

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2026

SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b00mk6tc)

Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a Theme, by Thomas Tallis
When Vaughan Williams wrote his Tallis Fantasia in 1910, he changed the course of British music.

Here at last was a piece of music which was no longer under the Teutonic influence, but which drew on old English hymn tunes and folk idioms for its themes.

As the string music builds to a climax, interviewees tell how this music has brought solace and hope in times of tragedy and changed the course of their lives.

When composers Herbert Howells and Ivor Gurney heard the premiere of Vaughan Williams' Tallis Fantasia in Gloucester Cathedral in 1910, it's said that they walked the streets of Gloucester all night because of the sheer excitement of possibility that this new piece had awakened in them.

Discover how the beauty and richness of Vaughan Williams' Tallis Fantasia awakened a life long love of classical music in a nine year old boy at bedtime; how it served as comfort for an artist in despair and how it brought solace to a grieving father Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Contributors:

Michael Kennedy

Ian Clarke

EM Marshall

Rolf Jordan

Peter Phillips

Harry Atterbury

Colin Wood

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.

SAT 00:30 Tanning Tales (b0367j1l)

Kit Hesketh Harvey explores the meteoric rise of the spray tan. From Katie Price to Kate Middleton, no well-dressed woman, or man, would now be seen without one.

While social position used to be judged on accent and clothing, it now comes down to skin tone; with burnt umber tones being more prevalent in the north and subtle olive tones more common in the south.

But, as one tanning expert bluntly explains to Kit, there's one thing we can all agree on: brown fat looks better than white. As one who modelled himself on Adam Ant and the New Romantics of the 80s, Kit is not unfamiliar with the muddy, fake-tan look that could be achieved 30 years ago with a bottle of sticky brown liquid.

However, he remains a spray tan virgin. In the hands of celebrity tanner James Read, aka The Tantalist, will Kit agree to don a paper thong and discover what all the fuss is about? Seemingly recession proof and, most importantly, the safest way to achieve the sun kissed look, fake tan has become the fastest growing sector of the cosmetics industry with a retail value of over 100 million pounds in the UK alone.

Kit talks to those who have shaped the industry to discover if this is a trend that's here to stay and why we all now wish to be beyond the pale.

He also visits Liverpool, the fake tan capital of Britain, where over half the population are sneering at the vagaries of the weather and are tanned all year round.

Produced at BBC Birmingham by Lucy Lunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

SAT 01:00 A Study in Sin by Michael Robson (m0030b3x)

Gemma and Desmond Yates appear to have settled into an idyllic country life.

But with the arrival of a stranger named Hobart, Gemma's world explodes into a nightmare of menace, intrigue and death...

Starring Karen Ford and John Pullen.

Written by Michael Robson

Gemma Yates Karen Ford

Desmond Yates John Abineri

Hobart John Pullen

Griffin Gabriel Woolf

Collinge Timothy Bateson

Sarah Peggy Ann Wood

Louise Joanne Pearce

Mrs Norton Sally Lahee

Guy Norman Bowler

Penhallow David Ponting

Directed at BBC Bristol by Shaun MacLoughlin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1981.

SAT 02:00 Flying the Flag (b00dhkzf)

Series 4

In Custody

'We are representatives of Democracy in this benighted place, William. We enshrine the values of liberty, tolerance and free speech.

By the way, why is that woman chained to the embassy railings...?'

Ambassador Mackenzie must tackle the delicate issue of a Briton being held hostage.

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Eastern Bloc embassy sitcom written by Alex Shearer.

HM Ambassador Mackenzie Dinsdale Landen

William Frost Peter Acre

Helen Waterson Moir Leslie

Colonel Surikov Christopher Benjamin

Spiro Stephen Greif

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1992.

SAT 02:30 Beyond Our Ken (m0030b3z)

Series 5

Episode 5

Kenneth Horne has adventures with the Foreign Legion and Hornerama looks at affluence.

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.

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 November 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 (m001h4g7)

Series 3

The Confession of Ben Bailey Smith aka Doc Brown

TV writer, rapper and actor, Ben Bailey Smith takes the hot seat to reveal his tales of shame to Stephen Mangan.

With stories from restaurants, fast food joints and Norwegian comedy clubs.

The comic and intrusive chat show, in which Stephen Mangan interrogates celebrity penitents about their stories of shame, guilt and embarrassment.

Each episode, Stephen entices a different eminent guest into his virtual confessional box to make three confessions of sins, peccadilloes, misdeeds and idiocies - anything really that will make us laugh, shudder, blush or cringe at their expense.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan.

Additional material by Nick Doody.

Producer: Frank Stirling

A 7digital production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2023.

SAT 03:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (m0001y93)

Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years

10. A Fateful Night

Adrian Mole turns 31 and throws a surprise party for Glenn. Pandora spends the night at Adrian's house with devastating consequences...

The Cappuccino Years highlights how much attitudes have changed in the 21st century - showcasing Sue Townsend's fearless and razor-sharp wit.

Abridged by: Sara Davies

Concluded by Harry McEntire

Producer: Alexa Moore

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2019.

SAT 03:45 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (b08h0c9f)

5. Seaside

Agnes's father is seriously ill so she returns home with a heavy heart.

Conclusion of Anne Bronte's compelling debut novel starring Ellie Kendrick.

Adapted by Rachel Joyce

Agnes Grey Ellie Kendrick

Mrs Grey Juliet Aubrey

Edward Weston George Watkins

Rosalie Keziah Joseph

Director: Tracey Neale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

SAT 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m001k7s1)

Series 17

Episode 5

The Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Anna Ptaszynski welcome:

* Journalist Isabel Hardman

* Cop-turned-comedian Alfie Moore

* Physicist Dr Jessica Wade

It's an episode full of discovery, deception, and a very frustrated bee.

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 March 2023.

SAT 04:30 Millport (b0076bn3)

Series 3

Progressive Rock

There's much excitement on the Isle of Cumbrae over a make-over for Millport from a national newspaper.

Irene fears the worst and worries the town's unique charm will be ruined by nosy media-meddlers.

Is now really the time for her to leave?

Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson.

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

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moir/Agnes Janet Brown

Alberto/Ferryman/Robert the Dog/Morris Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley

Minister/Bob Robert Patterson

Dougie Kenneth Bryans

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.

SAT 05:00 There Are Such Things (m001gxdq)

Bela Lugosi was one of cinema's great 'Kings of Horror'.

In his native Hungary, he was a war veteran and an established classical stage actor.

When he arrived in Hollywood, he was chewed up and spat out by movie moguls.

Lugosi spent the rest of his troubled life fleeing his most famous creation, Count Dracula...

Darkly imaginative exploration of his life and career by Mark McDonnell and Steven McNicoll.

Performed by:

Mark McDonnell

Steven McNicoll

Julia Duncanson

Gavin Mitchell

Director Patrick Rayner

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2001.

SAT 06:00 The Voysey Inheritance by Harley Granville-Barker (b018kcj6)

Edward discovers that in inheriting his father's impressive family business, he is inheriting a Ponzi scheme.

For years his father has been making free with clients' capital and speculating recklessly, as his own father did before him. Edward must decide whether to continue the business and try to put matters right - a seemingly impossible task - or to expose the crime and bring his family to certain ruin.

Starring Samuel Barnett and Clive Merrison.

Harley Granville Barker's classic 1905 play.

Edward Samuel Barnett

Mr Voysey Clive Merrison

Mr George Booth Gawn Grainger

Trenchard Voysey Richard Dillane

Major Booth Voysey Alan Cox

Denis Tregoning Joseph Arkley

Mrs Voysey Phyllida Law

Honor Voysey Amanda Lawrence

Peacey Paul Moriarty

Adapted and directed by Lu Kemp.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2012.

SAT 07:30 A Month in the Country by JL Carr (Omnibus) (m0030lsw)

First World War veteran Tom Birkin arrives in the Yorkshire village of Oxgodby and uncovers a mysterious Medieval mural in the church.

Set across a golden summer month, JL Carr's poetic classic also sees Tom finding some peace and healing.

Omnibus of five parts abridged by Clara Glynn.

Read by Will Howard.

Producer: Naomi Walmsley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2022.

SAT 08:45 Marriott's Monologues (b007jqz7)

Dame Thora Hird

Monologist, Dame Thora Hird introduces the Ramsbottom family with 'The Lion and Albert' and 'The Return of Albert'.

Series of the famous monologues of Marriott Edgar.

Music by Brian Fitzgerald.

Produced at BBC Manchester by Mike Craig.

First broadcast on BBC BBC Radio 2 in August 1991.

SAT 09:00 The Men from the Ministry (m000gn3y)

The Big Rocket

The civil servants bungle in Britain's space race, with a mix-up over Mildred.

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government offices and to all the others who spend their days there as well.

Roland Hamilton-Jones [Number One] Wilfred Hyde-White

Richard Lamb [Number Two] Richard Murdoch

Mildred Murfin Norma Ronald

April Adams Diana Olsen

With:

Roy Dotrice

John Graham

David Graham

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966

Written and produced by Edward Taylor.

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1962.

SAT 09:30 Brothers in Law (b05nhvmw)

Series 1

With Use of Bath

Barrister Roger Thursby is caught between a landlord and his tenant.

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

Adapted for radio by Richard Waring from the BBC TV scripts written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Roger Thursby Richard Briers

Henry Blagrove Richard Waring

Sally Mannering Ann Davies
 Grimes John Glyn-Jones
 Mrs Butler Patsy Rowlands
 Wilson Robert Dorning
 Alec Malcolm Hayes
 Guest stars:
 Butler Deryck Guyler
 The Judge Nicholas Phipps
 Restored from BBC Transcription Service tapes - originally edited for sale abroad.
 Produced by David Hatch.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1970.
SAT 10:00 Sisters in Satire: The Pioneering Women of Comedy (m000tf7d)
 3. Looking at Linda and Where's the F in News
 From the dawn of broadcast comedy, women played a vital but largely overlooked role; more in the background rather than the forefront.
 What impact did the sisters of satire from the 60's and 70's have on the comedy we know today and what was their cultural influence?
 In the less enlightened 1960S and 70s, women were often the butt of the joke, rather than making them.
 Just because they weren't the stars of the show didn't mean their influence wasn't felt. June Whitfield, Eleanor Bron and Miriam Margolyes were all quietly but firmly making their name in comedies such as The Glums, The Establishment Club and The Betty Witherspoon Show.
 These women paved the way for comedians and actors such as Jan Ravens, Meera Syal and Linda Smith.
 In the last of three programmes, Samira Ahmed is joined by actor and director Arabella Weir and former radio producer and novelist Lissa Evans to discuss some of the best sitcoms from the BBC archives to assess the impact funny women have had on contemporary comedy and the extent of their satirical legacy
 Includes: WHERE'S THE F IN NEWS
 Producer: Belinda Naylor
 Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in November 2019.
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SAT 16:00 August 2026: There Will Come Soft Rains by Ray Bradbury (m0030lxy)
 One day in the life of a house, during which ghosts of its previous occupants are gradually revealed.
 Central to the plot, Sara Teasdale's poem 'There Will Come Soft Rains' asks a question.
 Written by Ray Bradbury, who leaves us in little doubt of his answer...
 Narrator: Garrard Green
 With:
 Eva Haddon
 Jeffrey Segal
 Adapted for Narrator, Vocoder and Synthesizer by Malcolm Clarke.
 Realised and produced at the BBC Radiophonic Workshop by Malcolm Clarke.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1977.

