrell and Chris Addison

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.

THU 14:30 The Change (b00nsnhx)

Series 1

Over the Rainbow

Transvestite George sparks confusion for Ken when he sees him wearing a dress.

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 December 2001.

THU 15:00 The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k89mk)

Series 2

The Kalahari Typing School For Men

Precious Ramotswe, owner and founder of The No 1 Ladies

Detective Agency, discovers that the agency has competition.

Mma Makutsi embarks on an entrepreneurial enterprise.

Adapted from Alexander McCall Smith's popular series of

novels set in Botswana.

Dramatised by the author.

Mma Ramotswe Claire Benedict

Mr JLB Matekoni Joseph Marcell

Mma Makutsi Nadine Marshall

Mma Potokwane Janice Acquah

Mr Molefelo Ben Onwukwe

Mma Seipone Alibe Parsons

Bernard Seleipeng Paterson Joseph

Cephas Buthelezi Danny Sapani

Director: Gaynor Macfarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

THU 15:45 The Phoenix and the Carpet by E Nesbit

(b00tlmwq)

4. Danger

The children begin to doubt the wisdom of the Phoenix - and realise the danger in the carpet.

E Nesbit's fantasy novel of magical adventures.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

Read by Patricia Hodge

Producer: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

THU 16:00 Great Lives (b04dyk53)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

THU 16:30 The British Reggae Revolution (b00wr7rw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

THU 17:00 Raffles (b007jnfw)

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THU 17:30 Whodunnits (m000zkym)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 21:45 The Phoenix and the Carpet by E Nesbit

(b00tlmwq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

THU 22:00 P.O.V. (m002z792)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 22:30 1966 and All That (b010bcwh)

The 1960s

Albert Einstein discovers the Beatles, while for the first time,

the nation discovers sex.

Plus a look at the era of "Flour Power"; the World Cup is won by a team of men all called Bobby; and the with-it Royal try

barbecuing.

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain reaches the 1960s.

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 (m002zkmb)

Adam Flood 3/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy

Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Rob Deering chats once

more to stand-up comedian and music maker, Adam Flood.

THU 23:00 The Casebook of Max and Ivan (b0978868)

Series 2

Case #47 - Crime Writing Doesn't Pay

Incompetent private detectives Max and Ivan are contacted by the very dull white goods instruction manual writer, Robert R

Roberts.

He wants them to investigate a series of copycat crimes based

on the erotic crime-fiction novels he writes under the

pseudonym Scarlett Melange.

Their investigation takes them to the Peckham Flower and

Vegetable show, where they fear the life of head judge Joaquin

Zamorano is in considerable danger.

Along the way, they meet the one person on earth who might be

more boring than Robert R Roberts - his wife Roberta.

Written by and Max Olesker and Ivan Gonzalez.

Max Max Olesker

Ivan Ivan Gonzalez

Robert R. Roberts aka Scarlett Melange Jason Watkins

Roberta Roberts/Voice of the Audiobook Lolly Adefope

Narrator/Malcolm McMichaelmas Lewis MacLeod

Joaquin Zamarano/Impish Nutter David Reed

Producer: Ben Walker

Developed by John Stanley Productions.

A Retort production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in

October 2017.

THU 23:30 Small Scenes (m0002z4f)

Series 4

Episode 4

A man discovers that his real name is Ian and his life starts to

spiral into chaos.

Meanwhile, a young woman exposes a dark conspiracy at the

heart of West End musicals.

Symphonious sketch show.

Starring:

Daniel Rigby

Mike Wozniak

Cariad Lloyd

Henry Paker

Freyja Parker

Producer: Simon Mayhew-Archer.

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

March 2019.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]

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in the Capital (b03859mj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]

FRI 03:45 Small Island by Andrea Levy (b0080qnp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 We've Been Here Before (b00fz84k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 The Change (b00nsnhx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k89mk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FRI 05:45 The Phoenix and the Carpet by E Nesbit

(b00tlmwq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Raffles (b007jngf)

Series 3

5. The Knees of the Gods

Raffles and Bunny leave England to fight for queen and country

in the South African war. For one of them there will be no

return...

Starring Jeremy Clyde and Michael Cochrane.

The adventures of cricketer and gentleman thief, Arthur J

Raffles, and his chronicler, Harry 'Bunny' Manders.

Written by EW Hornung and dramatised by Olwen Wymark.

AJ Raffles Jeremy Clyde

'Bunny' Manders Michael Cochrane

Connal Sean Barrett

The General Peter Penry-Jones

Bellingham Eric Allan

Mrs Fisher Gudrun Ure

The soldiers were played by Nicholas Murchie, Keith Drinkel,

Peter Murphy and John Webb

Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.

