

**SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2024**

**SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b00763px)**  
Series 2  
Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye  
Cole Porter's song of farewell and parting caught the imagination of wartime sweethearts and remains powerful and relevant today.

Writer Anna Blundy talks about the significance of this song in her life and her writing.  
Singer Robert Offord describes the effect of singing it at a memorial concert for Aids victims.  
Biographer William McBrien tells of the poignancy of this song in Cole Porter's own life.  
And psychologist Dr Colin Murray Parkes describes the emotions surrounding the act of saying "Goodbye".

Series about music that makes the hairs stand up on the back of our necks.  
Producer: Rosie Boulton  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

**SAT 00:30 A Dancer Dies Twice (b075pm41)**  
"A dancer dies twice", the legendary choreographer Martha Graham said, "once when they stop dancing, and this first death is the more painful."

This is a documentary about first deaths and last dances, about what happens when an instrument as finely tuned as a dancer's body begins to change.

From the music which prompts a twitch of muscle memory to the comedown which follows a burst of performance adrenaline. These are stories of the last dances and what comes next from Gabriella Schmidt, Isabel Mortimer from Dancers' Career Development, and former principal ballerinas Natasha Oughtred and Wendy Whelan.

Eavesdrop on training young dancers at the Royal Ballet School as they shape muscle and bone into elegant lines, diving into the visceral excitement of pounding pointe shoes and powerful leaping bodies.

Plus a visit to the Sage Dance Company and the Company of Elders as they work with dancers who move with grace and beauty in defiance of their changing bodies.

From the first anxious glance in the mirror to the last touch - how does the language of our bodies change as we age?  
Producer: Eleanor McDowall  
A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2016.

**SAT 01:00 The Fall and Rise of Danny Clark (b00774vs)**  
After his Dad dies doing a job for gangland boss Frankie Weems, young Danny Clark vows never to get involved in crime.

But now Frankie comes knocking on his door, wanting his help. And Frankie's not a man you say no to...

Starring Robert Boulter  
Andrew Chappell's gangster thriller.  
Danny .... Robert Boulter  
Sharon .... Emma Noakes  
Gramps .... Desmond McNamara  
Inspector Hedges .... Sam Dale  
Director: Peter Kavanagh  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2007.

**SAT 01:45 Whodunnits (m000lh5v)**  
Bloody Eisteddfod  
5. What Future?  
The climax of the Eisteddfod is nigh - the Chaining Ceremony with friends, enemies are gathered together.

Daf has more on his mind than who will win the poetry contest. There is a serious crime to solve and his future is hanging in the balance.

Myfanwy Alexander's adaptation of her Welsh novel provides a lively insight into contemporary rural life as well as culture.  
Detective Inspector Daf Dafis ..... Steffan Rhodri  
Detective Sergeant Sheila Francis/Eira ap Owain Edwards ..... Rhian Morgan  
Gethin Teifi ..... Matthew Gravelle  
Professor Talwyn Teifi/John Jones ..... Richard Elfyn  
Manon/Gaenor Jones ..... Mali Harries  
Chrissie Humphries ..... Lisa Jen Brown  
Carys Dafis ..... Caryl Lewis  
Garmon Jones ..... Rhodri Trefor  
Ed Mills ..... Wyn Davies  
Archdruid ..... Emyr Roberts

Producers: Myfanwy Alexander and Emyr Roberts  
A Cwmni THR production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2020.

**SAT 02:00 The Older Woman (b03bsg2p)**  
Series 2  
Episode 6  
After his TV documentary, Roy Hitchcock has, at last, achieved recognition, but at what price?

Reputations and relationships are put on the line and some extreme weather conditions seem to be contributing towards an ending of apocalyptic proportions.

Starring Geraldine James and Martin Clunes.  
Conclusion of Tony Bagley's romantic comedy drama serial with a twist.  
Roy Hitchcock .... Martin Clunes  
Jane Gallagher .... Geraldine James  
Chad Mann .... Nicky Henson  
Colin .... David Troughton  
Mrs Churchill .... Rebecca Front

Marina .... Tilly Vosburgh  
Other parts played by:  
Alistair McGowan  
Melanie Hudson  
Peter Serafinowicz  
Paul Panting  
Producer: Paul Schlesinger  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1994.

**SAT 02:30 The Burkiss Way (b007js15)**  
Series 5  
Write Extremely Long Programme Titles the Burkiss Way  
It's time to meet the Muppets with President Nixon.  
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: David Hatch  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.

**SAT 03:00 To Hull and Back (b09sn1hl)**  
Series 3  
Stockholm Syndrome  
Sophie tries to find some new customers for the Hull salon. However, in doing so, she unwittingly attracts the attention of a couple of animal rights activists who are looking for somewhere new to protest...

Starring Lucy Beaumont and Maureen Lipman.  
Lucy Beaumont's warm-hearted sitcom about Sophie's efforts to escape her overbearing mother, Sheila.  
Sophie ..... Lucy Beaumont  
Sheila ..... Maureen Lipman  
Jean ..... Kerrie Marsh  
Waitress ..... Kerrie Marsh  
Imran ..... Shane Zaza  
Mo ..... Mike Bubbins  
Producer: Sam Michell  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2018.

**SAT 03:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m00146hk)**  
5. Details  
Piranesi begins to recover details that the House has made him forget.

Piranesi lives in the House. Perhaps he always has. In his notebooks, day after day, he makes a clear and careful record of its wonders: the labyrinth of halls, the thousands upon thousands of statues, the tides that thunder up staircases, the clouds that move in slow procession through the upper halls. On Tuesdays and Fridays Piranesi sees his friend, the Other. At other times he brings tributes of food to the Dead. But mostly, he is alone.

Messages begin to appear, scratched out in chalk on the pavements. There is someone new in the House. But who are they and what do they want? Are they a friend or do they bring destruction and madness as the Other claims? Lost texts must be found; secrets must be uncovered.  
The world that Piranesi thought he knew is becoming strange and dangerous.

The Beauty of the House is immeasurable; its Kindness infinite.  
Susanna Clarke's novel about the dreamlike, gothic territory. Piranesi.  
Abridged by Sara Davies.  
Read by Samuel Anderson.  
Producer: Alison Crawford  
A BBC Audio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2022.

**SAT 03:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmjg)**  
10. Decision  
Once again Jean Valjean is forced to start a new life and confront the possibility of leaving the safety of the Convent.  
Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice.  
Dramatised by Sebastian Baczkiewicz.  
Jean ... Roger Allam  
Victor Hugo ... Joss Ackland  
Cosette (adult) ... Lucy Whybrow  
Fauchlevant / Lecturer ... Sean Baker  
Mother Superior ... Marlene Sidaway  
Marius ... Jonathan Forbes  
Combeferre ... Carl Prekopp  
Enjolras ... Peter Darney  
Grantaire ... Ewan Bailey  
Director: Sally Avens  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

**SAT 04:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00m0mb4)**  
Series 2  
Episode 1  
James Walton tests and tickles the knowledge of industry punters and people passionate about pop music.  
Regulars Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by:  
\* Broadcaster, Mary Anne Hobbs  
\* Comedian, Dave Gorman  
Reader: Beth Chalmers  
Written and researched by James Walton.  
Producer: Dawn Ellis  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.  
**SAT 04:30 Lucky Heather (b0075z45)**  
3. The Searchers

Emma thinks that her mother is having an affair and asks Heather to investigate.  
Just this side of nosey, Heather is western movie-mad. She's also the Sherlock Holmes of the rundown Sutter Estate.  
Starring Lindsey Coulson.  
Sitcom by Sue Tedder.  
Heather ..... Lindsey Coulson  
Natalie ..... Abigail Hart  
Ryan ..... Ben Crowe  
Emma ..... Kelly Wright  
Gill ..... Zeina Harding-Roots  
Woman/Jackie ..... Janice Acquah  
Mark/Bingo Caller ..... Christopher Kelham  
Director: David Hunter  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.

**SAT 05:00 Drama on 4 (m000q9g0)**  
Dot and the Russian Dossier  
May, 1941: The future of the war hangs in the balance, with Dot selected for a most perilous mission.

She casts off the shackles of her desk job in the personnel department in Whitehall's War Rooms.  
Disguise, deception and dastardly doings await - as she enters the field of conflict.  
Starring Fenella Woolgar.  
Witty wartime comedy by Ed Harris - author of BBC Radio's popular sitcom 'Dot'.

Dot ..... Fenella Woolgar  
Myrtle ..... Kate O'Flynn  
Peabody ..... David Acton  
Archie ..... Carl Prekopp  
Sister Frances ..... Clare Corbett  
Director: Sasha Yevtushenko  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2020.

**SAT 05:45 Short Works (m000dryf)**  
Table Manners by Susmita Bhattacharya  
5. Mango Season  
A woman makes a discovery about her extraordinary great-grandmother's past.  
Concluding tale of home and migration from the Table Manners collection by Susmita Bhattacharya.  
Read by Ayscha Kala.  
Producer: Jeremy Osborne  
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Sweet Talk productions - first broadcast in January 2020.

