

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2024

SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b078y1q4)

Series 22

Feed The Birds

'Feed The Birds' was written by composers Richard and Robert Sherman for the 1964 film Mary Poppins.

Richard recalls how the song was a Walt Disney favourite and long after the film was over, Walt would call him down into his office in the late afternoon, gaze out of the window and say 'Play it.'

Karen Dotrice, who played Jane Banks in the original film, describes the experience of hearing the song sung by Julie Andrews.

Lawyer Eli McCann describes how re-watching Mary Poppins a few years ago, one snowy afternoon in Salt Lake City, was a turning point in his life.

Teacher Marie Barteld remembers her love of 'Feed The Birds' as a child, and how she took the words of the song literally - much to her mother's consternation.

Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact.

Producer: Sarah Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.

SAT 00:30 Inside the Brain of a Five-Year-Old (b00rm072)

Claudia Hammond investigates the latest research into the working of the five year old brain.

She wonders whether the latest developments in neuroscience might have an application in the classroom.

Could a deeper understanding of brain development help educationalists get better results?

If so - how can teachers separate the brain fact from so much of the brain fiction which seems to be out there?

Producer: Alexandra Feachem

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

SAT 01:00 Whodunnits (m0017m4p)

Lady in a Fog

5. The Little Doctor

Philip Odell's investigations finally begin to reveal the connections between the murders and the blackmail.

Starring Robert Beatty.

Lester Powell's vintage thriller about the cases of a hard-nosed Irish-American private eye.

Philip Odell Robert Beatty

Heather McMara Sheila Manahan

The Lady in Mink Mary Wimbush

Martin Sorrowby John Bennett

Inspector Rigby Edward Jewesbury

Sergeant Levton Jeffrey Segal

Police Doctor Hugh Manning

Postman Frank Partington

Foreman Will Leighton

Dr Alexander Frey Trevor Martin

Producer: Martyn C. Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1958.

SAT 01:30 Stand By For West (m00046kl)

Battle for Inspector West

3. Shadow on a Millionaire

Michael Grant is taken for a ride, and Inspector West finds a door slammed in his face.

Starring Patrick Allen.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Michael Grant Philip Bond

Christine Grant Denise Buckley

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Arthur Morley Preston Lockwood

Julietta Eva Stuart

Sir Mortimer Grant Humphrey Morton

Carosian Francis de Wolf

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.

SAT 02:00 Trapped (b0076h8h)

Series 1

Clem Walder's Way Out

With three wives, Clem can't keep up his treble life any longer.

How can he escape them all?

Starring Alex Lowe.

Six black comedies by Mark Maier and Daniel Maier.

Clem Alex Lowe

Keith Kevin Eldon

Paula Laura Shavin

Ben Tom Price

Sarah Alison Pettitt

Jo Rachel Atkins

Producer: Alex Walsh-Taylor

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2003.

SAT 02:30 Doctor in the House (b007jt0n)

In the Wards

Unleashed on the patients, the rookie medics are unprepared for the formidable Sister Virtue.

The misadventures of student doctor, Simon Sparrow.

Starring Richard Briers.

Adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's

'Doctor in the House' published in 1952.

Simon Sparrow Richard Briers

Sir Lancelot Spratt Geoffrey Sumner

Tony Benskin Ray Cooney

Taffy Evans Edward Cast

Sister Virtue Joan Sanderson

Mrs Clark Irene Handl

Producer: David Hatch

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.

SAT 03:00 Michael Spicer: Before Next Door (m000y0rb)

Series 1

Cheesy Strings

His Room Next Door videos are getting tens of millions of views online, a mention in the House of Commons and plaudits from highbrow cultural commentators so, by rights, Michael should be drowning in big money offers.

But, in reality, he's sat at his desk writing copy for a kitchen worktop company worrying about the restructuring consultant they've brought in. Getting the axe would be catastrophic for Michael and his family.

This strange position is heightened when A-list British actor Emily Mallaby contacts Michael to invite him to a political dinner party at home. She is starting a new movement to shake up Westminster and wants the famous Room Next Door Man, who lampoons cabinet members so mercilessly, to spearhead the campaign.