Director: Gordon House

A BBC Radio 4/BBC World Service production first broadcast

in June 1992.

FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (m000zv83)

A Charles Paris Mystery - A Deadly Habit

Episode 4

With an actress and a stage doorman dead at The Aphra Benn

theatre Charles believes he knows who the murderer might be.

But his sleuthing uncovers a deadly relationship.

By Jeremy Front, based on the novel by Simon Brett

Charles Bill Nighy

Frances Suzanne Burden

Maurice Jon Glover

Bethan Christine Kavanagh

Justin Tony Turner

Dervla Jane Slavin

Neil Simon Ludders

Peaches Elinor Coleman

Directed by Sally Avens

FRI 07:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00vhw41)

Series 5

Episode 4

The Parish Council's school crack down on hippies - enter

Ebenezer Birch.

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 (m002zf0v)

Series 5

Episode 2

Kenneth Horne has a bash at culture exploring the Greek myths

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
Additional material by Nick Doody.

Producer: Frank Stirling

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2022.

FRI 08:30 Sounds Like London: 100 Years of Black Music in the Capital (b0385knn)

5. Jungle and Garage

Lloyd Bradley concludes the story of a London's transformation through its music, taking in the wave of Commonwealth immigration in the 40s right up to the present day.

Jungle and garage pave the way for grime, a style which has crossed over into the mainstream.

Abridged by Natalie Steed.

Read by Ben Onwukwe.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2013.

FRI 08:45 Small Island by Andrea Levy (b0080sd5)

5. England

The story of the Windrush Generation and the part they played in the Second World War and the prejudice they faced from the Mother Country are a little known aspect of recent British History.

Small Island tells the story of four people caught up in this past;

Hortense, Gilbert, Queenie and Bernard.

Gilbert tries to raise the money to get to England.

Hortense agrees to lend it to him, but strikes an extraordinary bargain...

Andrea Levy's award-winning novel exploring empire, prejudice, war and love in Jamaica, England, America and India.

Dramatised by Pat Cumper

Hortense Nadine Marshall

Gilbert Don Gilet

Mrs Anderson Clare Perkins

Mr Anderson Declan Wilson

Minister Delroy Brown

Music by Felix Cross

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

FRI 09:00 Parish Matters (m0025kr1)

Series 1

4. 'A financial, legal, humanitarian and ecological disaster'

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 attempts to 'go-green' have backfired spectacularly, and the council hold an emergency meeting on what to do about the runaway disaster that is their 'Environmental Awareness Festival'. Who's to blame for the pollution of the rivers by the festival portapotties? Can the dubious renewable energy proposals really work and the best (and only) cop in town wrestles with the shock death-slash-possible murder of a hometown music hero on the opening night of the festival – on his night off!

PARISH MATTERS is a half hour window into an everlasting argument and an energetic and original comedy show written by Michael McCullagh and Phil Taggart and starring the writers alongside Michael Fry, Ciara Knight, Hannah Mamalis, Mary Flanagan, Michael Stranney and Peter McGann. Produced by Keith Martin and Exec Produced by Sam Michell. A FABEL radio Production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 09:30 Time of My Life (m002zf0y)

The Show Must Go On!

Caroline Swinburne meets retired professionals who have chosen to spend their senior years in care homes that cater for specific trades.

Finally, Caroline meets residents of Denville Hall - a retirement home for actors who are still treading the boards.

Producer: Simon Elmes

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2004.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m002zf10)

Beatitudes - You are the light of the world

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

Theme: Beatitudes - You are the light of the world

Presenter: Angel Morgan

Reading: Philippians 2: 12-16

Music:

This little light of mine - Gospel Dream

Beatitudes - Jordan G Welch

Light - RotimiKeys

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b00dvtpn)

Series 7

What a Wonderful World

Louis Armstrong recorded the classic 'What a Wonderful World' in 1967, amidst civil rights demonstrations and protests against the Vietnam War.

It was a song written for him. Was it naïve or a powerful anthem for peace?

Featuring:

Prof. Peter Ling

Laurence Bergreen

Simon Weston

Katie Melua

Troy Andrews

Milan Bertosa

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Sara Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

FRI 10:30 Art of Now (m000j805)

The Gospel of Grime

Contemporary black music has always had a boundary pushing relationship with black church traditions.

From gospel singers like Kirk Franklin, to grime artists like Stormzy; who brought the house down at Glastonbury 2019 with an emotional rendition of his song Blinded By Your Grace.

In it, he praises God, saying "Lord, I've been broken / Although I'm not worthy / You fixed me."

Fans love that musicians like Stormzy portray their real life experiences alongside expressions of their faith. Other people claim genres like grime and drill are incompatible with Christianity.