**SAT 06:00 Michael Frayn - Birthday (m0023xqr)**  
On Liz's 27th birthday, her heavily pregnant sister Jess visits, and they're both in for a shock.  
Dawn French makes her BBC radio debut.  
Michael Frayn's comedy, written in 1969 for BBC TV.

Jess .... Dawn French  
Liz .... Deborah Findlay  
Neil .... Thomas Wheatley  
Willi .... Liz Crowther  
Bernie .... Peter Gunn  
Arthur/Jack .... John Webb  
Student .... Matthew Morgan  
Dr Hodges .... Oona Beeson  
Nurse .... Joanna Wake  
Sister Edwards .... Ann Windsor  
Adapted and directed by Matthew Walters.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1992.  
**SAT 07:15 Waste Flesh by Gee Williams (m0023xqw)**  
Inspired by the work of George Orwell, Vinny photographs his hometown community in North Wales.  
Gee Williams' short story read by Robert Harper.  
Producer: Tanya Nash  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1998.

**SAT 07:30 A Month in Siena by Hisham Matar (Omnibus) (m0023xr0)**  
When Hisham Matar was 19, he came across the Siennese School of painting for the first time.  
In the year in which Matar's life was shattered by the disappearance of his father, the work of the great artists of Siena seemed to offer him a sense of hope.

Over the years that followed, his feelings towards these paintings would deepen and, as he says,  
"Siena began to occupy the sort of uneasy reverence the devout might feel towards Mecca or Rome or Jerusalem".  
25 years later, this is the encounter between the writer and the city he had worshipped from afar.

It's a dazzling evocation of an extraordinary place and its effect on the writer's life. It's also an immersion in painting, a consideration of grief and a profoundly moving contemplation of the relationship between art and the human condition.  
Written by Hisham Matar.  
Omnibus of five parts abridged by Jill Waters and Jonquil Panting.  
Read by Khalid Abdalla  
Producer: Jill Waters  
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2020.

**SAT 08:45 Tales From A Long Room by Peter Tinniswood (m0002h63)**  
Series 1  
The Lady Wife  
Should a cricket fanatic marry, when perpetually entranced by the mistress that is 'the summer game'?

Robin Bailey reads another of Peter Tinniswood's cricket tales, as the acerbic Brigadier.





Hugh Lashwood .... Preston Lockwood  
Chief Constable .... Peter Tuddenham  
Daines .... Jonathan Scott  
Simon .... Peter Acre  
Sue Swinton .... Charlotte Long  
George Sharp .... Anthony Daniels  
Insp Wiley .... Scott Cherry  
Hemmings .... Francis Middletditch  
Julia Hammond .... Narissa Knights  
Director: Graham Gauld  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1984.  
**MON 06:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvj)**  
Series 2  
1. A Case of Frinks and Moores  
When an open-air sculpture exhibition is raided, pitman-turned-private eye Steven J Blackburn is thrown into the jungle of international dealing.  
Starring Fine Time Fontayne and Judy Flynn.  
The return of Yorkshire's ex-pitman turned private investigator, Stephen J Blackburn.  
Written by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby.  
Stephen J Blackburn .... Finetime Fontayne  
Tracey Duggan .... Judy Flynn  
Rollo .... Christopher Wilkinson  
Kerenski .... John Graham Davies  
Dempsey .... Kieran Cunningham  
Directed in Sheffield by Dave Sheasby  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1991.  
**MON 07:00 The Emerald Green Show (b077xx1r)**  
Cut  
Emerald Green's illusions of glamour and fame are shattered when she meets her TV producer.  
Starring Llewella Gideon.  
Lisselle Kayla's sitcom about a vain, ambitious black woman who dreams of becoming a chat show queen.  
Tristram .... Jonathan Firth  
Fabio .... Iwan Thomas  
Victor .... Dean Hill  
Eunice .... Sheila Reid  
David .... Jonathan Keeble  
Director: Pam Fraser Solomon  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.  
**MON 07:30 The Navy Lark (m0023wpj)**  
Series 11  
The Fleet Initiative Test  
Can the crew of HMS Troutbridge overcome the odds and win the fleet initiative test?  
Starring Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray.  
Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS Troutbridge.  
Written by Lawrie Wyman  
The Sub-Lieutenant ..... Leslie Phillips  
The Chief Petty Officer ..... Jon Pertwee  
The Commanding Officer ..... Stephen Murray  
Captain Povey ..... Richard Caldico  
Mrs Povey ..... Heather Chasen  
Leading Seaman Goldstein ..... Tenniel Evans  
Mayor of Calais .... Michael Bates  
The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 and 1976.  
Producer: Alastair Scott Johnston  
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in February 1970.  
**MON 08:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b03xd3hn)**  
Series 3  
The Prisoner  
Nerves are fraying as Anthony's first night of Hay Fever looms, not helped by news of a dangerous prisoner loose in the area. Meanwhile, Damien contends with an angry neighbour...  
Sitcom written by and starring Miles Jupp, charting the life of cookery writer Damien Trench and his partner Anthony.  
Damien Trench ..... Miles Jupp  
Anthony ..... Justin Edwards  
Mr Mullaney ..... Brendan Dempsey  
Marion Duffett ..... Lesley Vickereage  
Ian Frobisher ..... Philip Fox  
Steven ..... Ade Oyefeso  
Constable Clive ..... David Seddon  
Superintendent Michael ..... Bertenshaw  
Victim Liaison Officer ..... Priyanga Burford  
Producer: Sam Mitchell  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.  
**MON 08:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m0014g9t)**  
6. 16  
16 appears in The House and leaves a message for Piranesi. Piranesi lives in the House. Perhaps he always has.  
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**MON 08:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmrj)**  
11. Pursuit  
Marius is walking in the Luxembourg Gardens and sees Cosette. Just one glance and his life is changed forever!  
But Jean Valjean is nervous...  
Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice.  
Dramatised in 25 episodes by Sebastian Baczkiewicz and Lin Coghlan.  
Victor Hugo .... Joss Ackland  
Jean .... Roger Allam  
Cosette .... Lucy Whybrow  
Marius .... Jonathan Forbes  
Combeferre .... Carl Prekopp  
Toussaint .... Annette Badland  
Producer: Sally Avens  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.  
**MON 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0023wpz)**  
Sean Curran reports on calls to improve trust in politics.  
**MON 09:30 The Town Is The Menu (b040hhnr)**  
1. Peterhead  
Forfar has its Bridie and Cullen its Skink but how do you capture Peterhead on a plate?  
Food Innovator Simon Preston and award winning chef David Littlewood gather a colourful cast of local characters on board a fishing trawler.  
They'll share stories and songs of the sea in a bid to help them create a brand new signature dish for the town.  
Local trawlerman Jimmy Buchan tells of a life spent fishing off Peterhead; folk singer and storyteller, Pauline Cordiner, conjures up some of the darker side of life for a fishing community while local photographer Scott Donald sees the town through an alternative lens.  
The challenge for the chef is how to re-tell all their stories and ideas through one delicious dish!  
Producer: Pennie Latin  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2014.  
**MON 09:45 Daily Service (m0023wq1)**  
The Gospel in Children's Stories - God transforming our lives  
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
Theme: The Gospel in Children's Stories - God transforming our lives (Cinderella)  
Presenter: Jay Hulme  
Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Music:  
Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing - St Martin's Voices  
Spirit of the living God - Matt Redman  
Lord of my Life - Lucy Grimble  
**MON 10:00 Frankly Speaking (b05p6lk7)**  
Tennessee Williams  
American playwright Tennessee Williams faces a three-way interview with:  
John Freeman  
John Bowen  
Peter Duval Smith  
Recorded during a visit to England in 1959, Tennessee had by then written all his major plays - but despite that was seriously questioning his future in the commercial theatre. He talks candidly of the misery of waiting for the reviews after opening night.  
Launched in 1952 on the BBC Home Service, Frankly Speaking was a novel, ground breaking series. Unrehearsed and unscripted, the traditional interviewee/interviewer pairing was initially jettisoned for three interviewees firing direct questions - straight to the point.  
Early critics described it as 'unkept', 'an inquisition' and described the guest as prey being cornered, quarry being pursued - with calls to axe the unscripted interview. But the format won out and eventually won over its detractors. Unknown or very inexperienced broadcasters were employed as interviewees, notably John Freeman, John Betjeman, Malcolm Muggeridge, Harold Hobson, Penelope Mortimer, Elizabeth Beresford and Katherine Whitehorn.  
Only about 40 of the original 100 programmes survive.  
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in August 1959.  
**MON 10:30 The Day the Refugees Came (b073655v)**  
Michael Palin tells a story of the little Somerset town of Wincanton.  
Back in 1992, its Postmaster, GP and Parish Priest rescued a group of refugees from war ravaged Bosnia, at the height of the Balkan Wars in 1992.  
Producers: Alasdair Cross and Lisa Lipman  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.  
**MON 11:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001bzb3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 11:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**MON 12:00 The Emerald Green Show (b077xx1r)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**MON 12:30 The Navy Lark (m0023wpj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**MON 13:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b03xd3hn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**MON 13:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m0014g9t)**  
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**MON 13:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmrj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**MON 14:00 We've Been Here Before (b00ft41b)**  
Series 2  
Episode 1  
Return of the topical historical satirical panel show setting out to prove that there's nothing new under, or in, The Sun.  
Hosted by Clive Anderson.  
Gyles Brandreth and Arthur Smith battle it out against  
John O'Farrell and Arabella Weir.  
Producer: Ed Morrish  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.  
**MON 14:30 Spending My Inheritance (b00fysld)**  
To Your Very Good Health  
With all their spending on exercise machines and looking after themselves, Harry's parents seem in better shape than he is. A 40-something son must watch from the sidelines as his newly-retired parents spend their hard-earned cash on themselves.  
Starring Kris Marshall  
Sitcom written by Clive Coleman  
Harry ..... Kris Marshall  
Jo ..... Raquel Cassidy  
Brian ..... Kenneth Cranham  
Liz ..... Judy Parfitt  
Jess ..... Antonia Thomas  
Assistant ..... Manjeet Mann  
Doctor ..... Inam Mirza  
Director: Sam Hoyle  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2008.  
**MON 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000p0t6)**  
Meltdown  
A famous actress reaches the end of her patience with selfies and the demands of strangers.  
She decides to lock herself in the loo...  
Starring Joanna Lumley.  
Tessa Gibbs's comedy about the tension between fame and privacy.  
Emily Sanders ..... Joanna Lumley  
Frank ..... Robert Glenister  
Tara ..... Claire Rushbrook  
Anita ..... Maggie Service  
Noah/The Fan ..... Ben Onwukwe  
Evan Davis as himself  
Director: Gaynor Macfarlane  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2020.  
**MON 15:45 Short Works (m000rwwy)**  
Lift by Glenn Patterson  
An elderly woman misses her bus into Belfast so shares a taxi with a young woman she meets at the stop.  
Over the course of the journey, she comes to reassess her entire life...  
An original short story specially commissioned by BBC Radio 4 from the Northern Irish writer Glenn Patterson.  
Glenn's an author and screenwriter from Belfast. He has written ten novels as well as audio dramas for Radio 3 and Radio 4 and is the co-writer of 'Good Vibrations', an award-winning movie based on the life of Belfast punk impresario Terri Hooley.  
Read by Maggie Cronin  
Producer: Michael Shannon  
A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2021.  
**MON 16:00 Frankly Speaking (b05p6lk7)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**MON 16:30 The Day the Refugees Came (b073655v)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]  
**MON 17:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001bzb3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 17:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**MON 18:00 The Emerald Green Show (b077xx1r)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**MON 18:30 The Navy Lark (m0023wpj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**MON 19:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b03xd3hn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]  
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**MON 19:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmrj)**  
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**MON 20:00 We've Been Here Before (b00ft41b)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]  
**MON 20:30 Spending My Inheritance (b00fysld)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]  
**MON 21:00 Drama on 4 (m000p0t6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]  
**MON 21:45 Short Works (m000rwwy)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]  
**MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m0023wqc)**  
Series 93  
4. Trying Times - the national newspaper for judges  
Sue Perkins challenges Jan Ravens, Tony Hawks, Katherine Parkinson and Stephen Fry to speak for 60 seconds without repetition, deviation or hesitation. Subjects include Small Town