 From BBC Radio 4 Extra's Hidden Treasures collection of titles returned to the BBC by various collectors.
 Our warm thanks go to the Radio Circle
SAT 16:30 The Dancing Partner by Jerome K Jerome (b08tj7rs)
 "All I ask of a partner is that he shall hold me firmly, take me round steadily, and not get tired before I do."
 When a group of young women complain about a lack of dance partners, a toymaker gets creative...
 Jerome K Jerome's eerie tale.
 Dramatised by Michael and Mollie Hardwick.
 Papa Geibel James Hayter
 Brendl Rolf Lefebvre
 Trudi Sheila Grant
 Olga Shirley Cooklin
 Colonel Lens Peter Pratt
 Hans/Fritz Malcolm Hayes
 Irma Patricia Clapton
 Hoffmeier Anthony Hall
 Wensel Austin Trevor
 MacShaugnassy Allan McClelland
 Special effects by the BBC Radiophonic Workshop.
 Music arranged and conducted by Denya Barlow.
 Signature tune by Ron Grainer.
 Producer: Charles Lefeaux

First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1963.
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SAT 22:00 Any Bloke (b007jzzj)
 Series 2
 With A Little Help From My Friends
 It's a tricky time for Phil.
 He has to organise Sophie's birthday party and tell Gerald what he thinks of his play.
 Starring Jim Sweeney and Caroline Quentin.
 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
 Sophie Nadine Ballantyne
 Izzy Wizzy Steve Dixon
 Rodney Gary Brown
 Candida Natasha Pyne
 Mrs Lee Becky Hindley
 Saskia Jessica Brown
 Other parts played by:
 Ben Brown
 Anna Van Heeswijk
 Producer: Ann Jobson
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.
SAT 22:30 Stand-Up Specials (m0000qmr)
 Ken Cheng: Chinese Comedian
 3: Family
 Stand-up series exploring British Chinese culture, from BBC New Comedy Award finalist Ken Cheng.
 Ken examines attitudes towards family values.
 Reader: Sarah Sharpe
 Producer: Lyndsay Fenner
 A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2018.
SAT 22:45 Ida Barr: Artificial Hip Hop (b00v72r5)
 Diversity
 Ida Barr is a music hall singer who has embraced hip hop and rap, reflecting the cultural diversity of London's East End.
 She's been living here in retirement for several decades.
 With her genuine love of talking to people, Ida sets out investigate a new topic in each episode, creating a unique brand of music hall, hip-hop fusion with beat boxer Shlomo.
 Ida's subject this time is "Diversity".
 Written by and starring Christopher Green as Ida Barr.
 Producer: Claire Grove
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2010.
SAT 23:00 Lee Mack and Friends at the Fringe (b007klvl)
 Episode 2
 BAFTA award-winning Lee Mack introduces another top line-up of fellow comics:
 Andy Parsons
 Tim Minchin
 Lucy Porter
 Alan Cochran
 Jim Owen
 Recorded at the Fringe festival in Edinburgh.
 Producer: Will Saunders
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in August 2005.
SAT 23:30 Radio Active (b007jvym)
 Series 6
 In-House Documentary
 The fly-on-the-wall team follow a family around as they go about their daily lives - you'd never know they were in the house with them!
 The team make a documentary about the 'ordinary' things they have done whilst living together.
 Starring:
 Geoffrey Perkins
 Angus Deayton
 Philip Pope
 Michael Fenton-Stevens
 Morwenna Banks
 Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins with Michael Fenton-Stevens.
 Music by Philip Pope, Steve Brown and Angus Deayton.
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1986.

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SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0030m2x)
 American Singers
 Barry Manilow
 Singer-songwriter Barry Manilow is castaway by Kirsty Young.
 Barry has been a hugely successful performer for over 30 years but, in this intimate interview, he describes how it was never the career he intended to have.
 He always knew he would be a musician, but thought his future lay behind-the-scenes, not at the front of the stage.
 Brought up by his mother and grandparents in Brooklyn, money was always scarce and family life often difficult - but when there was music playing in their apartment, Manilow says, the home was a happy one.
 DISC ONE: Frank Sinatra - One for My Baby
 DISC TWO: Judy Garland - Over the Rainbow
 DISC THREE: Gerry Mulligan Quartet - What is There to Say?
 DISC FOUR: Bob Gaudio - Candide
 DISC FIVE: Laura Nyro - Emmie
 DISC SIX: London Symphony Orchestra - Johannes Brahms's Symphony No. 3 in F major - 3rd movement
 DISC SEVEN: Sting - Fragile
 DISC EIGHT: Peter Gabriel & Kate Bush - Don't Give Up
 CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Judy Garland - Over the Rainbow
 BOOK CHOICE: Man vs Wild - Survival Techniques from the Most Dangerous Places on Earth by Bear Grylls
 LUXURY CHOICE: A piano
 Producer: Leanne Buckle
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2009.
SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0124r4k)
 Series 2
 Elsa
 David Attenborough recalls how, whilst en route to Madagascar, his BBC bosses asked him to break his journey in Kenya to visit the Adamsons.
 Joy and George Adamson were famous for hand rearing a Lioness whom they named Elsa. She was the central character in the book written by the couple "Born Free".
 Sir David cleverly takes us from the romanticism of Born Free and being close to habituated lions, to the harsh reality of befriending a big cat.
 Producer: Julian Hector
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2011.
SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m001140p)
 The Poetry Detective - Episode One
 Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects The Poetry Detective. What's the line of poetry that will live in your head forever? The writer Vanessa Kisuule explores the stories behind people's most treasured poems.
 Vanessa speaks to people about the poems - and bits of poems - that mean the most to them. She finds out why the poems matter, and then unfolds the backstory of the poem itself - who wrote it, what was the context it came out of and how does it work on us.
 In this programme, Vanessa explores poems that have been handed down through families.
 For Juan Dickinson, there are lines of Louis MacNeice's poetry which will forever remind him of his late dad - who used MacNeice's verse to impart life lessons to his son. But he's never known much about MacNeice the man - can Glenn Patterson help fill in the blanks?
 Eleanor Penny has a poem in her family that she's never been able to identify - found in her grandad's pocket after his death.
 Can Chris McCabe, Librarian at the National Poetry Library help Vanessa track down the source?
 Produced in Bristol by Mair Bosworth for BBC Audio.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2021.
SUN 07:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (Omnibus) (m000205b)
 Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years
 Episode 2
 Adrian Mole is asked to write a book. Meanwhile, Pandora calls a family summit meeting. Read by Harry McEntire.
 Omnibus of the last five of 10 parts abridged by Sara Davies.
 This diary starts in April 1997. Adrian is no longer a spotty teenager, but a balding 30 year old, recently separated from Jo Jo, the mother of his 2 year old son, William.
 On the eve of the General Election, Adrian returns home to Ashby-de-la-Zouch to vote for his local Labour Party candidate, and childhood sweetheart, Pandora Braithwaite. He is working

as Head Chef in a restaurant in Soho, where there is tinned tomato soup on the 'traditional English, no choice' menu. Adrian's literary ambitions remain unrealised, but his career is about to take an unexpected turn and throw him into the limelight. And that is not the only life-changing surprise in store for the hapless yet irrepresible diarist.

The Cappuccino Years highlights how much attitudes have changed over the years, and once again showcases Sue Townsend's fearless and razor-sharp wit.

Producer: Alexa Moore

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0030m30)

Lesley Joseph

Birds of a Feather actress Lesley Joseph chooses 'Marche Militaire' by Franz Schubert and 'What About Us' by P!nk.

SUN 08:50 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (Omnibus) (b08hr6sn)

Game of Thrones star Ellie Kendrick stars in an adaptation of Anne Bronte's debut novel.

This is the story of Agnes, aged 19 and determined to take care of herself and help the family finances.

But what can a young girl with no money, no connections and no prospects do?

How does a young woman find her way in the world...? She has to become a governess.

So begins Agnes's journey of self-discovery and a search for love...

Omnibus of five episodes dramatised by Rachel Joyce.

Agnes Grey Ellie Kendrick

Mrs Grey Juliet Aubrey

Mr Grey John Bowler

Mrs Bloomfield Catriona McFarlane

Mr Bloomfield David Sterne

Tom Felix Lailey

Mary Ann Amy Jayne Leigh

Edward Weston George Watkins

Mr Hatfield Luke MacGregor

Rosalie Keziah Joseph

Matilda Natasha Cowley

Mrs Murray Karen Bartke

Nancy Alison Belbin

Director: Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

SUN 10:00 Thank You, Mrs Fothergill (b0868wsf)

'Alice Foster, This Is Your Life!'

In the northern England town of Cloughbottom, it's the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Evening Guild.

But there's a surprise in store for the chairman, Alice Foster.

Starring Sheila Hancock and Pat Coombs.

Keith Parry's sitcom about the comic mishaps of the Cloughbottom Ladies' Evening Guild.

Alice Foster Sheila Hancock

Phyllis Middleton Pat Coombs

Mrs Fothergill Avis Bunnage

Ethel and Peggy Clovissa Newcombe

A selection of surviving episodes.

Produced in Manchester by Bob Oliver Rogers.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1978.

SUN 10:30 Take It From Here (b0b3g1zc)

From 22/11/1955

It's a gala occasion for the cast!

This is the first show to be broadcast from the BBC's newly refurbished Paris Theatre studio in London's Lower Regent Street. This former cinema was used for another 40 years for countless BBC shows - until it was sadly vacated in 1995.

The cast settle into their new home - with Ron feeling poorly in 'The Glums'.

Classic comedy written by Frank Muir and Denis Norden.