At the same time, Michael's wife Roberta is channelling her energy into hustling for Michael as a distraction from having to make a work friend redundant. She secures him an audition for a potentially lucrative commercial. OK, the role is to play a cheesy string, but a gig's a gig and shows that Michael should take Roberta's ambitions to be his manager seriously.

Unfortunately, he fails to acknowledge her skills and they have a massive falling out, just as he needs his wife's advice on the work situation. Michael tries to enlist his eldest son, Sam's help to extract that advice, but he's useless. Perhaps Daddy is expecting too much of a nine-year old?

Both the audition and the political dinner party test Michael's patience and integrity but fortunately Peter Curran is on hand to reassure and unnerve him in equal measure. Can Michael emerge with his principles intact and what will happen when Roberta's ex-colleague Alexandra turns up at her doorstep while Michael is gallivanting with the A-Listers?

Written and performed by Michael Spicer.

With:

Ellie Taylor

Joanna Neary

Beattie Edmondson

Kiell Smith-Bynoe

Peter Curran

Kipp Spicer.

Producer: Matt Tiller

A Starstruck and Tillervision production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2021.

SAT 03:30 Bessie Smith by Jackie Kay (m000sk4)

5. An Unmarked Grave

Jackie Kay examines the rumours and controversies around the death of blues singer Bessie Smith.

She was driving to a gig with her partner when his car crashed. Her second husband tries to claim he was still in her life and gets money from royalties.

Years after Bessie's first funeral - Janis Joplin helps to pay for a headstone.

Orphaned by the age of nine, Bessie sang on the street to support her siblings and was swept into travelling shows as a young woman.

Facing extreme racial prejudice, she frequently brawled under the influence of bathtub gin and had tumultuous love affairs with men and women. She also sold hundreds of thousands of records and became a genuine superstar.

"The first time I saw Bessie Smith, it really was like finding a friend..."

Poet Jackie Kay charts the rise and fall of Bessie Smith as she brings to life the dramatic story of the greatest blues singer who ever lived.

Mixing biography, fiction, music and memoir, Jackie remembers the electric thrill of identification when, as a young black girl growing up in Glasgow, she was first gifted the music of the Empress. Jackie was thrilled by some of Bessie's naughtier lyrics.

Abridged by Rosemary Goring

Concluded by Jackie Kay.

From 2016 to 2021, Jackie Kay was the Makar - Scotland's poet laureate.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2021.

SAT 03:45 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (b00767k6)

10. Winners and Losers

It's the day of the election, and there's a showdown with Andrea and Philip's wife, Kate.

Conclusion of Stan Barstow's gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960's

Dramatised by his partner Diana Griffiths.

Tom.....David Calder

Norma.....Sharon Duce

Andrea.....Deborah McAndrew

Philip.....Robert Glenister

Nick.....Ben Crompton

Bess.....Daryl Ffishwick

Kate.....Jo-Anne Knowles

Shirley.....Ruth Herbert

Inspector Bradley.....Geoff Hinsliff

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

SAT 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0013hy8)

Series 27

Episode 2

David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies.

They compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.

The panellists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as shoes, beer, diets and metal.

With:

Pippa Evans

Geoff Norcott

Fern Brady

Simon Evans

Producer: Jon Naismith

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

SAT 04:30 All the Young Dudes (b007qx33)

Series 1

Lazy Sunday

Joe and Maria's pub is losing trade to the Irish Theme Bar down the road, which involves taking some drastic measures.

The lives of Patrick and wife Helen as they settle back into the town where he was born.

Comedy drama written by and starring Jim Sweeney.

Patrick Jim Sweeney

Helen Cathryn Harrison

Billy Steve Steen

Joe Stephen Frost

Moira Sadie Shimmin

Maria Flaminia Cincque

Charlie Izzy De Rosario

Announcer: Whispering Bob Harris

Producer: Steve Doherty

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.

SAT 05:00 Thomas Hardy - Far From the Madding Crowd (b01n606d)

3. A Successful Rival

One man proves constant in his love for Bathsheba, while she gives up on all hopes of happiness.

Conclusion of Thomas Hardy's classic novel.

Starring Alex Tregear and Shaun Dooley.

Dramatised by Graham White.