Secrets, Mark Antony, and the Subject of Ridicule.

Production Coordinator: Sarah Nicholls  
 Sound Editor: Marc Willcox  
 Producer: Rajiv Karia  
 An EcoAudio certified production.

A BBC Studios Production for Radio 4.  
**MON 22:30 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m0019jw2)**  
 Series 1  
 Bristol to Penzance  
 Alexei Sayle takes a train journey and breaks the golden rule of travelling by train in the UK - he actually talks to his fellow passengers.  
 He travels in this episode from Bristol to Penzance.  
 Among his many fellow travellers, he meets:  
 \* Bert, a Cornish Bard, Marissa and Leanne who have travelled the world working on cruise liners  
 \* Angela who for many years ran one of Cornwall's most famous and historic pubs  
 \* Astra who is learning the ropes at circus school  
 Producers: Peter Lowe & Nick Symons  
 A Ride production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2022.  
**MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m0023nzm)**  
 Series 115  
 Cleverly Timed Exits  
 This week on The News Quiz the panel unpack Sue Gray's cabinet exit, the arrival of man (and possible Irish Law firm) Morgan McSweeney and James Cleverly pipped at the post.  
 Written by Geoff Norcott  
 With additional material by: Cody Dahler, James Farmer, Tom Mayhew and Christina Riggs.  
 Producer: Rajiv Karia  
 Executive Producer: Pete Strauss  
 Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman  
 Sound Editor: Marc Willcox  
 A BBC Studios Audio Production for Radio 4  
 An Eco-Audio certified Production  
**MON 23:30 Mark Watson Talks a Bit About Life (m000fvzp)**  
 Series 3  
 Spring  
 Multi-award winning comedian and author Mark Watson continues his probably doomed quest to make sense of the human experience.  
 Expect jokes galore and a few songs with Mark aided by the sardonic musical brilliance of Flo and Joan.  
 And Mark has a fresh comedy friend in each show.  
 For starters, it's Lou Sanders.  
 A time of new beginnings, lambs and other cliches.  
 Spring kicks off this series about the four seasons of the year and the seasons of a human life, as Mark - at the halfway point of his expected lifespan - considers what might come next...  
 Producer: Lianne Coop  
 An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2020.

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**TUE 06:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001bzb6)**  
 2. Westminster One  
 It's almost impossible to believe that UK Prime Minister Jack Stoddart and his wife were kidnapped in broad daylight within yards of a huge crowd.  
 As the country reels from the abduction, security forces swing into action.  
 Will the strange repercussions of an incident at Okefield Park ever be revealed?  
 Starring Leslie Sands and Mary Wimbush.  
 Thriller series written by Ted Willis - adapted from his own novel.

PM Jack Stoddart .... Leslie Sands  
 Jess Stoddart .... Mary Wimbush  
 Victor .... Cyril Shaps  
 Commander Knowles .... Geoffrey Matthews  
 Hugh Lashwood .... Preston Lockwood  
 Home Secretary .... Leslie Heritage  
 Sir George Owen .... Henry Stamper  
 Sir Maurice Jennings .... Lockwood West  
 Inspector Wiley .... Scott Cherry  
 Chief Constable/Mr Huddle .... Peter Tuddenham  
 Hemmings .... Francis Middleditch  
 Karel .... Jonathan Owen  
 Valchik .... Anthony Daniels  
 Mrs Huddle .... Margot Boyd  
 Jane .... Moir Leslie  
 Kevin Fraser .... Jimmy Chisholm  
 Sunderland/Douglas Lamb .... Alaric Cotter  
 Newsreader .... Peter Donaldson  
 Director: Graham Gault  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1984.  
**TUE 06:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvj)**  
 Series 2  
 2. A Case of Hearts and Flowers  
 When his brother-in-law's Filofax is held to ransom, Steven J Blackburn investigates.  
 Starring Fine Time Fontayne and Judy Flynn.  
 Another case for Yorkshire's ex-pitman turned private investigator, Stephen J Blackburn.  
 Written by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheahy.  
 Stephen J Blackburn .... Finetime Fontayne  
 Tracey Duggan .... Judy Flynn  
 Mam .... Rita May  
 Shirley .... Christina Cox  
 Director: Dave Sheahy  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991.  
**TUE 07:00 Living with Betty (b09g5sd6)**  
 Episode 1  
 London's East End meets Cheshire.  
 Displaced city dwellers Bill and Betty move uncomfortably in with his son, Trevor and pretentious daughter-in-law, Katherine.  
 Starring Barbara Windsor and Peter Sallis.  
 Arline Whittaker's six-part sitcom.  
 Betty .... Barbara Windsor  
 Bill .... Glynn Edwards  
 Harold .... Peter Sallis  
 Muriel .... Rosalind Knight  
 Trevor .... Simon Molloy  
 Katherine .... Diana Mather  
 Recorded at City Varieties in Leeds  
 Producer: Mike Craig  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in 1986.  
**TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jmjy)**  
 Series 6  
 The Greenslade Story  
 The amazing story of the rise and fall of BBC Home Service radio announcer Wallace Greenslade.  
 Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan.  
 Starring:  
 Peter Sellers  
 Harry Secombe  
 Spike Milligan  
 First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.  
 With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.  
 Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.  
 Announcer: Wallace Greenslade  
 Producer: Peter Eton  
 First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1955.  
**TUE 08:00 Alone (m000b6tk)**  
 Series 2  
 The Big Scene  
 Louisa is due to make an appearance in a popular TV sitcom and invites everyone round to her flat to watch it go out 'live'.  
 Under pressure from Ellie, Louisa also invites the show's star, Maya Kumari, to come and watch it go out too.  
 The unattached Maya proves extremely popular with the men, particularly Mitch, and Ellie soon finds herself in a very awkward spot.  
 Sitcom about five single, middle aged neighbours living in flats in a converted house in North London.  
 Mitch is a widower and part-time therapist, looking to put his life back together now that he is single and living with Will, his younger, more volatile and unhappily divorced half-brother.  
 Elsewhere in the building is schoolteacher Ellie who is shy, nervous and holds a secret candle for Mitch. Overly honest, frustrated actress Louisa, and socially inept IT nerd Morris complete the line-up of mis-matched neighbours.  
 Mitch ..... Angus Deayton  
 Will ..... Pearce Crutledge  
 Ellie ..... Abigail Cruttenden  
 Louisa ..... Kate Isitt  
 Morris ..... Bennett Arnon  
 Maya ..... Mina Anwar  
 Written and created by Moray Hunter  
 Produced by Gordon Kennedy  
 Based on an original idea developed in association with Dandy Productions