Starring:

Professor Jimmy Edwards

Dick Bentley

June Whitfield

Alma Cogan

Wallace Eton.

Music from The Keynotes and the Augmented BBC Revue Orchestra with Harry Rabinowitz.

Announcer: David Dunhill

Producer: Charles Maxwell

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in November 1955.

SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0030m2x)

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SUN 16:00 Weird Tales (b00vk756)

Series 1

The Loop by Chris Harrald

It's 1906 and workers on the new London Underground railway unearth some mysterious remains.

A young archaeologist investigates and discovers some mysteries are better left undisturbed...

Written by Chris Harrald.

Series of chilling dramas inspired by Lovecraft's stories of magical rites and forbidden lore.

Lovecraft/Samuelson Stephen Hogan

Geoffrey Coombs Geoffrey Sreatfeild

Lucy Allen Sophie Roberts

Mr Hodge Stephen Critchlow

Billy Joe Prospero

Feasy Paul Rider

Workman Matt Addis

Waitress Lizzy Watts

Producer: Faith Collingwood

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

SUN 16:30 The Price of Fear (b01s7w2d)

The Specialty of the House

Vincent Price recounts a culinary tale which leaves a bitter taste.

Written by Stanley Ellin and dramatised by Barry Campbell.

The legendary film actor introduces tales of horror and mystery.

With:

Hugh Burden

Francis de Wolfe

William Sleigh

Vernon Joyner.

Producer: John Dyas

First broadcast on the BBC World Service in April 1974.

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SUN 22:00 Clare in the Community (b00hklfr)

Series 5

Name Calling

Society itself has improved little, so there are still plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker.

Or even Clare.

Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.

A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis.

Clare is in her 30s, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

The last series saw the personal and professional lives of Clare and her team shaken around and shuffled about, but it is in the nature of hell to be unchanging, and all are present and correct for a further round of frustration, despair, disappointment, team meetings and eleven o'clock cakes.

Clare Sally Phillips

Brian Alex Lowe

Helen Liza Tarbuck

Ray Richard Lumsden

Megan/Nali Nina Conti

Irene Ellen Thomas

Simon Andrew Wincott

Schoolgirl Donlla Hughes

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

SUN 22:30 Hamish and Dougal: You'll Have Had Your Tea (b0076zx3)

Series 3

There's Something About Mrs Naughtie

Mrs Naughtie comes into a large inheritance from her mysterious Uncle Nab.

She naturally attracts the not altogether unwelcome advances of Hamish, Dougal and the Laird.

Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden star as the two Scotsmen famed for their appearances on BBC Radio's I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue.

With Alison Steadman as their cleaning-lady-cum-housekeeper, and Jeremy Hardy as the local Laird.

Hamish Barry Cryer

Dougal Graeme Garden

Mrs Naughtie Alison Steadman

The Laird Jeremy Hardy

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006.

SUN 22:45 Elastic Planet (b007js6h)

The Train

The Ministry of Furniture and methodist pirates.

Oliver Postgate narrates a stream of bizarre coincidences.

Ben Moor's cosmic comedy of connections.

With:

Sir Patrick Moore

Miriam Margolyes

Dan Strauss

Michael Troughton

Neil Mullarkey

Sir Robert Stephens

Richard Baker

Producer: Jon Naismith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1995.

SUN 23:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b068vymj)

Series 4

The Wedding

Damien recounts the events leading up to his marriage to long term partner Anthony, when not everything went exactly according to plan...

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

Created by and starring Miles Jupp.

Written by Justin Edwards.

Damien Trench Miles Jupp

Anthony Justin Edwards

Ian Frobisher Philip Fox

Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey

Damien's mother Selina Cadell

The Celebrant Jessica Turner

Gavin Fox David Acton

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015.

SUN 23:30 Party (m0001vtr)

Series 1

Episode 2

The young idealists are wrangling over their new party's Foreign Policy.

Or at least they would if they had a pen.

The arrival of Phoebe's politically astute older boyfriend threatens the party's future as Jared's insecurities come bubbling to the surface.

Tom Basden's sitcom satirises their ambitions, hypocrisy and naivety - based on his 2009 Edinburgh play which won a fringe first.

Simon Tom Basden

Mel Anna Crilly

Duncan Tim Key

Eamonn Nick Mohammed

Jared Johnny Sweet

Phoebe Katy Wix.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

MONDAY 24 AUGUST 2026

MON 00:00 Weird Tales (b00vk756)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 The Price of Fear (b01s7w2d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0030m2x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0124r4k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m001140p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 The Diaries of Adrian Mole (Omnibus) (m000205b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0030m30)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte (Omnibus) (b08hr6sn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Thank You, Mrs Fothergill (b0868wsf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 Take It From Here (b0b3g1zc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jw7f)

Wimsey - Five Red Herring

1. The Body in the Burn

Aristocratic sleuth, Lord Peter Wimsey, goes on a Scottish fishing holiday in Kircudbright.

But he ends up catching more than trout - when he's called upon to investigate the death of a local artist.

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey.

The British gentleman detective features in a number of detective novels and short stories by English crime writer, Dorothy L Sayers.

'The Five Red Herring's' was first published in 1931.

Adapted for radio in eight episodes by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Murdoch Bruce Bennett

Waters Bill Wallace

Campbell/Dr Cameron Trevor Martin

McAdam Alaric Cotter

Sgt Dalziel John Graham

Mrs Strachan Hazel McBride
Strachan Gordon Clyde
Classy and sharp-witted, aristocratic amateur sleuth Lord Peter Bredon Wimsey was born in 1890 and educated at Eton and Oxford, before serving in the military during the First World War.
Ian Carmichael appeared as Lord Peter Wimsey for BBC Radio from 1973 to 1983, in addition to the BBC TV adaptations that were broadcast between 1972 and 1975.
Producer: Simon Brett.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.
MON 06:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1c)
1. Village of the White Scorpion
Elizabeth Warwick decides to travel through Egypt.
It's not just any jaunt - as she's set to follow in the footsteps of her famous father - an archaeologist.
But what will she discover?
Starring Sheila Grant.
Victor Pemberton's thriller serial in eight-parts.
Elizabeth Warwick...Sheila Grant
Mahmoud... James Thomason
Mr Wilder...John Humphry
Fuad... David Spenser
Charles Villiers...Rolf Lefebvre
Margaret Villiers... Marion Mathie
Achmed Araby ... Haydn Jones
Abdullah ... Antony Vaccars
Other parts played by:
Nigel Anthony
Anthony Jackson
Ian Thompson
Barbara Mitchell
Margaret Robertson
Producer: John Tydeman
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1968.
MON 07:00 The Adventures of John and Tony (b009m38r)
The Quest for the Holy Spectacles
John discovers that Jesus wore glasses, but whatever happened to them?
Plus John and Tony travel to Glastonbury and Loch Ness.
Another comic journey in which John and his best friend Tony search for happiness, love, the meaning of life ... and glasses.
Written by John Hegley
Starring:
John Hegley
Simon Munnelly
Terry Malloy
Sunny Ormonde
John Korne
Original music by Nigel Piper.
Director: Anne Edyvean
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1999.
MON 07:30 Dad's Army (b007jqpj)
Series 3
The Royal Train
Captain Mainwaring gets up steam when the Home Guard platoon receive sealed orders regarding the King.
The comic exploits of a Second World War Home Guard platoon in Walmington-on-Sea.
Adapted for radio from Jimmy Perry and David Croft's TV scripts by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.
Captain Mainwaring Arthur Lowe
Sergeant Wilson John Le Mesurier
Corporal Jones Clive Dunn
Private Frazer John Laurie
Private Godfrey Arnold Ridley
Private Pike Ian Lavender
Warden Hodges Bill Pertwee
Private Walker Larry Martyn
Vicar Frank Williams
Announcer/Newsreader John Snagge
Producer: John Dyas
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1976.
MON 08:00 55 and Over (b01Int3xm)
1. Out of Tune
Ray and Jane's marriage is rocked by some very bad singing and late-life crisis's take hold.
Starring Juliet Stevenson and Philip Jackson.
Award winning, Peter Souter's comedy about love, sex and other foolhardy mistakes made by the modern 50-plus.
Jane Juliet Stevenson
Ray Philip Jackson
Tony Patrick Brennan
Heather Liza Sadovy
Honey Stephanie Racine
Sam Adam Nagaitis
Director: Helen Perry
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012.
MON 08:30 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004lh3)
1. Caves
Robert Macfarlane muses on the worlds beneath our feet.
In this the Anthropocene Age, life underground is ecologically and delicately poised...and then he recalls a vivid cave journey in the Mendips, with his friend Sean:
"The entry is awkward, a body-bending downwards wriggle before a drop..."
Abridged in five parts by Katrin Williams.
Read by the author.
Producer: Duncan Minshull.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.
MON 08:45 Breathing Underwater by Bryony Lavery (b007jtd3)
1. Diver
Sennen Pennamenny is a professional diver who gets a job exploring a Tudor wreck.
The Elizabeth Mary sank off Cornwall's Porthant Bay back in 1575.
But things don't get off to a good start...
Written in five parts by Bryony Lavery.
Sennen Pennamenny Susannah Doyle
Robert Renownden John Turner
Simon Murray Charles Simpson
Harry Trice Geoffrey Hutchings
Bob Sean Arnold
Andy Russell Boulter
Director: Janet Whitaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.
MON 09:00 Just a Minute (m0030c3v)
Series 97
5. How to win at rock, paper, scissors
We're keeping Paul on his toes with the subject Peter Piper
Picked a Peck of Pickled Peppers. Catherine explains why learning board game rules aren't for her, plus Paterson and Zoe take on subjects like the ghost that's haunting my house and my autobiography title.
Host: Sue Perkins
Players: Paul Merton, Catherine Bohart, Paterson Joseph and Zoe Lyons
Producer: Georgia Keating
Executive Producer: James Robinson
Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman
Sound Editor: Marc Willcox
Additional material by Angela Channell
An EcoAudio certified production.
A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.
MON 09:30 Human Hosts (m0030m9l)
Head Louse - Liza Tarbuck
Ever wondered what's making you itch?
Or rather, who?
Here the first of five parasites comfortable using us as their home get the chance to tell their own stories.
Liza Tarbuck is a head louse.
Written by Phil Hammond.
With:
Christine Brown
Ian Burgess
Joanna Ibarra
Producer: Mark Rickards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.
MON 09:45 Daily Service (m0030m9p)
Rest - Rest for your body
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Rest - Rest for your body
Presenter: Holly Adams
Reading: Isaiah 40:25-31
Music:
Cornerstone - Volney Morgan and New Ye
Abide with me - LCGC
Trust - Philippa Hanna
MON 10:00 Sounds Natural (b08x2b64)
Bing Crosby
Legendary Hollywood actor and crooner Bing Crosby discusses his love of nature and the outdoor life with Derek Jones.
Among his choice of wildlife recordings from the BBC Sound Archives.
* Great Northern Diver
* Pintail
* Greater Snow Goose
Produced at BBC Bristol by John Burton.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1976.
MON 10:30 Children Of The Enemy (b00762qs)
Martha Kearney explores the remarkable story of German children fostered by Dutch families soon after the Second World War ended.
More than 50 years on, some of these children revisit their former foster homes.
More than 60,000 German children being fostered by Dutch families would appear to be 'a kind of miracle' only years after brutal Nazi occupation. The children stayed for six months between 1948 and 1950.
In addition to several personal recollections, Barbara Martin returns to the house she stayed in as an eight year-old, to meet Aunt Coby who fostered 14 children during that time.
Producer: Hans Pietsch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.
MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jw7f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 11:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 12:00 The Adventures of John and Tony (b009m38r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 12:30 Dad's Army (b007jqpj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 13:00 55 and Over (b01Int3xm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 13:30 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004lh3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Breathing Underwater by Bryony Lavery (b007jtd3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 14:00 Wordaholics (b01smdm2)
Series 2
Episode 6
Gyles Brandreth chairs the word-obsessed comedy panel show.
Competing for wordy supremacy:
Susie Dent
Lloyd Langford
Dave Gorman
Natalie Haynes
Susie Dent reveals two of her favourite now-defunct words from Samuel Johnson's Dictionary are 'pandiculation' (to stretch while yawning) and 'snirtle' (to laugh in a quiet and restrained manner).
Dave Gorman comes up with a new cliché to replace 'Curiosity Killed the Cat', while Natalie Haynes tells us what the Cockney rhyming slang 'a Basil' refers to.
Lloyd Langford asks the meaning of 'dumppoke' from the 1903 dictionary, 'Hobson Jobson - A Glossary of Anglo Indian Colloquial Words and Phrases' (a book which Susie Dent claims is 'a very good read').
Written by Jon Hunter and James Kettle.
Producer: Claire Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2013.
MON 14:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076bm8)
Series 2
Episode 6
It's crunch time for Cassie, who's decided that having her Dad live with her is no bed of roses.
Even if he is an expert on compost.
And more importantly, she finally hears what her heart has, for a while, been trying to tell her.
Starring Debra Stephenson and David Lamb.
Amanda Murphy's comedy-drama series about Cassie and Pete, who'd make a great couple - if they weren't so busy being friends.
Cassie Debra Stephenson
Pete David Lamb
Dad Mike Grady
Mum Brigit Forsyth
Jenny Mika Simmons
PJ Brendan Burns
Producer: Graham Frost
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2002.
MON 15:00 The July Ghost by AS Byatt (m0030m9r)
"One ought not to mind places. Their memories," he said. "One ought not to, but one does. I know," she replied.
A quiet house, a lovely garden, and a secret only the new lodger can see.
What will he do?
Starring Kate Buffery and Clive Owen.
AS Byatt's haunting, poignant story, first published in 1987.
Dramatised by Eric Pringle.
Imogen ... Kate Buffery
The Man ... Clive Owen
Noel ... Gavin Muir
Boy ... Oliver Cookson
Director: Tracey Neale
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.
MON 15:45 Rose-Coloured Teacups by AS Byatt (m0030m9t)
A mother restrains her anger when her daughter proves forthright and attacking of the geriatric family sewing machine.
The moment triggers a memory of an incident of broken teacups from the 1950s.
AS Byatt's story about mothers and daughters.
Read by Anna Massey.
Producer: Louise Purslow
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1985.
MON 16:00 Sounds Natural (b08x2b64)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:30 Children Of The Enemy (b00762qs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
MON 17:00 Whodunnits (b007jw7f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 18:00 The Adventures of John and Tony (b009m38r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 Dad's Army (b007jqpj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 55 and Over (b01Int3xm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004lh3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 Breathing Underwater by Bryony Lavery (b007jtd3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 Wordaholics (b01smdm2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076bm8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 The July Ghost by AS Byatt (m0030m9r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 21:45 Rose-Coloured Teacups by AS Byatt (m0030m9t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m0030c3v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 22:30 Truly, Madly, Bletchley (b0084j1q)