As the once niche scene for religious ministry within UK rap increasingly reaches the mainstream, music and culture journalist Jesse Bernard traces the relationship between secular music and black churches in the UK.

He looks at how colonialism and slavery shaped the role music plays in black Christian faith communities. And with the help of theologians and musicians, he explores why issues of social justice are frequently left unaddressed within the Church.

Jesse examines how long-standing social inequality and the current policy of austerity have impacted both black churches and the music being made by black artists in the UK.

And he asks - is it so controversial for our everyday lives and our spiritual lives to be explored, side by side, in popular music?

Producer: Tej Adeleye

A Somethin' Else Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.

FRI 11:00 Raffles (b007jngf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 11:30 Whodunnits (m000zv83)

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FRI 12:00 Little Blighty on the Down (b00vhw41)

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FRI 13:45 Small Island by Andrea Levy (b0080sd5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m001jkl9)

Series 17

Episode 2

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

* Comedian Rosie Holt

* Author Olivia Potts

* Theoretical physicist Professor Carlo Rovelli

The Museum's Guest Committee speculate on the never was, the may be, and... a jar of marmalade.

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

Researchers: Mike Turner, Mandy Fenton and Lydia Mizon of QI.

Producers: Sam Holmes & Lying Lee

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

FRI 14:30 Millport (b0076bbj)

Series 3

Restitution

The re-opening of the Cumbrae Club goes horribly wrong when Irene notices a fatal flaw in the plan.

Meanwhile, Alberto is paranoid that a new money-making scheme could bring the island some unwanted attention.

Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson.

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

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moira/Agnes Janet Brown

Alberto/Dr Hume/Ferryman/Robert Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley

Minister/Bob Robert Patterson

Dougie/Huberto Kenneth Bryans

Music arranged by Olly Fox.

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

FRI 15:00 The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency (b00k8t2y)

Series 2

The Admirer

Precious Ramotswe, owner and found of The No 1 Ladies Detective Agency, makes an unhappy discovery.

Mma Makutsi finds an admirer at the Kalahari Typing School for Men.

Adapted from Alexander McCall Smith's popular series of novels set in Botswana.

Dramatised by the author.

Mma Ramotswe Claire Benedict

Mr JLB Matekoni Joseph Marcell

Mma Makutsi Nadine Marshall

Mma Selepepeng Nndi Ama

Dr Moffat William Gaminara

Motheleli Gbemisola Ikumelo

Bernard Selepepeng Paterson Joseph

Director: Gaynor Macfarlane

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

FRI 15:45 The Phoenix and the Carpet by E Nesbit (b00tlwfx)

5. The Ending

How can the children tell the Phoenix they think he should go?

E Nesbit's fantasy novel of magical adventures.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

Concluded by Patricia Hodge

Producer: Marion Nancarrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

FRI 22:00 Parish Matters (m0025kr1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 22:30 Becoming Njambi (m001021d)

Be Like The British

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 recounts her innocence in childhood growing up in Thogoto. The normalisation and promotion of British values under colonisation left an indelible mark on Njambi's father's - and subsequently her own - perception of the world.

Comedic insight into growing up in a country that is coming out of the honeymoon of independence.

Produced by Julia Sutherland

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

FRI 22:45 Rhys James (b09nxv00)

Rhys James Is ...

Irresistible

Comedian Rhys James explores different aspects of himself through live stand up, spoken word poetry and interview clips.

In this episode, Rhys examines his relationships and reluctantly speaks to Carmen, who is a girl he had a crush on in school.

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 (b01flqm7)

Series 3

Victoria

Ben begins to resent being pushed around.

He imagines a different life back in Victorian times when he might have got things his own way a bit more often.

But then he gets into an argument with Benjamin Disraeli...

Starring Neil Pearson.

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

Ben Neil Pearson

Mary Fiona Allen

Mum Josie Lawrence

Blitz Leslie Ash

Nurse Jo Martin

Derek Stephen Frost

Marley Spencer Brown

Disraeli Matthew Kelly

Bea Scarlett Milburn-Smith

Grocer Nigel Hastings

Director: Nigel Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.

FRI 23:30 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking

(b00p2z8j)
Series 3
Episode 3
Meet a woman who is so completely useless that she's just been snapped up for a job in the government.
Plus Britain's most affable secret agent - and someone with a pretend hedgehog sanctuary.
Award-winning comedian Laura Solon's series of sketches, monologues and one-liners.
With:
Rosie Cavaliero
Ben Moor
Ben Willbond
Written by Laura Solon.
With additional material by Lydia Parker, Maureen Oakley, Jon Hunter and Holly Walsh.
Script Editor: Jeremy Dyson
Producer: Colin Anderson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.