An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2019.  
**TUE 08:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m0014fzn)**  
 7. Calculation  
 Piranesi calculates that there will soon be a great flood and 16 leaves him a message that he can't ignore.  
 Piranesi lives in the House. Perhaps he always has.  
 In his notebooks, day after day, he makes a clear and careful record of its wonders: the labyrinth of halls, the thousands upon thousands of statues, the tides that thunder up staircases, the clouds that move in slow procession through the upper halls.  
 On Tuesdays and Fridays Piranesi sees his friend, the Other. At other times he brings tributes of food to the Dead. But mostly, he is alone.  
 Messages begin to appear, scratched out in chalk on the pavements. There is someone new in the House. But who are they and what do they want? Are they a friend or do they bring destruction and madness as the Other claims? Lost texts must be found; secrets must be uncovered.  
 The world that Piranesi thought he knew is becoming strange and dangerous.  
 The Beauty of the House is immeasurable; its Kindness infinite.  
 Susanna Clarke's novel about the dreamlike, gothic territory. Piranesi.  
 Abridged by Sara Davies.  
 Read by Samuel Anderson.  
 Producer: Alison Crawford  
 A BBC Audio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2022.  
**TUE 08:45 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmrx)**  
 12. Entangled  
 Cosette is entangled in a plot hatched by the evil Thenardiers to catch Jean Valjean.  
 Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice.  
 Dramatised by Lin Coghlan.  
 Victor Hugo ..... Joss Ackland  
 Jean ..... Roger Allam  
 Cosette ..... Lucy Whybrow  
 Marius ..... Jonathan Forbes  
 Thenardier ..... Henry Goodman  
 Mme Thenardier ..... Jane Whittenshaw  
 Javert ..... David Schofield  
 Eponine ..... Patsy Palmer  
 Azelma ..... Helen Longworth  
 Combeferre ..... Carl Prekkop  
 Toussaint ..... Annette Badland  
 Director: Sally Avens  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.  
**TUE 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0023y8g)**  
 The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.  
**TUE 09:30 The Town Is The Menu (b047z8xc)**  
 2. Barnard Castle  
 Stories of Dickens, Richard III, an entrepreneurial community and a unique landscape.  
 These all provide inspiration for food innovator Simon Preston and local chef Andrew Rowbotham as they capture the spirit of Barnard Castle in Teesdale in a single signature dish.  
 Local antiques expert David Harper shares stories from history; young business entrepreneur Leah Hobson gives her alternative view of the townsfolk through the clothes they buy and sell while retired vet Neville Turner provides a window into the beautiful flora and fauna that surrounds the town.  
 Producer: Pennie Latin  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.  
**TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m0023y8l)**  
 The Gospel in Children's Stories - Good over evil  
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
 Theme: The Gospel in Children's Stories - Good over evil  
 Presenter: Becky Silver  
 Reading: Luke 23:34-43  
 Music:  
 When a knight won his spurs - Salisbury Cathedral Choir  
 There is a green hill (Chilcote) - St Martin's Voices  
 Sing my tongue the glorious battle (Pange Lingua) - St Martin's Voices  
**TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b09bysng)**  
 Jenny Colgan and Steven Camden (Polarbear)  
 Author Jenny Colgan and writer/performer Steven Camden (Polarbear) join Harriett Gilbert to discuss favourite books by Jon Krakauer, Antoine de Saint-Exupery and Jim Carroll.  
 Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer  
 Publisher: Pan  
 The Basketball Diaries by Jim Carroll  
 Publisher: Penguin  
 The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery  
 Publisher: Egmont  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2017.  
**TUE 10:30 Jackie And Me (b00v7znc)**  
 Jackie Clune celebrates the teen magazine that was friend, guide and agony aunt to generations of teenage girls.  
 From 1964 – 1993, 'Jackie' advised its massive readership on matters of vital importance:  
 \* How to apply blusher properly  
 \* What colour to wear if you met Donny Osmond  
 \* How to conceal spots  
 \* And - most crucially of all - how to get that boy.  
 Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.

**TUE 11:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001bzbv6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 11:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**TUE 12:00 Living with Betty (b09g5sd6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 12:30 The Goon Show (b007jmyg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 13:00 Alone (m000b6tk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 13:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m0014fzn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 13:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmrX)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**TUE 14:00 Booked (b007549n)**  
Series 1  
Episode 6  
Dr Faustus brews up with Willy Wonka, and Ma Larkin bares all to the butler from Remains of the Day.  
Outrageous parody, biting wit and bizarre couplings from:  
Miles Kingston  
Mark Thomas  
Dillie Keane  
Roger McGough  
Ian McMillan chairs the irreverent literary game.  
Producer: Marc Jobst  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.

**TUE 14:30 Romantic Friction (b00764j4)**  
Clouds  
Romance writer, Anna is blissfully happy.  
Brian is finding that grading sand paper is fun when he's thinking about Anna.  
Even faithful cockney muse Minnie is happy because it looks as if Anna's new-found romance is spilling over into her prose.  
But could there be a cloud on the horizon when Brian's old friend Dougie unexpectedly turns up with the tempting offer of building fibreglass ducks in the Shetland Islands?  
Starring Samantha Bond and Hugh Bonneville.  
Michelle Read's four-part comedy-drama series.  
Anna ..... Samantha Bond  
Brian ..... Hugh Bonneville  
Deirdre ..... Beth Chambers  
Fertility Doll ..... Adjoa Andoh  
Buddah ..... Kammy Darweish  
Brenda ..... Michelle Read  
Bob ..... Andrew Wincott  
Minnie ..... Sue Elliott-Nicholls  
Book ..... Michael Fenton Stevens  
Dougie ..... Ewan Bailey  
Producer: Dawn Ellis  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

**TUE 15:00 The Tree of Liberty (m000czhx)**  
1. Friends in High Places  
Amiens, 1791: Lieutenant General Lacroix is trying to police France despite the turmoil of the Revolution.  
A girl is murdered while Robespierre is in town.  
Could there be a cover-up going on?  
Starring David Calder.  
Nigel Baldwin's detective series in four-parts.  
Lt Gen Lacroix ... David Calder  
Monet ... Brian Hibbard  
Charlotte ... Kathryn Pogson  
Dupont ... Ian Rowlands  
Roland ... Christian Rodska  
Robespierre ... Brendan Charleson  
Didier ... Steve Hodson  
Mme Rives ... Bethan Jones  
Surgeon ... Matthew Morgan  
Mme Giradou ... Lesley Rooney  
Duval ... Simon Ludders  
Original music by Paula Gardiner.  
Director: Alison Hindell  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.

**TUE 16:00 A Good Read (b09bysng)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**TUE 16:30 Jackie And Me (b00v7znc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**TUE 17:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001bzbv6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**TUE 17:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 18:00 Living with Betty (b09g5sd6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**TUE 18:30 The Goon Show (b007jmyg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**TUE 19:00 Alone (m000b6tk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**TUE 19:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m0014fzn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**TUE 19:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmrX)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**TUE 20:00 Booked (b007549n)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**TUE 20:30 Romantic Friction (b00764j4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**TUE 21:00 The Tree of Liberty (m000czhx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**TUE 22:00 Heresy (m0018p6f)**  
Series 12

Episode 6  
Victoria Coren Mitchell presents another edition of the show which dares to commit heresy. This week with Jo Bunting, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Horne.  
Written, presented and produced by Victoria Coren Mitchell with additional material from Dan Gaster and Charlie Skelton  
Series created by David Baddiel  
An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4  
**TUE 22:30 The Consultants (b0076pz9)**  
Series 2  
Episode 5  
The Adventure-Bakers make a time-strudel and travel through history.  
Cerebral sketch show written by and starring:  
Neil Edmond  
Justin Edwards  
James Rawlings  
Producer: Will Saunders  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.

**TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00246t9)**  
Robin Morgan 2/4  
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Celebrating Shwmae Su'mae Day, Esyllt Sears interviews fellow Welsh comedian Robin Morgan.

**TUE 23:00 Crème de la Crime (b00890lk)**  
Series 3  
The Lies of the Artists  
Michael Feydeau -TV's much-loved Inspector Niblett - and crime expert David Pershore probe a case of counterfeit art.  
Tales from the vaults of villainy written by and starring Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.  
With:  
Olivia Colman  
Ewan Bailey  
Steven Kynman  
Director: Adam Bromley  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.

**TUE 23:15 Warhorses of Letters (b01p7by2)**  
Series 2  
Episode 3  
The romantic correspondence between two of history's most important horses: Napoleon's mount Marengo and the Duke of Wellington's own Copenhagen.  
The opposing armies are on the march through Belgium.  
But our lovers face a more immediate challenge to their relationship, as Marengo's stablemate Marcy turns out to be a stalking horse...  
Marengo .... Stephen Fry  
Copenhagen ..... Daniel Rigby  
Narrator ..... Tamsin Greig  
Written on their behalf by Marie Phillips and Robbie Hudson.  
Producer: Gareth Edwards  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2012.

**TUE 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007jqhc)**  
Series 1  
The Human Mind  
The sci-fi star and inventor explains life's big mysteries  
Written by and starring Richard Herring and Stewart Lee  
With:  
Tom Baker  
Rebecca Front  
Armando Iannucci  
Producer Sarah Smith  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1992.

**WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2024**

**WED 00:00 A Good Read (b09bysng)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:30 Jackie And Me (b00v7znc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001bzbv6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 01:30 The Blackburn Files (b007jpvw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:00 Living with Betty (b09g5sd6)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 02:30 The Goon Show (b007jmyg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:00 Alone (m000b6tk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m0014fzn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 03:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmrX)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:00 Booked (b007549n)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 04:30 Romantic Friction (b00764j4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]

**WED 05:00 The Tree of Liberty (m000czhx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 06:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001bz22)**  
3. The Anonymous Man  
The hunt for the kidnapped Prime Minister and his wife is on. Hundreds of extremists have been rounded up and questioned. Because it seems that the victims have been flown out of the country - possibly to Eastern Europe - the Security Services

have begun to make their own enquiries.  
So, where is he?  
Will the strange repercussions of an incident at Okefield Park ever be revealed?  
Starring Leslie Sands.  
Thriller series written by Ted Willis - adapted from his own novel.  
PM Jack Stoddard .... Leslie Sands  
Jess Stoddard .... Mary Wimbush  
Victor .... Cyril Snaps  
Commander Knowles .... Geoffrey Matthews  
Hugh Lashwood .... Preston Lockwood  
Sunderland .... Alaric Cotter  
Kevin Fraser .... Jimmy Chisholm  
Eike .... Peter Acre  
Valchik .... Anthony Daniels  
Home Secretary .... Leslie Heritage  
Sir Maurice Jennings .... Lockwood West  
Sue Swinton .... Charlotte Long  
Karel .... Jonathan Owen  
Inspector Wiley .... Scott Cherry  
Director: Graham Gould  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1984.

**WED 06:30 The Blackburn Files (b007w5d7)**  
Series 2  
3. A Case of a Golden Smile  
When Betty Ackroyd sees her husband Archie on a TV quiz show, it's for the first time since he walked out 30 years ago. Private eye Stephen J Blackburn investigates.  
Starring Fine Time Fontayne and Judy Flynn.  
Another case for Yorkshire's ex-pitman turned private investigator, Stephen J Blackburn.  
Written by Ian McMillan, Martyn Wiley and Dave Sheasby.  
Stephen J Blackburn .... Finetime Fontayne  
Tracey Duggan ..... Judy Flynn  
Mam .... Rita May  
Mrs Ackroyd .... Ann Rye  
Ted of Mansfield .... Norman Mills  
Nigel Phillips .... John Basham  
Producer: Dave Sheasby  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991.

**WED 07:00 Ballylenon (b007zmyy)**  
Series 5  
Episode 4  
Guard Gallagher gets new lodgings, as arguments rage over the cottage.  
Series set in the sleepy town of Ballylenon, County Donegal in 1956.  
Written by Christopher Fitz-Simon.  
Phonsie Doherty .... TP McKenna  
Muriel McConkey .... Margaret D'Arcy  
Vera McConkey .... Stella McCusker  
Vivienne Hawthorne .... Aine McCartney  
Rev Hawthorne .... Gerard Murphy  
Peg Sweeney .... Marcella Riordan  
Father O'Flatley .... John Guiney  
Packy McGoldrick .... Charlie Bonnar  
Music arranged and performed by Stephanie Hughes.  
Director: Eoin O'Callaghan  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.

**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.  
Starring Tony Hancock.  
With:  
Bill Kerr  
Sidney James  
Kenneth Williams  
Andree Melly  
Announcer: Kenneth Williams  
Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott.  
Music recorded by the BBC Augmented Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.  
Producer: Dennis Main Wilson  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1955.

**WED 08:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b044jft4)**  
Series 2  
Earning Your Corn  
Tom's mum is not best pleased with Tom's dad.  
He pressgangs her into helping out at a celebration he's planning to celebrate 168 years since the repeal of the Corn Laws ("Well, it'd be tempting fate to hold on for the bicentenary").  
They've chosen the Toby Carvery as a suitable dining venue.  
Meanwhile, Tom has decided to buy a flat in London, much to his gran's chagrin.  
Tom ..... Tom Wrigglesworth  
Granny ..... Judy Parfitt  
Dad ..... Paul Copley  
Mum ..... Kate Anthony  
Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles Jupp.  
Producer: Katie Tyrrell  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.

**WED 08:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m0014g1j2)**  
8. November 2012

Piranesi discovers the events of 15 November 2012. Piranesi lives in the House. Perhaps he always has. In his notebooks, day after day, he makes a clear and careful record of its wonders: the labyrinth of halls, the thousands upon thousands of statues, the tides that thunder up staircases, the clouds that move in slow procession through the upper halls. On Tuesdays and Fridays Piranesi sees his friend, the Other. At other times he brings tributes of food to the Dead. But mostly, he is alone. Messages begin to appear, scratched out in chalk on the pavements. There is someone new in the House. But who are they and what do they want? Are they a friend or do they bring destruction and madness as the Other claims? Lost texts must be found; secrets must be uncovered. The world that Piranesi thought he knew is becoming strange and dangerous. The Beauty of the House is immeasurable; its Kindness infinite. Susanna Clarke's novel about the dreamlike, gothic territory. Piranesi. Abridged by Sara Davies. Read by Samuel Anderson. Producer: Alison Crawford. A BBC Audio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2022. **WED 08:45 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmsd)** 13. Mortal Danger Jean Valjean is in mortal danger, but can Marius summon Inspector Javert to save him? Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice. Dramatised by Sebastian Baczkiewicz. Victor Hugo ..... Joss Ackland Jean ..... Roger Allam Cosette ..... Lucy Whybrow Marius ..... Jonathan Forbes Javert ..... David Schofield Thenardier ..... Henry Goodman Mme Thenardier ..... Jane Whittenshaw Babet ..... Christopher Goodwin Eponine ..... Patsy Palmer Director: Sally Avens First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001. **WED 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0023xf1)** The latest news from Westminster - and beyond. **WED 09:30 The Town Is The Menu (b047zn5n)** 3. Merthyr Tydfil A fiery history of rebellion and working class spirit from the town that fuelled the industrial revolution. These provide inspiring ingredients for food innovator Simon Preston and award winning chef Stephen Terry as they create a brand new signature dish for Merthyr Tydfil. A cast of colour local characters gather at the Theatr Soar to share some of the more surprising stories from Merthyr's past - from Mario Basini we hear of the town's Italian community; retired nurse Margaret Lloyd reflects on over 80 years in the town while history enthusiast Chris Parry recalls some of the fights which characterise the town's fiery past. The challenge for Stephen and Simon is to bring all those elements together in a single dish which captures the essence of this intriguing town. Producer: Pennie Latin First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014. **WED 09:45 Daily Service (m0023xf3)** The Gospel in Children's Stories -The Prodigal Son A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music. Theme: The Gospel in Children's Stories -The Prodigal Son Presenter: Swarzy Reading: Luke 15:18-24 Music: Good Good Father - Housefires Jesus is Better - Austin Stone Worship Firm Foundation - Maverick City **WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m000f5zq)** Andrea Levy: In Her Own Words Profiling the life and work of Andrea Levy, the best-selling author of Small Island, who died in February 2019. Speaking on condition that the recording would only be released after her death, Andrea Levy gave an in-depth interview to oral historian Sarah O'Reilly for the British Library's Authors' Lives project in 2014. Drawing on this recording, along with comments from friends, family and collaborators, this programme explores Levy's changing attitude towards her history and her heritage and how it is intimately bound up with her writing. Andrea grew up in North London in the 1960s, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants. Her father Winston came to Britain in 1948 on the Empire Windrush, and her mother Amy arrived six months later. At home, Jamaica was never discussed. Levy recalls how her parents believed that, in order to get on in this country they should live quietly and not make a fuss, and the silence around race in the family home haunted her throughout her life: "I have dreams now where I sit down with my parents and we talk about the difficulty of being a black person in a white country. But at the time? No help whatsoever." A significant day arrived when she attended a racism awareness course in her workplace in the 1980s. Staff were asked to split into two groups. "I walked over to the white side of the room. But my fellow workers had other ideas and I found myself