Series 2

Episode 3

Britain's first public access cable radio show continues!

Meet the humble members of Bletchley District Council who aim to entertain and educate us in the way of the world. Councillor Babcock investigates the Heinrich Himmler garden centre when a puppet dictatorship is established in the World of Bathrooms.

And there's entertainment courtesy of Enrico Valdez with a 'mealbreak melody'.

Written by Julian Dutton.

Starring:

Liz Fraser

Julian Dutton

Peter Hugo-Daly

Stephen Critchlow

Matthew Bell

Special guest: Enrico Valdez and his Orchestra and Cleo Roccos.

Producer: Andy Aliffe

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

MON 22:45 Quando, Quando, Quando (b007zd2c)

Fishy Business

When the racketeering Fish Brothers pay the Quandos a visit, Carlo is in turmoil, Anthony is in Timbuktu and Charlie is in a world of his own.

Brothers Rene, Carlo and Charlie Quando chop, snip and crimpt their lucky clients into shape at London's finest hair salon.

Written and performed by Rainer Hersch and Mark Maier.

With:

Stephen Greif

Catherine Tate

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1999.

MON 23:00 The People Have Spoken (m0030che)

Fed Up with War!

It's time for the people to speak. Taking on the headlines, Ian Smith is joined by Harriet Kemsley and Ashley Storrie to work out what is going on, and together with an Edinburgh Fringe audience, solve the biggest problem facing the world right now.

Which family member would you send to negotiate with Hamas? How should we help Trump meet his self-imposed deadlines? And how to we protect Andy Burnham from scam phone calls?

Written by Ian Smith, Angela Channell, Cameron Loxdale and Katie Storey

Production Coordinator: Asha Osborne-Grinter

Sound Editing: David Thomas

Executive Producer: James Robinson

Recorded the Edinburgh Festival Fringe

Produced by Gwyn Rhys Davies. A BBC Studios Production

MON 23:30 The In Crowd (b00stlxy)

Series 3

Episode 4

The coolest bag ladies in the world, and discover swimwear solutions for dieters who haven't yet reached their target weight.

Plus, Jonathan Tudge, who just can't help putting his foot in it. Another advice-packed sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store.

With:

Helen Moon

Robin Ince

Smug Roberts

Kate Ward

Producer: Graham Frost

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2002.

TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2026**TUE 00:00 Sounds Natural (b08x2b64)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 Children Of The Enemy (b00762qs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jw7f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 The Adventures of John and Tony (b009m38r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 Dad's Army (b007jqj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:00 55 and Over (b0Int3xm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:30 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004lh3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:45 Breathing Underwater by Bryony Lavery (b007jtd3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Wordaholics (b01sdmd2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 A Whole 'Nother Story (b0076bm8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 The July Ghost by AS Byatt (m0030m9r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

TUE 05:45 Rose-Coloured Teacups by AS Byatt (m0030m9t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (b00s6492)

Wimsey - Five Red Herrings

2. Disappearances

Lord Peter Wimsey is investigating the mysterious death of unpopular artist, Sandy Campbell.

But why do key suspects keep vanishing..?

Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers.

Dramatised by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Sir Maxwell Jameson Garard Green

Sgt Dalziel John Graham

Mrs Faron Frances Jeater

Miss Selby Nell Brennan

Miss Cochran Audrey Muir

Inspector MacPherson Don McKillopp

Allcock Peter Wickham

Hammond/PC Duncan David Strong

Betty Heather Bell

Jock Graham Christopher Scoular

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

TUE 06:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1k)

2. Into the Darkness

Elizabeth Warwick is visiting Egypt to locate the tomb her famous archaeologist father discovered before his death.

At Luxor, she's met by Fuad - a young Egyptian associate of her late father.

But is the man really Fuad..?

Starring Sheila Grant.

Victor Pemberton's archaeological thriller serial set in Egypt.

Elizabeth Warwick:Sheila Grant

Mahmoud:.....James Thomason

Mr Wilder:.....John Humphry

Fuad:.....David Spenser

Charles Villiers:.....Rolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers:.....Marion Mathie

Achmed Araby:.....Haydn Jones

Bertie Pringle:.....Barry Lowe

O'Hara:.....Denis McCarthy

Captain AzizJohn Justin

Producer: John Tydemann

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.

TUE 07:00 Yes Minister (b007jnk7)

Series 2

The Death List

A victim of phone tapping, Jim Hacker rebuts state surveillance - until his own life comes under threat.

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.

Jim Hacker Paul Eddington

Sir Humphrey Appleby Nigel Hawthorne

Bernard Derek Fowlds

Commander Forrest Graeme Garden

Anne Hacker Diana Hoddinot

Walter Fowler Derek Newark

Detective Peter Acre

Detective William Eadle

Head Waiter John Bott

Brian Perkins Himself

Adapted for radio by producer Pete Atkin.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

TUE 07:30 The Milligan Papers (m0030m9x)

From Rags To More Rags

The richest man in Britain chooses to change places with the poorest. Do you fit either of these descriptions? If not listen to this programme.

A story of rags to more rags and one man's search for fame, fortune and a social disease.

Madcap comedy series written by John Antrobus and Spike Milligan

Starring:

Spike Milligan

John Bluthal

Chris Langham

John Antrobus

With music from George Chisholm & His Gentleman of Jazz

Announcer Eugene Fraser

Producer Paul Spencer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1987.

TUE 08:00 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane Austen? (m0016hgz)

Series 1

3. The Ghost And Mrs Ragnarrok

Selina's close personal ex-husband Andrew has died and – much to Florence's rage and fury - left her a small Picasso.

Meanwhile the murky waters of daughter Lucy's parentage are stirred as Florence's PA Mrs Ragnarrok has a mysterious

meeting with Jonathan, who happens to be Lucy's father.

Unaware of any of this, Lucy continues to plan the round-the-world yacht voyage that everyone has completely forgotten she is about to undertake.

Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders star as respected novelist Florence and movie star Selina - two sisters at war.