being beckoned over by people on the black side. I crossed the floor. It was a rude awakening. It sent me to bed for a week." Writing came to Levy's rescue. Her first three books - Every Light In The House Burnin' (1994), Never Far from Nowhere (1996) and Fruit of the Lemon (1999) - explored questions of immigrant identity and were semi-autobiographical. Through her writing, she explored the historical connection between Britain and the Caribbean as a profoundly British concern, and her literary project was to make people of both small islands aware of their intertwined history. It was the publication of the prize-winning Small Island in 2004 that propelled Andrea Levy to international acclaim. The novel told the story of Jamaican families like her own integrating into post-war Britain and drew directly from the experiences of her parents and their passage to the Mother Country. The success of Small Island held deep personal significance for Andrea: "From then on I thought, 'Things are possible'". Writing The Long Song, her novel set on a 19th century Caribbean slave plantation, was, she says, "the most terrifying thing to have to go into". With the recent Windrush scandal and wider debates about the legacy of the slave trade in Britain, Levy's work could not be more relevant. The Long Song was published in 2010 and was shortlisted for the Booker Prize. But it was during the writing of this book that Andrea was diagnosed with the cancer that would, she knew, eventually kill her. Andrea Levy speaks here for the first time about living with a terminal illness and her hopes for posterity. And we hear an excerpt from a previously unpublished dialogue from her archives, now housed at the British Library, in which she tackles her imminent demise with her trademark wit and wisdom. With Gary Young, Baroness Lola Young, Louise Doughty, Helen Edmundson, Sarah Williams, Margaret Busby, Sharmaine Lovegrove, Catherine Hall and Andrea's husband Bill Mayblain. Voice actors: Josef-Israel Lynsey Murrell Producers: Melissa FitzGerald & Sarah O'Reilly A Blakeway production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2020. **WED 11:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001bz22)** [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] **WED 11:30 The Blackburn Files (b007w5d7)** [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] **WED 12:00 Ballylenon (b007zmyy)** [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] **WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k251)** [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] **WED 13:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b04jft4)** [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] **WED 13:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m0014gJ2)** [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] **WED 13:45 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmsd)** [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] **WED 14:00 Counterpoint (b01sm2f5)** Series 27 2013 Heat 4 Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz. As well as demonstrating a broad general knowledge of music, they'll have to demonstrate a wide knowledge of music in all its variety, as well as specialising in a musical topic of which they've had no prior warning. Will they prefer questions on Verdi, or on Paul Weller? The fourth trio of competitors are in the Radio Theatre, London for the fourth heat of the series. \* E Goh from London \* Adam Harvey from Bury St. Edmunds \* Richard Wybom from Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire. Producer: Paul Bajoria First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2013. **WED 14:30 Hazelbeach (b00ly7mv)** Series 2 Cleaner Ronnie has a close encounter in Hull, while his hapless friend Nick invents a new sport. Starring Jamie Foreman. Caroline and David Stafford's comedy about likeable conman Ronnie Hazelbeach. Ronnie Hazelbeach ..... Jamie Foreman Nick ..... Paul Bazely James ..... Neil Stuke Chloe ..... Tracy Wiles Doctor Helmut ..... Stephen Hogan Director: Marc Beeby First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009. **WED 15:00 The Tree of Liberty (m000d050)** 2. To Be a Pilgrim Lacroix calls on the local sorceress to help him solve what appears to be a ritual killing. Lieutenant General Lacroix is trying to police France despite the turmoil of the Revolution. Starring David Calder. Nigel Baldwin's detective series set in Amiens, 1791. Lt Gen Lacroix ... David Calder Monet ... Brian Hibbard Charlotte .... Kathryn Pogson Madeleine .... Frances Tomelty

Didier .... Steve Hodson Roland .... Christian Rodska Mme des Chats ... Sue Roderick Surgeon ... Matthew Morgan Duval ... Simon Ludders Original music by Paula Gardiner. Director: Alison Hindell First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995. **WED 16:00 Archive on 4 (m000f5zq)** [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] **WED 17:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001bz22)** [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] **WED 17:30 The Blackburn Files (b007w5d7)** [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] **WED 18:00 Ballylenon (b007zmyy)** [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] **WED 18:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b007k251)** [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] **WED 19:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b04jft4)** [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] **WED 19:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m0014gJ2)** [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] **WED 19:45 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmsd)** [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] **WED 20:00 Counterpoint (b01sm2f5)** [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today] **WED 20:30 Hazelbeach (b00ly7mv)** [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today] **WED 21:00 The Tree of Liberty (m000d050)** [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today] **WED 22:00 Ivo Graham's Obsessions (m0023q3x)** Series 1 2. Susie McCabe & Kieran Hodgson Ivo Graham travels to Glasgow to find out what obsesses his guests, Glaswegian comedian Susie McCabe, and comedian, actor, and Glasgow adoptee Kieran Hodgson. Susie builds her credentials as a Lego obsessive, and Kieran waxes lyrical about the journey up the East Coast Main Line. The audience share their obsessions too, and Ivo receives a gift from one kind audience member. This week's very obsessed person, or 'VOP' is Dr Malcolm Knight, who brings his love of puppetry to its most natural medium, the radio. Hosted by Ivo Graham Featuring Susie McCabe, Kieran Hodgson and Dr Malcolm Knight Written by Ivo Graham and Zoe Tomalin Additional Material by Alex Kealy, Peter Tellouche and Christina Riggs Recorded at the Tron Theatre by Sean Kerwin Sound editing by Charlie Brandon King Production Coordinators: Katie Baum & Jodie Charman Executive Producer: Pete Strauss Produced by Gwyn Rhys Davies, a BBC Studios Audio production for Radio 4 An EcoAudio certified production Show image: Matt Stronge **WED 22:30 The Goldfish Bowl (m0018gpn)** Series 2 Episode 6 Anton and Liam - the Eric and Ernie of the fish fraternity - are back with more underwater wit and fishy frivolity. Anton decides that Liam must toughen up when he is threatened by a piranha. Starring Sean Foley and Hamish McColl. Goldfish bowl based sitcom written by Shaun Prendergast. Anton .... Sean Foley Liam .....Hamish McColl Susan ....Tracy Ann Oberman Struan ....Shaun Prendergast Director: Sally Avens First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000. **WED 22:45 Ivor Cutler - Cutler the Lax (b03vczgx)** Episode 1 Legendary Scottish surrealist Ivor Cutler provides disappointment for cavemen and a cheap alternative to liquor. With: Fiona MacDonald Producer: Mark Savage First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991. **WED 23:00 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01c19p3)** Series 1 Heroic Failures More historical heroism - as Gelert the dog, anyone who's played rugby for Wales and William Frost are put to the Totaliser Test. Comedian Elis James compares key figures in Welsh history to determine the ultimate heroes of Wales. With: Ben Partridge Nadia Kamil Written by Elis James, Gareth Gwyn and Benjamin Partridge. Producer: Sharif Shahwan First broadcast on BBC Radio Wales in February 2012. **WED 23:30 The Skewer (m0023q46)** Series 12 Episode 5 The week's biggest stories like you've never heard them before. The news remixed into a satirical comedy concept album.