Written by David Quantick
Florence - Dawn French
Selina - Jennifer Saunders
Mrs Ragnarrok – Rebecca Front
Lucy - Lisa McGrillis
All the men - Alistair McGowan

"The leads' natural chemistry, plus David Quantick's witty script... make for an enjoyable comedy with series potential"

The Observer
"It's as slick, dark and funny as one would expect – but surely this cannot be a one-off? The ending alone leaves us begging for a series" Radio Times
"French and Saunders sparkle with a magic that is so rarely heard in new radio comedies that I'd almost forgotten it was possible" Daily Telegraph
Producer: Liz Anstee
A CPL production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2022.

TUE 08:30 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004lc0)
2. Catacombs
Robert Macfarlane describes his travels in various worlds beneath our feet.
This time the adventure is urban. He travels towards a city's catacombs:
"Late in the morning we drop down a set of staircases to a point named on the maps as Hell Well."
Read by the author.
Abridged by Katrin Williams.
Producer: Duncan Minshall
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2019.

TUE 08:45 Breathing Underwater by Bryony Lavery (b007jtdh)
2. Memories...
Professor Simon Murray has to swallow his pride.
Meanwhile Harry is still pondering Sennen's paternity.
Bryony Lavery's tale of diving for a ship wreck - the Elizabeth Mary - which sank off Cornwall's Porthant Bay back in 1575.
Sennen Pennamenny Susannah Doyle
Robert Renownden John Turner
Simon Murray Charles Simpson
Harry Trice Geoffrey Hutchings
Bob Sean Arnold
Andy Russell Boulter
Director: Janet Whitaker
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

TUE 09:00 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz (m0030cfp)
Series 5
S5 E2: The Best Episode Ever
Paul presents his audience in Belfast with the best-ever episode of Pub Quiz, featuring rounds on subjects like Misses World and international airports - and he begins a campaign to rename a (sort-of) local airport.
The audience, as usual, get to quiz Paul, asking him questions about the first fast food in space, the foundation of the GAA, and the first airport to introduce Duty Free.
Written and performed by Paul Sinha
Additional material: Oliver Levy
Additional questions: The Audience
Recorded at the Black Box Theatre, Belfast, by Andrew Dick and Meghan Sheeran at BBC Northern Ireland
Mixed by Rich Evans at Syncox Post
Producer: Ed Morrish
Executive producer: Lyndsay Fenner
A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 09:30 Human Hosts (m0030m9z)
Pin Worm - Tony Robinson
Ever wondered what's making you itch?
Or rather, who?
Another of five parasites comfortable using us as their home gets the chance to tell their own stories.
Tony Robinson is a pin worm.
Written by Phil Hammond.
With:
Mark Blaxter
Ian Burgess
Christine Brown
Joanna Ibarra
Producer: Mark Rickards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.
TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m0030mb1)
Rest - Rest for your mind
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Gardens in the Bible - Solomon: Garden of Plenty
Presenter: Rest - Rest for your mind
Reading: Psalm 62:5-8
Music:
As the Deer - Rivers and Robots
Son of God - Jake & mates
Irish Blessing - Daily Service Singers
TUE 10:00 A Good Read (m000tlvt)
Bryony Gordon & Hollie McNish
Writer and podcaster Bryony Gordon and poet and author Hollie McNish join Harriet Gilbert to discuss favourite books by Marian Keyes, Walter Tevis and Nina Stibbe.
Rachel's Holiday by Marian Keyes
Publisher: Penguin
The Queen's Gambit by Walter Tevis
Publisher: Weidenfeld and Nicholson

Reasons to be Cheerful by Nina Stibbe

Publisher: Penguin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2021.

TUE 10:30 The Choir Invisible (b00yb305)

The hymns from the Victorian age are distinctive, memorable and eminently hum-able.

But they have something else in common - the vast majority of them were written by women.

In an era when women were excluded from many parts of society, hymnody became a preserve of creative, devout and often very colourful women.

Ian Hislop goes to church to decode the lives and works of these remarkable but historically invisible ladies of song.

Featuring:

* Reverend Michaela A Youngson

* Professor Valentine Cunningham

* Dr Peggy Reynolds

* The Christ Church Cathedral Singers

Producer: Philip Sellars

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2003.

TUE 11:00 Whodunnits (b00s6492)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

TUE 11:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

TUE 12:00 Yes Minister (b007jnk7)

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TUE 14:00 It's Not What You Know (b01c7snf)

Series 1

Episode 1

A trio of famous folk nominate one of their nearest and dearest to answer a selection of questions.

Anything from "Who would you like to be stranded on a desert island with?" to "What is your favourite film?" to "How much is a pint of milk?"

Then they attempt to second-guess how their nominee responded.

If they can get it right, or come close, they get points.

Miles Jupp takes the chair and welcomes:

* Rachel Johnson

* Desmond Lynam

* Mark Steel

.

Plus special guest - renowned film director and food critic, Michael Winner gives answers which the panel must try to predict.

Producer: Sam Michell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

TUE 14:30 Life in London (b011kpfk)

Mr Lushington

If Pierce can't meet his deadline, how will the audience hear about a visit to the slums, George IV's interior decorating, and a dog fighting a monkey?

Starring Greg Wise, Mark Gatiss and James Bachman.

Pierce Egan's 19th-century comic novel adapted by Dan Tetsell.

Pierce Egan Geoffrey McGivern

Hustle Alex Macqueen

Corinthian Tom Greg Wise

Pickpocket Neil Edmond

Jerry Hawthorn Mark Gatiss

Jarvey Ben Graves

Bob Logic James Bachman

Fishwife Laura Shavin

Mrs Egan Alys Torrence

Corinthian Kate Amanda Abbington

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

TUE 15:00 Valentino by Bob Sinfield (m0030mb4)

Alan Cumming stars in a dramatised biography of the silent screen's greatest romantic hero, Rudolph Valentino.

Born in Italy, Valentino persuaded his mother to finance a trip to America where he learnt to dance.

Accused of blackmail and after an affair in which his girlfriend shot her husband, he fled to California and entered the heart of the entertainment industry.

Fame and fortune followed but not without complications...

Rudolph Valentino Alan Cumming

June Mathis ... Denise Coffey

Jean Acker Rebecca Front

Natacha Rambova ... Lorelei King

Bob Leonard ... Mark Caven

Jack de Saulles - Dick Vosburgh

Dramatised and directed by Bob Sinfield

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in May 1995.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

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TUE 21:00 Valentino by Bob Sinfield (m0030mb4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

TUE 22:00 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz (m0030cfp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 22:30 Pick Ups (b008p50r)

Series 1

Episode 2

A crucial darts match is played in the Manchester cab office, while Rebel offers some marital advice.

Comedy set in in a run-down taxi office in Manchester.

Written by Ian Kershaw.

Lind ... Sally Lindsay

Mike ... John Thomson

Dave ... Philip Rowson

Alan /Rebel ... Ash Tandon

With:

Claire Coleman

Mark E Smith

Producer: Paul Hardy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.

TUE 23:00 All the World's a Globe (b007jwwz)

8. From 20th Century Wars to Twiggy

From 20th Century Wars to Twiggy.

Concluding the history of mankind.

Presented by the entire cast of the National Theatre of Brent -

Desmond Olivier Dingle and Wallace, aided by Mr Barker.

Written by Patrick Barlow, with additional material by Jim

Broadbent and Martin Duncan.

With guest star Peter Barker.

With thanks to

Patrick Barlow

Jim Broadbent

Martin Duncan

Producer: Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1990.

TUE 23:15 2000 Years of Radio (b007scys)

Series 1

Dark Age FM

It's AD 500 and history's most miserable time.

Britain was being invaded twice a week and the country was run

by a bloke called Arthur.

But there was always Steve in the Afternoon to help Britons

through these difficult times

Series that taps into the radio archive of a bygone age.

Written and performed by:

Marcus Brigstocke

Claire Downes

Stuart Lane

Al Holloway

Danny Robbins

Dan Tetsell

Producers: Paul Dodgson & Sean Grundy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2000.

TUE 23:30 Chain Reaction (b054qfjd)

Series 10

Vic Reeves talks to Olivia Colman

One half of comedy double-act Vic & Bob, Vic Reeves (Jim

Moir) talks to the Oscar and BAFTA award-winning actress

Olivia Colman.

Chain Reaction is the long running hostless chat show where

last week's interviewee becomes this week's interviewer.

Producer: Charlie Perkins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2015.

WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2026

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WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b00s6492)

Wimsey - Five Red Herrings

3. Bicycles

One of six suspects over the death of Sandy Campbell, Jock

Graham has let slip that he knows rather more than he pretends.

The upper crust detective investigates.

Ian Carmichael stars as Lord Peter Wimsey – the aristocratic

amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L. Sayers.

Dramatised by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Hammond/PC Duncan David Strong

Jock Graham Christopher Scoular

Inspector MacPherson Don McKillopp

Jaime Mair/The Constable Jonathan Scott

Ferguson Iain Blair

Mrs McGregor Miriam Margolyes

Helen McGregor Yvonne Gillan

PC Ross Gordon Kane

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

WED 06:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010j1m)

3. Strangers in a Cafe

Elizabeth visits the site of the tomb excavated by her late father

in the Valley of the Kings.

Accompanying her is a young Egyptian who she suspects is

Fuad Yassif - a former friend of her father's.

Suddenly she's plunged into darkness, but she's not alone...

Starring Sheila Grant.

Victor Pemberton's archaeological thriller serial set in Egypt.

Elizabeth Warwick ... Sheila Grant

Mahmoud ... James Thomason

Mr Wilder ... John Humphry

Fuad ... David Spenser

Charles Villiers ... Rolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers ... Marion Mathie

Achmed Araby ... Haydn Jones

Abdullah ... Antony Viccars

Bertie Pringle ... Barry Lowe

O'Hara ... Denis McCarthy

Captain Aziz ... John Justin

The stranger ... Christopher Bidmead

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.

WED 07:00 Men of Intelligence (m0030mgk)

1. The Defector

London 1960. Ballet star Jan Petrowski wants to defect.

MI5 wants to help him, MI6 wants to send him back.

Kate Phillips, translator for the MI5/MI6 liaison department,

hasn't the faintest idea what she should do.

Smiley's People was never like this...

For the general public British Intelligence is a bit like cricket,

very few people actually understand it, almost no one sees it in

action but it's always nice to know it's there.

Written by Peter Kerry in six parts.

Kate Harriet Thorpe

Sir Stephen John Wells

Sir Donald Donald Pickering

Michael Douglas Hodge

Edward William Vandyck

The Interrogator Gordon Reid

Jan Petrowski Christopher Rozycki

Producer Lissa Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993.

WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k251)

Series 2

The Marrow Contest

The green-fingered Lad takes on the authorities to save his

pride and joy.

Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life

and times of Anthony Aloysius St John Hancock.

The teams must figure out what on earth is being advertised on TV - without seeing the pictures.

They must also guess what iconic images children are talking about, and work out which opening scenes of movies are being audio described.

Producer: Sasha Bobak

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2024.

An EcoAudio certified production.

WED 08:30 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mhx)

3. Karst

Robert Macfarlane is on his travels in various worlds beneath our feet.

On the Italian-Slovenian border he goes underground with the guide Sergio. Underneath the Karst, that is, where:

"a path winds down past blocks of limestone, to a brick hut. The hut is built over the entrance to the abyss..."

Read by the author.

Abridged by Katrin Williams.

Producer Duncan Minshull.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.

WED 08:45 Breathing Underwater by Bryony Lavery (b007jtdr)

3. Stranger

Sennen is troubled by the shipwreck and finding her father, while her relationship with Simon changes.

Bryony Lavery's tale of diving for a ship wreck - the Elizabeth Mary - which sank off Cornwall's Porthant Bay back in 1575.

Sennen Pennamenny Susannah Doyle

Robert Renownden John Turner

Simon Murray Charles Simpson

Harry Trice Geoffrey Hutchings

Bob Sean Arnold

Andy Russell Boulter

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

WED 09:00 Best Medicine (m0030c7z)

Series 3

4 - Fighting, Gene Therapy for Huntington's Disease, Plants Joining Kiri Pritchard-McLean this week is comedian Stephen Bailey who explains how fighting transformed his confidence.

Professor Ed Wild shares a groundbreaking gene therapy that can treat Huntington's disease for the first time, and Professor

Alessandra Devoto explores how plants like basil could help unlock future treatments for liver fibrosis.

Best Medicine is your weekly dose of laughter, hope and incredible medicine. Award-winning comedian Kiri Pritchard-McLean is joined by a funny and fascinating panel of

comedians, doctors, scientists, experts and historians to

celebrate medicine's inspiring past, present and future.

Each week Kiri challenges a panel of experts and a comedian to make a case for what they think is 'the best medicine', and each

guest champions anything from world-changing science or an obscure invention to an everyday treatment, an uplifting

worldview, an unsung hero or a futuristic cure.

Whether it's groundbreaking surgery, seaweed underwear, AI glasses to help people with dementia, horse therapy, sports,

revolutionary gene therapy for Huntington's disease or yesterday's rubbish becoming tomorrow's medicines - it's

always something worth celebrating.

Hosted by Kiri Pritchard-McLean

Featuring: Stephen Bailey, Professor Alessandra Devoto and

Professor Ed Wild

Written by Edward Easton, Jordan Gray, Frances Keyton, Kiri Pritchard-McLean, Ben Rowse and Rhys Thorne

Producer: Tashi Radha

Executive Producer: Ben Worsfield

Theme tune composed by Andrew Jones

A Large Time production for BBC Radio 4

WED 09:30 Human Hosts (m0030mgn)

The Flea - Jenny Eclair

Ever wondered what's making you itch?

Or rather, who?

Another of five parasites comfortable using us as their home gets the chance to tell their own stories.

Jenny Éclair is a flea.

Written by Phil Hammond.

With:

Ian Burgess

Elizabeth Kidman

Producer: Mark Rickards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m0030mgq)

Rest - Rest for your souls

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

Theme: Rest - Rest for your souls

Presenter: Richard Littledale

Reading: Matthew 11: 25-30

Music:

My Peace I give to you - St Martin's Voices

Rest - St Martin's Voices

A Clare benediction - Daily Service Singers

WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m0019rb0)

Generation Games

Can video games change lives? And, if so, how?

50 years after the arrival of Pong, gamer and writer Keza

MacDonald considers what gaming has done for us.

Using the rich BBC Archives, she explores how video games

grew from a niche pursuit to a cultural phenomenon which stokes the imagination of, and offers agency to, those who fall for its charms.

Games now influence who we are, what we think and how we

act. Keza speaks to collectors, competitive gamers, psychologists, games designers and, mostly importantly, gamers

young and old to find out what impact games have had on us.

We hear about the deep relationships that millions cherish with Pac-Man, Space Invaders and Donkey Kong, and illustrate the

entanglement of life and gaming that is increasingly impossible to sever.

Producer: Gary Milne

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2022.

WED 11:00 Whodunnits (b00s6brb)

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WED 14:00 The Ultimate Choice (m001vm4x)

Series 2

4: Cavemen v Clowns

Welcome to the world's most devious game of Would You

Rather?

Host: Steph McGovern

Guests: Scott Bennett and Ria Lina

Devised and written by Jon Harvey & Joseph Morpurgo

With additional material from Laura Major

Producer Jon Harvey

A Naked production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in January

2024.

WED 14:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00mzslr)

Series 3

Episode 4

If Isaac Newton had been a middle aged woman he would have discovered gravity much sooner.

But would he have joined a gym?

Fat is a feminist issue and everybody else's when Pamela takes

action.

Sitcom set in the Cyber Pass' internet café.

Written by and starring Mervyn Stutter.

Merv Mervyn Stutter

Pam Lill Roughley

Dibden John Challis

Nev Gyuri Sarossy

Chantal Tracy-Ann Oberman

Dilkes Chris Eltridge

Various Geoffrey McGivern

Songs by Mervyn Stutter.

Performed by Swamp Things.

Producer: Simon Nicholls

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.

WED 15:00 Word From Cupid by Louise Oliver (b0076f1w)

A husband and wife try to re-ignite their relationship with a

little help from a parrot called Cupid.

Feather-covered drama written by Louise Oliver.

Lolly Alison Steadman

Jim George Costigan

Cupid played by parrots, Percy and Poppy

With original music by Clive Bell

Directed at BBC Manchester by Nadia Molinari.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.

WED 15:45 Summer Picnic by Elizabeth Jane Howard (b08tj1vl)

A woodland glade, a perfect picnic... a girl grows up, a woman

grows old.

Elizabeth Jane Howard's perfectly observed short story.

Read by June Barrie.

Producer: Pat Pryor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1993.

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WED 22:00 Best Medicine (m0030c7z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 22:30 Delve Special (b007jqcn)

Series 4

There's One Born Again Every Minute

Intrepid reporter David Lander investigates unorthodox

religions.

And in particular the Sincere Repentist Church led by Joshua

Fratt.

Presented by David Lander with assistance from Stephen Fry.

Studio production by:

Brenda Blethyn

Phil Nice

Jack Klaff

Dramatic reconstructions by:

Felicity Montagu

Harry Enfield

Robert Bathurst

Researched by Tony Sarchet.

Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later

transferred to TV as: This is David Lander.

Editor: Paul Mayhew Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1987.

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0030qgx)

John Hower 1/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to John

Hower about 'The Phantom Raspberry Blower of Old London Town'.

WED 23:00 Welcome to Wherever You Are (m000766z)

Series 2

Episode 3

Andrew Maxwell hosts a truly global stand-up show, in which comedians perform from wherever on the planet they happen to be, to an audience in the BBC Radio Theatre, London.

With:

Fabrizio Copano

Berit Companjen

Orlando Baxter

Fabrizio Copano is a household name in Chile but we caught up with him on a jaunt to LA where he was performing his English

language show.

Berit Companjen is the resident MC of Rotterdam's first

purpose built stand-up club and tells us the all-important

difference between Holland and The Netherlands.

Orlando Baxter called us from Worcester, MA before going on tour with his show Finding Mariah which he also performed at the

Edinburgh Fringe.

Producer: Richard Morris

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

WED 23:30 Drop The Dead Panda (m00108jk)

East Asian-themed comedy show written by and starring East Asian performers:

* Evelyn Mok

* Ken Cheng

* Anna Leong

* Brophy and Kuan-Wen Huang

Featuring such sketches as "My Chinese Mum Wrote A Porno", "The Support Group for East Asian Stereotypes", and a Chinese

take on "Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares".

Written by Ken Cheng, Evelyn Mok, Amille Jampa-Ngoen,

Bruce Tang, Joanne Lau and Vivian Xie.

Producer: Sam Michell

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

THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2026

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[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Wednesday]

THU 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jw80)

Wimsey - Five Red Herrings

4. Bunter Investigates

As Lord Peter Wimsey continues his hunt for the murderer of Scottish artist Sandy Campbell, his manservant Bunter takes the initiative.

Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers.

Dramatised by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Bunter Peter Jones

Parker Stephen Thorne

Inspector MacPherson Don McKillopp

Miss Selby Nell Brennan

Miss Cochran Audrey Muir

Bob Anderson Henry Knowles

Ferguson Iain Blair

Strachan Gordon Clyde

Producer: Simon Brett.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1978.

THU 06:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010pk9)

4. The Hunter

Inspector Mahmoud and Mr. Wilder are increasingly concerned for the safety of Elizabeth Warwick, who is visiting her father's former excavations in Upper Egypt.

Now a mysterious stranger has appeared demanding that Elizabeth be brought to him at all costs - and at once.

Starring Sheila Grant.

Victor Pemberton's archaeological thriller serial set in Egypt.

Elizabeth Warwick ... Sheila Grant

Mahmoud ... James Thomason

Mr Wilder ... John Humphry

Fuua ... David Spenser

Charles Villiers ... Rolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers ... Marion Matiiie

Aciimed Araby ... Haydn Jones

Bertie Pingle ... Barry Lowe

O'Hara ... Denis McCarthy

Captain Aziz ... John Justin

The stranger ... Christopher Bideam

Abdullah ... Antony Viccars

Dr Fawzad ... Nigel Anthony

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.

THU 07:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007k0nh)

Series 1

Episode 2

Activist turned ad writer Ken Handley finds himself assigned to the Conservative Party.

Starring Martin Jarvis.

Guy Jenkin and Jon Canter's satire set in the competitive world of advertising

Ken Handley Martin Jarvis

John 'Sandy' Beach Christopher Godwin

Freddie Lockwood West

June Wendy Richard

The General....Bill Fraser

Johnnie.....Patrick Barr

With:

John Baddeley

Norma Ronald

David Tate

Michael Jayston

Bill Mitchell

Gary Cady

Producer: Pete Atkin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1982.

THU 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jqzc)

Series 3

One Hour to Burkiss Way

Don't panic! It's the War of the Worlds - with some emergency rewrites.

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 December 1977.

THU 08:00 The Train at Platform 4 (m0013j9z)

Series 1

Bag

Sam and the rest of the crew struggle to contain an anarchic party of seditious school children.

But Dev sees a golden business opportunity in profiting from the kids' snack money.

Meanwhile a bag falls from the luggage rack, injuring a passenger, who turns out to work for the rail regulator. Sam struggles to appease him, in order to avoid a damning report.

Our heroes are the long-suffering train crew who manage to scrape through every shift like a dysfunctional family.

Comedy legends Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis's sitcom, set in

the claustrophobic carriages of a cross-country rail service.

Sam Rosie Cavaliero

Gilbert Kenneth Collard

Dev Ali Shahalom

Tasha Amy Gledhill

Mr Bagnall Steve Brody

Teacher Katy Wix

Passenger Hugh Dennis

Producer: James Robinson

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

THU 08:30 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mhr)

4. Archipelago

Robert Macfarlane travels to various places beneath our feet.

He journeys to remotest Norway. His aim is to reach some caves near Moskenes, containing some amazing treasures. As he tells us:

"some of the most striking painted rock art is found in the

decorated sea caves of the country's western coastline..."

Read by the author.

Abridged by Katrin Williams.

Producer Duncan Minshall.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.

THU 08:45 Breathing Underwater by Bryony Lavery (b007jtf1)

4. Warnings

Simon proceeds with the day's dive in spite of the weather warnings and strong sea currents.

Relations with Sennen turn sour.

Bryony Lavery's tale of diving for a ship wreck - the Elizabeth Mary - which sank off Cornwall's Porthant Bay back in 1575.

Sennen Pennamenny Susannah Doyle

Robert Renowden John Turner

Simon Murray Charles Simpson

Harry Trice Geoffrey Hutchings

Bob Sean Arnold

Andy Russell Boulter

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

THU 09:00 Icklewick FM (m001w75z)

Series 1

4. The Fundraiser

Amy and Chris are leading a mammoth fundraising drive to help little Lottie Brisket, who's been suffering from debilitating migraines as a result of living within the perimeter of Icklewick's leading tourist attraction; the UK's only inland lighthouse. Everyone's doing their bit, including Mr Patel who's somehow managed to wrangle an unbelievable collection of celebrity endorsements.

Chris's suspicions are raised when an enigmatic stranger shows up at the Icklewick FM studios, claiming to be Amy's long lost cousin from America. Summat smells fishy and it's not just Cousin Dunc's clearly Australian accent...

Mr Patel spends most of this episode faffing about on his phone like a teenager.

Created and written by Chris Cantrell and Amy Gledhill with additional material from the cast.

Starring:

Lucy Beaumont

Jen Brister

Tom Burgess

Tai Campbell

Janice Connolly

Colin Hoult

Em Humble

Alex Lowe

Nimisha Odedra

Steen Raskopoulos

Nicola Redman

Mark Silcox

Sound Design and Music by Jack Lewis Evans.

The Line Producer is Laura Shaw.

Produced by Benjamin Sutton.

Icklewick FM is A Daddy's SuperYacht Production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 09:30 Human Hosts (m0030mg1)

Bed Bug - Alexei Sayle

Ever wondered what's making you itch?

Or rather, who?

Another of five parasites comfortable using us as their home gets the chance to tell their own stories.

Alexei Sayle is a bed bug.

Written by Phil Hammond

With:

Elizabeth Kidman

Jim Bain

Michael Howard

Ian Burgess

Producer: Mark Rickards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m0030mg3)

Rest - Eternal rest

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

a range of Christian music.

Theme: Rest - Eternal rest

Presenter: Isabelle Hamley

Reading: Psalm 23

Music:

Psalm 23 (Anglican chant)

St Martin's Voices

BBC recording

Nada te turbe - Taize Instrumental

CD: Taize Instrumental 1 (Ateliers et Presses de Taizé)

The Deer's Cry - Shaun Davey

CD: The Pilgrim - Shaun Davey (Tara)

THU 10:00 Great Lives (m0030mg5)

Friedrich Nietzsche

Cartoonist Ralph Steadman chooses the much-maligned

German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche.

Joining him to discuss Nietzsche's life and work is Polish poet

and translator Adam Czerniawski.

Biographical series, in which distinguished guests nominate historical figures whom they feel passionate about.

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

Presented by Humphrey Carpenter.

Producer: David Perry

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2001.

THU 10:30 The Strange Case of Lafcadio Hearn (b0075htl)

Richard Dowden is the Africa editor for The Economist.

He's setting out to trace his eminent yet mysterious ancestor, the writer Lafcadio Hearn, who is well known in Japan.

Richard is set to discover distant Japanese relatives, stories of pre-industrial traditions, and more about his famous relation.

Producer: Sara Jane Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1999

THU 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jw80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

THU 11:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010pk9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

THU 12:00 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful (b007k0nh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

THU 12:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jqzc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

THU 13:00 The Train at Platform 4 (m0013j9z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

THU 13:30 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mhr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

THU 13:45 Breathing Underwater by Bryony Lavery (b007jtf1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

THU 14:00 Dilemma (b01r0h4y)

Series 2

Episode 3

Sue Perkins sets moral and ethical posers for:

Dave Gorman

Anita Anand

Mark Evans

Jenny Eclair

This is the panel show posing finely-balanced dilemmas as Sue cross-examines their answers.

Comedian Dave Gorman is cheating higher, faster and stronger; journalist Anita Anand deals with an unexpected guest; creator of Bleak Expectations Mark Evans gets a hand in the bush (but no birds); and comedian Jenny Eclair embraces dating in the digital age.

There are no "right" answers - but there are some deeply damning ones.

Devised by Danielle Ward.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2013.

THU 14:30 Snap (b00tf82j)

Series 1

Episode 2

After their split, Molly and Doug are determined to prove they can have a life without each other.

And maybe they would, if it wasn't for Doug's elderly mum misbehaving...

Starring Rebecca Lacey and Paul Venables.

Paul Mendelson's sitcom about life for a couple after they've split.

Molly Rebecca Lacey

Doug Paul Venables

Kaz Soumaya Keynes

Ryan Jessie Sullivan

Scarlet Rebecca Front

Annie Marlene Sidaway

Raymond Jonathan Taffler

Producer: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2003.

THU 15:00 Peter Tinniswood (b007k354)

The Governor's Consort

Mary Wimbush stars as Lady Edith in this play written specially for her by Peter Tinniswood.

Lady Edith is sailing with her husband to the tiny South Atlantic island of St David's, of which he's about to become Governor.

Her fellow passengers, not to mention the crew and the exuberant band on board, produce an invigorating and somewhat earthy effect on her Ladyship, a frustrated woman of 'a certain age' with a vivid imagination.

Lady Edith Mary Wimbush

Sir Wilfred John Moffatt

Doctor Spofforth Bernard Hepton

Captain MacWhirter Stephen Thorne

Delgado Keith Drinkel

Chief Engineer Matthew Morgan

First Officer James Telfer

Tarleton Jonathan Adams

Radio kept Mary Wimbush particularly busy throughout her career. She was known to millions as Julia Pargetter in 'The Archers' until her death in 2005, shortly after she'd recorded an episode of the BBC's long-running soap opera at the BBC's Mailbox in Birmingham.
Director: Enyd Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1993.

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THU 20:00 Dilemma (b01r0h4y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

THU 20:30 Snap (b00t82j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

THU 21:00 Peter Tinniswood (b007k354)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

THU 22:00 Icklewick FM (m001w75z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 22:30 A Look Back at the Nineties (b007jqpw)
1997

A new breed of dog, the forgotten hostage, and 20 irritating noises of today.

Recorded in 1993 - the comedy team "look back" at 1997 - a year that was yet to happen.

Starring:

Brian Perkins

Kate Robbins

Special guest: Steve Coogan

A satirical review set on New Year's Eve 1999 - the Sony Gold award-winning comedy recalls the events from 1995 to 1999.

Predicted by 'Spitting Image' writers Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Pete Sinclair.

Producer: Caroline Leddy

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1993.

THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0030qjm)
John Hower 2/3

From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats to John Hower about 'The Phantom Raspberry Blower of Old London Town'.

THU 23:00 Fresh from the Fringe (m001ptgz)

Fresh from the Fringe: 2023 - Part 2

A showcase of some of the best comedy acts at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Hosted by Kiri Pritchard-McLean

PERFORMERS

Christopher Macarthur-Boyd, Lindsey Santoro, Tadiwa

Mahlunge, Lorna Rose Treen and Dan Tiernan.

Produced by Sasha Bobak

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

THU 23:30 Sophie Willan's Guide to Normality (b09yfp68)

Series 1

Be Polite

Break out comedy star Sophie Willan from BBC2's 'Alma's Not Normal', continues her stand-up series.

Growing up in and out of the care system, Sophie had an unconventional childhood. Here, she challenges our perception of 'the perfect normal life', shining a light on the reality of the British experience.

In this episode, Sophie explores what it is to be considered 'polite' in a middle class society, and how her upbringing has changed her perception of politeness.

Producer: Suzy Grant

A BBC Studio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2018.

THU 23:45 What's the Story, Ashley Storrie? (m001hffk)
Series 1

4. He Said My Name

Growing up surrounded by gangsters and a dysfunctional family, this is the story of Ashley - a tall comedian who loves William Shatner and hates textured fabrics.

Ashley's obsession for films and musicals serves her well as she enters the workforce, leading thousands of children in song and blonde wigs. Her neuro-diversity diagnosis is welcomed and, just like her father, understanding her place on the spectrum opens up new horizons.

Just to top things off, her other father gets in touch for the first time.

Written and performed by Ashley Storrie

Produced by Julia Sutherland

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

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FRI 03:45 Breathing Underwater by Bryony Lavery (b007jtf1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]

FRI 04:00 Dilemma (b01r0h4y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 Snap (b00t82j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]

FRI 05:00 Peter Tinniswood (b007k354)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]

FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b00s6r7j)

Wimsey - Five Red Herrings

5. Alibis

Lord Peter Wimsey battles to verify the whereabouts of key suspects in the murder of unpopular Scottish artist, Sandy Campbell.

Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic amateur sleuth created by Dorothy L Sayers.

Dramatised in eight parts by Chris Miller.

Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael

Sgt Dalziel John Graham

Strachan Gordon Clyde

Mrs Smith-Le Mesurier Sheila Mitchell

Waters Bill Wallace

Mrs Faron Frances Jeater

Faron Gordon Gardner

Producer: Simon Brett

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1978.

FRI 06:30 Kill The Pharaoh! (m0010ppx)

5. A Face in the Crowd

Inspector Mahmoud has given Elizabeth a warning.

Whatever secret she knows about the Harshak Tomb -

excavated by her father in Luxor - is placing her life in danger.