1848.  
Writers: Jon Hunter and James Kettle.  
Producer: Claire Jones.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.  
**THU 14:30 The Brothers (b00pszc)**  
Series 3  
The One True Yoghurt  
Nigel stutters, Michael proposes, and Zorro seeks the meaning of life in a desert.  
Sitcom about the dysfunctional Burbage siblings.  
Written by Caroline and David Stafford.  
Nigel Burbage .... Adam Godley  
Michael Burbage .... Ray Coulthard  
Oonagh .... Pauline McLynn  
Peter Burbage .... James Fleet  
Zorro .... Alex Lowe  
Director: Marc Beeby  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2007.  
**THU 15:00 The Tree of Liberty (m000czqf)**  
3. Health of a Nation  
When a doctor is found dead, his son confesses to the murder. But he's got an alibi, so why would he lie?  
Lieutenant General Lacroix is trying to police France, despite the turmoil of the Revolution.  
Starring David Calder.  
Nigel Baldwin's detective series set in Amiens, 1791.  
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Monet ... Brian Hibbard  
Charlotte .... Kathryn Pogson  
Madeleine ... Frances Tomelty  
Duval ... Simon Ludders  
Ferrer ... Andrew Wincott  
Mme Dupre ... Sue Rodrick  
Georges .... Robert Harper  
Panchaud ... Steve Hodson  
Surgeon ... Matthew Morgan  
Original music by Paula Gardiner.  
Director: Alison Hindell  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.  
**THU 16:00 Great Lives (m000jmtf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**THU 16:30 Archaeology of a Storyteller (m0015v90)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]  
**THU 17:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001bzcc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**THU 17:30 The Blackburn Files (b007w3zt)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**THU 18:00 Are You From the Bugle? (b01jcc07)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**THU 18:30 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jps8)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**THU 19:00 Believe It! (b08mbgkx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**THU 19:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m0014gmz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**THU 19:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmsv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**THU 20:00 Wordaholics (b04kf5zv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]  
**THU 20:30 The Brothers (b00pszc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]  
**THU 21:00 The Tree of Liberty (m000czqf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]  
**THU 22:00 Olga Koch: OK Computer (m0023q0j)**  
Series 3  
2. Religio  
Comedian and computer scientist Olga Koch tries to explain beliefs and superstitions to her sassy and ultra-rational digital assistant Algo. Can you ever truly "get" Madonna? (The pop icon or the mother of Jesus).  
Performed by Olga Koch  
Written by Olga Koch and Charlie Dinkin  
Featuring Rajiv Karia as Algo  
Additional material from Rajiv Karia, Peter Tellouche and Christina Riggs  
Produced by Benjamin Sutton  
A BBC Studios Audio Production for BBC Radio 4  
**THU 22:30 On the Hour (b008s3k9)**  
Series 1  
Episode 3  
Campaigning to tighten the letter of the law, and war is declared.  
The show that's in the thick of the action with a microphone – plus all the sport from Alan Partridge.  
Savagely satirical award-winning comedy starring Chris Morris.  
With:  
Steve Coogan  
David Schneider  
Rebecca Front  
Patrick Marber  
Doon Mackichan  
Written by Chris Morris, Richard Herring, Steven Wells, Andrew Glover, David Quantick and Stewart Lee.  
Editor: Armando Iannucci  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1991.  
**THU 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00249b6)**  
Robin Morgan 3/4  
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Esyllt Sears

interviews the comedian and writer Robin Morgan.  
**THU 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b01pp5vg)**  
Series 5  
Dave Gorman  
Marcus Brigstocke invites comic Dave Gorman to try new experiences.  
How did he get on horse-riding for the first time?  
Series in which guests experience new things and give their verdicts to Marcus Brigstocke – and explain why they've waited so long to do it.  
Producer: Bill Dare  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.  
**THU 23:30 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00lk09w)**  
Series 1  
Episode 2  
Arthur Smith invites an audience into his home in Balham, south London, for music and comedy.  
With guest comedians:  
Benjamin Zephaniah  
Stephen K Amos  
Matt Holness  
Pippa Evans - as singer-songwriter Loretta Maine - lends a hand.  
Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 03:00 Believe It! (b08mbgkx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]  
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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 03:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmsv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]  
**FRI 04:00 Wordaholics (b04kf5zv)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 04:30 The Brothers (b00pszc)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 05:00 The Tree of Liberty (m000czqf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 06:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001c6bf)**  
5. Confession  
One week of mobilising the massive resources of police and security services has produced very little results.  
But Commander Knowles has uncovered a rather tenuous link between Sue Swinton and one of the kidnappers...  
Will the strange repercussions of an incident at Okefield Park ever be revealed?  
Starring Leslie Sands.  
Thriller series written by Ted Willis - adapted from his own novel.  
PM Jack Stoddart .... Leslie Sands  
Jess Stoddart .... Mary Wimbush  
Victor .... Cyril Shaps  
Commander Knowles ... Geoffrey Matthews  
Hugh Lashwood .... Preston Lockwood  
Valchik .... Anthony Daniels  
Karel .... Jonathan Owen  
Insp Wiley .... Scott Cherry  
WPS Bellamy .... Ellen McIntosh  
DI Martin .... Colin Starkey  
Ben Tomkins .... David Goudge  
Sgt Evans .... Jon Strickland  
Alan Peopole .... William Eedle  
Jane .... Moir Leslie  
Sgt Macey/Wallace .... Brett Usher  
Sue Swinton .... Charlotte Long  
Director: Graham Gauld  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1984.  
**FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (m000c58m)**  
Charles Paris: So Much Blood  
1. The Photo Call  
An actor dies as thespian sleuth Charles Paris is rehearsing for the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.  
A stage dagger turns murderously into a real one...  
Francis Matthews stars as Charles Paris.  
Six-part thriller serial adapted from his own book by Simon Brett.  
Charles Paris ..... Francis Matthews  
Brian Cassells ..... Hugh Laurie  
Frances ..... Jennifer Hilary  
James Milne ..... Alan McNaughtan  
Maurice Skellern ..... Harry Landis  
Pam Northcliffe ..... Sara Corper  
Michael Vanderzee ..... Mark Wing-Davey  
Martin Warburton ..... Michael Maloney

Willy Mariello ..... Billy McColl  
Producer: Martin Fisher  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1985.  
**FRI 07:00 Trapped (b0076grw)**  
Series 1  
All Downhill from Here  
A group of friends are landed in a situation they're desperate to get out of - on the slopes of a ski resort.  
Series of six black comedies written by Mark Maier and Daniel Maier.  
Nadine .... Olivia Colman  
Clare .... Joanna Holden  
Craig .... Mark Maier  
Paul .... Chris Pavlo  
Enzo .... Daniel Maier  
Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2003.  
**FRI 07:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jsnb)**  
Series 5  
Settle Out of Court the Burkiss Way  
Find out 'What's My Gender', plus a galactic 'Panorama'.  
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: David Hatch  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1980.  
**FRI 08:00 To Hull and Back (b09tcmn7)**  
Series 3  
Fourth in Show  
When Sophie's new boyfriend Imran tells her he doesn't like her glasses, she's desperate for a pair of Givenchy designer specs.  
But the salon's client list is still worryingly short and she can't get the money together.  
So when she hears a dog show is coming to town with big cash prizes to be won for well groomed pets, Sophie realises how she might be able to make her designer dreams a reality.  
Meanwhile, Sheila makes a worrying discovery and Jean meets a potential girlfriend...  
Starring Lucy Beaumont and Maureen Lipman.  
Lucy Beaumont's warm-hearted sitcom about Sophie's efforts to escape her overbearing mother, Sheila.  
Sophie ..... Lucy Beaumont  
Sheila ..... Maureen Lipman  
Jean ..... Kerrie Marsh  
Ernie ..... Norman Lovett  
Baker ..... Debra Baker  
Doty ..... Annie Sawle  
Producer: Sam Michell  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2018.  
**FRI 08:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m0014gth)**  
10. Decision  
Piranesi makes an important decision.  
Piranesi begins to recover details that the House has made him forget.  
Piranesi lives in the House. Perhaps he always has.  
In his notebooks, day after day, he makes a clear and careful record of its wonders: the labyrinth of halls, the thousands upon thousands of statues, the tides that thunder up staircases, the clouds that move in slow procession through the upper halls.  
On Tuesdays and Fridays Piranesi sees his friend, the Other. At other times he brings tributes of food to the Dead. But mostly, he is alone.  
Messages begin to appear, scratched out in chalk on the pavements. There is someone new in the House. But who are they and what do they want? Are they a friend or do they bring destruction and madness as the Other claims? Lost texts must be found; secrets must be uncovered.  
The world that Piranesi thought he knew is becoming strange and dangerous.  
The Beauty of the House is immeasurable; its Kindness infinite.  
Susanna Clarke's novel about the dreamlike, gothic territory, Piranesi.  
Abridged by Sara Davies.  
Concluded by Samuel Anderson.  
Producer: Alison Crawford  
A BBC Audio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2022.  
**FRI 08:45 Victor Hugo - Les Misérables (b007jmtb)**  
15. Secrecy  
Love is in the air in the Rue Plumet. But why is Jean Valjean so obsessed with secrecy?  
Victor Hugo's epic story of social injustice.  
Dramatised by Lin Coghlan.  
Victor Hugo ..... Joss Ackland  
Jean ..... Roger Allam  
Cosette ..... Lucy Whybrow  
Marius ..... Jonathan Forbes  
Thenardier ..... Henry Goodman  
Maboeuf ..... Timothy Alcock  
Combeferre ..... Carl Prekopp  
Toussaint ..... Annette Badland  
Eponine ..... Patsy Palmer  
Gavroche ..... Leagh Conwell

Babet ..... Christopher Goodwin  
 Claque ..... Ewan Bailey  
 Director: Sally Avens  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.  
**FRI 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0023xdv)**  
 The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.  
**FRI 09:30 The Town Is The Menu (b04807hv)**  
 5. Inverness  
 How do you capture the city of Inverness in a single dish?  
 That's the challenge for food innovator Simon Preston and local chef Steven Devlin as they gather some colourful local characters at Eden Court Theatre to hear inspirational stories, past and present.  
 Naturalist, Kenny Taylor, shares his perspective on the city's unique blend of wilderness in an urban environment, from journalist Iain MacDonald there's comic stories of the theft of Nessy while Gaelic broadcaster Roddy Maclean draws on the city's rich multi-lingual and multi-cultural history.  
 Producer: Pennie Latin  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2014.  
**FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m0023xdx)**  
 The Gospel in Children's Stories - Beauty and the Beast :  
 Overcoming the Natural Man  
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
 Theme: The Gospel in Children's Stories - Beauty and the Beast :  
 Overcoming the Natural Man  
 Led from Wales by the Revd Dr Rosa Hunt  
 Reading: Romans 5: 4-9  
 Music:  
 Arglwydd Iesu, arwain f'enaid (Lord Jesus, led my soul)  
 Liverpool Welsh Choral Union  
 Unless a grain of wheat  
 Bernadette Farrell  
 Love divine all loves excelling  
 The Ardwyn Singers  
 BBC Wales recording  
**FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b00z5c89)**  
 Series 11  
 Simple Gifts  
 Simple Gifts started life as a Shaker Hymn and became incorporated into the hymn Lord of the Dance and Aaron Copland's ballet suite Appalachian Spring.  
 Nora Guthrie describes the central place this tune has played throughout her life.  
 Pete Lashley tells how he heard it unexpectedly whilst touring in New Zealand.  
 Michael Carter explains why his father chose this tune for his famous hymn "Lord of the Dance" and Scott Malchus describes running a marathon whilst listening to this music.  
 Featuring:  
 Thomas Swain  
 Michael Carter  
 Nora Guthrie  
 Scott Malchus  
 Pete Lashley  
 Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.  
 Producer: Rosie Boulton  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2011.  
**FRI 10:30 Butterfly Mind (p04flpy0)**  
 Can a Shaman cure writer's block?  
 David Greig goes on a very personal quest in an attempt to find out.  
 David Greig is one of our most respected and successful playwrights. He's also the Artistic Director of the Lyceum Theatre in Edinburgh.  
 But he is suffering from writer's block; he is 'exhausted, like a mined out mine'.  
 He's tried many a cure, without success, and now he wants to visit a Shaman to see if there is a solution to be found somewhere in the spirit world.  
 As quests go, it's slightly odd, sometimes light-hearted but serious in parts...  
 Producer: Karen Gregor  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2016.  
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**FRI 14:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00m52xh)**  
 Series 2  
 Episode 2  
 James Walton tests and tickles the knowledge of industry pundits and people passionate about pop music.  
 Regulars Tracey MacLeod and Andrew Collins are joined by:  
 \* Writer, David Quantick  
 \* Comedian, Stewart Lee  
 Reader: Beth Chalmers

Written and researched by James Walton  
 Producer: Dawn Ellis  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.  
**FRI 14:30 Lucky Heather (b0075s9h)**  
 4. Unforgiven  
 Recently widowed Denis hires Heather to trace his first love Yvonne.  
 Just this side of nosey, Heather is western movie-mad. She's also the Sherlock Holmes of the rundown Sutter Estate.  
 Starring Lindsey Coulson.  
 Sitcom by Sue Teddern.  
 Heather ..... Lindsey Coulson  
 Natalie ..... Abigail Hart  
 Ryan ..... Ben Crowe  
 Craig ..... Tom George  
 Denis ..... James Taylor  
 Allison ..... Gemma Saunders  
 Charlotte ..... Lisa Kay  
 Lisa ..... Beth Chalmers  
 Maev ..... Dearbhla Molloy  
 Yvonne ..... Elizabeth Bell  
 Director: David Hunter  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.  
**FRI 15:00 The Tree of Liberty (m000d07l)**  
 4. Moon Conjunct Uranus  
 The death of a young girl is linked to a magical sect.  
 But as the evidence comes together, it seems to point back at Lacroix.  
 Lieutenant General Lacroix is trying to police France despite the turmoil of the Revolution.  
 Starring David Calder.  
 Nigel Baldwin's detective series set in Amiens, 1791.  
 Lt Gen Lacroix ... David Calder  
 Madeleine ... Frances Tomelty  
 Duval ... Simon Ludders  
 Monet ... Brian Hibbard  
 Josephine ... Bethan Jones  
 Chalier ... Steve Hodson  
 Surgeon ... Matthew Morgan  
 Jean ... Robert Harper  
 Roland ... Christian Rodska  
 Michel ... Andrew Wincott  
 Simone ... Sara Harris-Davies  
 Original music by Paula Gardiner.  
 Director: Alison Hindell  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1995.  
**FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b00z5c89)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**FRI 16:30 Butterfly Mind (p04flpy0)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]  
**FRI 17:00 Death May Surprise Us (m001c6bf)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**FRI 17:30 Whodunnits (m000c58m)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**FRI 18:00 Trapped (b0076grw)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**FRI 18:30 The Burkiss Way (b007jsnb)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**FRI 19:00 To Hull and Back (b09tcmn7)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**FRI 19:30 Piranesi by Susanna Clarke (m0014gth)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]  
**FRI 19:45 Victor Hugo - Les Miserables (b007jmtb)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**FRI 20:00 All the Way from Memphis (b00m52xh)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]  
**FRI 20:30 Lucky Heather (b0075s9h)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]  
**FRI 21:00 The Tree of Liberty (m000d07l)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]  
**FRI 22:00 Randy Feltface's Destruction Manual (m0023hth)**  
 4. Water  
 Randy Feltface takes a deep dive and comes up wishing he hadn't. Extinction, pollution, rising temperatures and a very angry salmon all make an unwelcome appearance in this show - but will Randy press on with his plan to press the destruction button, or will he have a change of heart and share his hopes for the future?  
 This head-on charge into possibly the most important subject facing humanity comes to you via a show where you'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll learn, you'll laugh again between the learny bits and most of all, you'll be able to say "I was there when Radio 4 decided to have show hosted by a puppet"  
 Randy Feltface has been seen on Netflix, ABC, NBC, and has a huge & devoted following across the globe (1m+ social media followers, 1.6m TikTok followers, 833k subscribers, 79m YouTube views). His hour-long specials are YouTube cult classics, his world tours are sold out sensations, and he's the only Radio 4 presenter to be entirely made of felt.  
 With Margaret Cabourn-Smith, William Hartley & Venice Ohleyer  
 Produced & directed by David Tyler  
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4  
**FRI 22:30 The Million Pound Radio Show (b007jq9d)**  
 Series 2  
 Episode 7  
 Talking dolphins - and bible sponsorship.  
 Sharp-edged topical humour in the most expensive show on

radio.  
 Written by and starring Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell.  
 With:  
 Harry Enfield  
 Morwenna Banks  
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1986.  
**FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00249fr)**  
 Robin Morgan 4/4  
 From **10pm** until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Esyllt Sears interviews the comedian and writer Robin Morgan.  
**FRI 23:00 Absolute Power (b007ys7m)**  
 Series 3  
 Episode 3  
 Roguish Martin enters the Lords as Charles takes on a Big Brother TV 'star'.  
 Stephen Fry and John Bird star in Mark Tavener's biting satire.  
 Charles Prentiss and Martin McCabe are spin masters in the world of government and media relations.  
 Charles Prentiss .... Stephen Fry  
 Martin McCabe .... John Bird  
 Sir Archibald Sullivan .... Tony Gardner  
 Maurice .... David Timson  
 With:  
 Lisa Coleman  
 James Vaughan  
 Beth Chalmers  
 Producer: Dawn Ellis  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.  
**FRI 23:30 Elvenquest (b00kfgcx)**  
 Series 1  
 Episode 4  
 The heroes answer a distress call from some sirens and Lord Darkness's pursuit of all things evil is put to one side as he considers getting himself an heir.  
 More comic adventures set in lower Earth where fantasy writer Sam has been coerced into joining a band of intrepid heroes as they battle the dread forces of evil in search of the legendary sword of Asnagar!  
 Fantasy sitcom written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.  
 Sam ..... Stephen Mangan  
 Vidar ..... Darren Boyd  
 Dean ..... Kevin Eldon  
 Penthiselea ..... Sophie Winkleman  
 Lord Darkness ..... Alistair McGowan  
 Kreech ..... Kevin Eldon  
 Amis ..... James Bachman  
 With:  
 Chris Pavlo  
 Lizzy Watts  
 Clare Willie  
 Producers: Anil Gupta & Paul Schlesinger  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.