The danger is all too real.

She was last seen at a local cinema, but now has disappeared without trace.

Starring Sheila Grant.

Victor Pemberton's archaeological thriller serial set in Egypt.

Elizabeth Warwick:.....Sheila Grant

Mahmoud:.....James Thomason

Mr Wilder:.....John Humphry

Fuad:.....David Spenser

Charles VilliersRolf Lefebvre

Margaret Villiers:.....Marion Mathie

Abdullah:.....Antony Viccars

Bertie Pringle:.....Barry Lowe

Captain Aziz:.....John Justin

Michael WarwickChristopher Bidmead

O'Hara:.....Denis McCarthy

Producer: John Tydeman

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in June 1968.

FRI 07:00 Flying the Flag (b00dk3vl)

Series 4

As Unequal as Others

When equal rights for women appears on the agenda, closely followed by the emergence of militant feminists, Ambassador Mackenzie is stuck by the echo of men closing ranks.

Starring Dinsdale Landen.

Eastern Bloc embassy sitcom written by Alex Shearer.

HM Ambassador Mackenzie Dinsdale Landen

William Frost Peter Acre

Helen Waterson Moir Leslie

Colonel Surikov Christopher Benjamin

US Ambassador Spiro Weinberg Stephen Greif

Producer: Neil Cargill

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1992.

FRI 07:30 Beyond Our Ken (m0030n4z)

Series 5

Episode 6

Kenneth Horne meets juicy Nell Gwyn - and 'Hornorama' reports on Homes and Gardens.

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.

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 November 1961.

FRI 08:00 Robin Ince's Reality Tunnel (m00194hf)

Inside Robin Ince

Escaping the confines of The Infinite Monkey Cage, comedian Robin Ince takes us on a journey through his Reality Tunnel in this two-part stand-up show, recorded specially for Radio 4.

Performing in front of a live audience in Manchester, Robin examines the brain's relationship with reality and over the two episode series, he looks at the difference between the inner and the outer self and considers how we put together our picture of the world.

Written and performed by Robin Ince.

Sound Manager - Jerry Peal

Sound Editor - Joshan Chana

Production Coordinator - Katie Baum

Picture by Steve Best

Producer: Carl Cooper

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

FRI 08:30 Underland by Robert Macfarlane (m0004mgg)

5. Glacier

Robert Macfarlane discovers various worlds beneath our feet.

This time he heads to the ice mass of the Knud Rasmussen glacier:

"An hour short of dusk on the evening of our arrival, the fog bank disperses to reveal the calving face of the glacier..."

But what is meant by 'calving', exactly?

Concluded by the author.

Abridged by Katrin Williams.

Producer Duncan Minshall.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2019.

FRI 08:45 Breathing Underwater by Bryony Lavery (b007jtfb)

5. Revelation

Simon and Sennen lose contact diving under water.

The mystery of Sennen's paternity is revealed...

Conclusion of Bryony Lavery's tale of diving for a ship wreck - the Elizabeth Mary - which sank off Cornwall's Porthant Bay in 1575.

Sennen Pennameny Susannah Doyle

Robert Renownden John Turner

Simon Murray Charles Simpson

Harry Trice Geoffrey Hutchings

Bob Sean Arnold

Andy Russell Boulter

Director: Janet Whitaker

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

FRI 09:00 Olga Koch: OK Computer (m001mt4y)

Series 2

4. Family

This episode, Olga and ALGO go back to their roots and try to keep things in the family.

Comedian and computer scientist Olga Koch returns for a second series of her comedy and STEM stand-up show, joined by her trusty digital assistant ALGO (voiced by Tia Kofi).

Written by Olga Koch and Charlie Dinkin

Featuring Tia Kofi

Additional Material From Rajiv Karia, Cody Dahler and Kate Dehnert

Production Co-ordinator Katie Baum

Produced by Benjamin Sutton

A BBC Studios Production

FRI 09:30 Human Hosts (m0030n51)

Plasmodium - Honor Blackman

Ever wondered what's making you itch?

Or rather, who?

The last of five parasites comfortable using us as their home gets the chance to tell their own stories.

Honor Blackman is the deadly plasmodium - the parasite that causes malaria.

Written by Phil Hammond.

With:

Lisa Ranford-Cartwright

Andrew Reid

Sarah Reece

Producer: Mark Rickards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2005.

FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m0030n53)

Rest - Sabbath rest

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

Theme: Rest - Sabbath rest

Presenter: Leslie Griffiths

Reading: Song of Solomon **4.12-16**

Music:

O Love, that wilt not let me go - Daily Service Singers

Handel: Messiah "He Shall Feed His Flock" - Susan Gritton,

Gabrieli Consort, Paul McCreesh

I heard the voice of Jesus say - St Martin's Voices

God is our strength and refuge - Daily Service Singers

FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b00tpqm4)

Series 10

Ma Vlast

At the core of Czech cultural identity sits Bedrich Smetana's Ma Vlast.

Written in the late 19th century, it's a series of six symphonic poems. For a western audience the most popular and best loved is Vltava, a soundscape conjuring up vivid images of the river which runs through Prague.

Jan Kaplan is a Czech born film-maker who has lived in the UK since 1968. He describes the 'educational concerts' he had to attend as a young boy when - bored to tears - he would endure long performances of Smetana's music.

However, as an adult living in exile, his experience of Czech culture was tinged with a remote sense of patriotism and he grew to appreciate his national composer. When - following the 1989 Velvet revolution - he was eventually able to return home, he witnessed one of the most famous and moving performances of Ma Vlast at Smetana Hall in 1990.

Also at that concert was musicologist, Professor Jan Smaczny, who describes his memories of that evening, and explains the history and mythology portrayed in Ma Vlast.

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Karen Gregor.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.

FRI 10:30 Radioactive Art (b08g7tv3)

Radioactive waste can remain dangerous for 100,000 years. The nuclear industry uses artists for creative solutions. From 2017. Nations with nuclear power are building underground storage facilities to permanently house it, but how might they mark these sites for future generations?

The nuclear industry is turning to artists for creative solutions. How might artists create a warning that will still be understood and heeded so far into the future?

Meet the artists whose work deals with issues around nuclear legacy, with a visit to the nuclear agency in France that's sought their input.

Presented by Gordon Young.

Featuring:

* Jean-Noël Dumont - Memory Division at ANDRA, the French nuclear agency

* Stéphane Perraud - Visual Artist and creator of the 'Blue Zone'

* Aram Kebabdjian - Writer and creator of the 'Blue Zone'

* Mari Keto - Art jeweller and creator of 'Inheritance'

* Erich Berger - Artist and creator of 'Inheritance'

* Richard Edmondson - Operations Manager at Sellafeld Ltd

* Tim Hunkin - Cartoonist and Engineer, owner of Novelty Automation in London

* Ele Carpenter - Nuclear Culture Project Curator (Arts Catalyst funded) and curator of the 'Perpetual Uncertainty' exhibition at the Bildmuseet in Umeå, Sweden

Producer: Beatrice Pickup

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2017.

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FRI 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (m001kgri)

Series 17

Episode 6

In this series finale, John Lloyd and Anna Ptaszynski are joined by

* Comedian Sikisa Bostwick-Barnes

* Insect champion Bridget Nicholls

* Explorer Levison Wood

They come armed with a wonder of the ancient world, a wonder of the natural world, and a wonderful artefact of 90s nostalgia.

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

Producers: Sam Holmes & Leying Lee

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

FRI 14:30 Millport (b0076br4)

Series 3

The End of the Beginning

The island makeover has turned horribly sour.

With Irene gone, the only person to save the island from being bulldozed is Bunty Pierce.

But with her ailing health and hermit ways, will she leave her vegetables to rescue the island's integrity?

And will Irene change her mind about mainland life and return to the island for good?

Conclusion of the bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson.

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

Irene Lynn Ferguson

Moirai/Agnes Janet Brown

Alberto/Ferryman/Robert the Dog/Morris Lewis McLeod

Ena/Bunty Gabriel Quigley

Minister/Bob Robert Patterson

Dougie Kenneth Bryans

Producer: Lucy Bacon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002.

FRI 15:00 Drama on 4 (m0013z05)

Pale Fire by Vladimir Nabokov

Presented as a poem with a foreward and commentary,

Vladimir Nabokov's novel Pale Fire is a postmodern masterpiece about a poet, a regal commentator and a would-be assassin. It defies all convention.

Set in 1959 and reimagined here as an audio documentary, it's the story of Charles Kinbote as he tries to prove his machinations have inspired a poetic masterpiece.

Have they? And who truly is Charles?

A delusional academic, an exiled king or both?

Dramatised by Oliver Emanuel

Charles ... Grant O'Rourke

John ... Michael Nardone

Gradus... Finn den Hertog

Odon... Robin Laing

Gordon... Thierry Mabonga

Sybil... Renee Williams

Sound by Kris McConnachie, Joanne Willott, Niall Young

Director: Kirsty Williams

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2022.

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FRI 22:30 The Mark Steel Lecture (b007r5lk)

Series 3

Hannibal

A profile of the Carthaginian army general and statesman who took on the Roman Empire.

Mark Steel's comic lectures about the lives of historical figures whose ideas and enthusiasm shaped their generation.

With:

Martin Hyder

Mel Hudson

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2002.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0030qjr)

John Hewer 3/3

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

Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Arthur Smith chats again to the comic actor, writer and producer John Hewer.

FRI 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b014gsnn)

Series 4

Frank Skinner

Marcus Brigstocke invites comedian Frank Skinner to try 4 new things, including getting a spray tan and eating Jugged Hare.

Whether the experiences are banal or profound, the show is about embracing the new and getting out of our comfort zones.

The title comes from the fact that the show's producer and creator Bill Dare had never seen the film Star Wars.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2011.

FRI 23:30 The Show What You Wrote (b06rys4c)

Series 3

Body & Soul

Themed sketch show made entirely from contributions sent in by the public.

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

Body and Soul are the subjects.

There's an innovative approach to teaching, a relaxing new type of massage, and the most important component of British

culture being exported around the world (whether the world wants it or not).

Performed by:

John Thomson

Shobna Gulati

Fiona Clarke

Chris Jack

Gavin Webster

Written by: James Bugg, Josh Cluderay, Mark Cowling, Jay

Droch, Neil Hickey, Tony Hickson, Dan Hobson and Jon

Bridle, Scott Kingsnorth, Dan Kiss, Jay Roach, David Salisbury

and Mike Whalley.

Script Editor: Jon Hunter

Producers: Ed Morrish and Paul Sheehan

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