Bathsheba Alex Tregear

Gabriel Oak Shaun Dooley

Boldwood Toby Jones

Troy Patrick Kennedy

Liddy Lizzy Watts

Fanny Hannah John-Kamen

Maltster Robert Blythe

Jan Joe Sims

Joseph Sam Alexander

Henery Patrick Brennan

Billy Don Gilet

Cain Harry Livingstone

Maryann Amaka Okafor

Musicians: Colin Guthrie, Chris Davies, Lauren Swift

Director: Jessica Dromgoole

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2012.

SAT 06:00 Shelagh Delaney - A Taste of Honey (b00bcqtd)

A pregnant teenage girl and her feckless mother trade insults and repartee in 1950s Salford.

One of the great stage plays of the 20th century. It's a powerful story of a teenage pregnancy set in a backdrop of post-war austerity, discrimination and homophobia.

Writer Shelagh Delaney was just 19 years-old when she wrote this, her debut novel.

It was soon adapted for stage and debuted in London at Joan Littlewood's Theatre Royal Stratford East in 1958, before becoming an award-winning film in 1961.

Helen Siobhan Finneran

Jo Beth Squires

Peter Charles Lawson

Boy Richard Mylan

Geoffrey Andrew Sheridan

Adapted and directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 3 in November 2004.

SAT 07:30 The Musical Human by Michael Spitzer (Omnibus) (m0025chn)

Professor Michael Spitzer brings together archaeological, sociological and historical observations - along with theories from biologists and musicologists - to tell the story of what his sub-title boldly claims to be A History of Life on Earth. Spitzer gained his degree at Merton, Oxford, and then his PhD at Southampton.

He is Professor of Music at the University of Liverpool.

Previously he taught for 20 years at Durham University. An accomplished pianist, Spitzer is a world-leading authority on Beethoven, but he also writes widely on the philosophy and psychology of music.

Omnibus of five parts read by Simon McBurney.

Abridged and produced by Jill Waters.

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

SAT 08:45 Alan Coren - Core Coren (b007jrpj)

4. Out to Lunch

The humourist, writer and self-proclaimed Royalist muses on a menu of exotic and prehistoric dishes.

Alan Coren's book 'A Bit on the Side' was first published in 1996.

Abridged and read by the author.

Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1997

SAT 09:00 The Men from the Ministry (b017srm4)

A Merry Dance

The bungling bureaucrats suspect each other of espionage.

A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.

Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.

Lennox-Brown Deryck Guyler

Lamb Richard Murdoch

Mildred Murfin/Claudette Norma Ronald

Sir Gregory Pitkin Ronald Baddiley

'Creepy' Crawley/General Sir Archibald Gripping/Commander Hawk John Graham

News Reader John Cole

'The Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962

and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from

1966

Producer: Edward Taylor

First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in August 1975.

SAT 09:30 The Morecambe and Wise Show (m0025chq)

Episode 6

Eric and Ernie celebrate the final show of their series, then set

off an adventure in the desert.

Starring Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise

A radio romp written by Eric Merriman.

With:

Dilys Laye

John Baddeley.

Music from:

Anita Harris

The Mike Sammes Singers

Burt Rhodes and his Orchestra

Producer: John Browell

First broadcast on BBC Light Programme in August 1966.

SAT 10:00 Hilarious Histories - What's So Funny About the Past? (m000n5dh)

2. Blackadder & Brian

Public Historian Greg Jenner continues his Arthurian quest to

find out how comedy writers make history funny.

Greg is the Historical Consultant to all eight TV series of

CBBC's Emmy and multiple BAFTA award-winning Horrible

Histories.

In short, he is both a nerd and a comedy nerd.

In the second of three programmes, Greg grapples with the big

questions over accuracy and ethics

With the help of:

Comedian-turned-classicist Natalie Haynes

'Horrible Histories' Head Writer Ben Ward

'Austentatious' improvisers Cariad Lloyd and Andrew Hunter-

Murra

Featured programmes:

'DESERT ISLAND DISCS: Terry Jones' [BBC Radio 4 1983]

'REEL HISTORIES: The Life of Brian' [BBC Radio 4 2004]

Producer: Anne-Marie Luff.

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in February

2019.

SAT 11:00 Shelagh Delaney - A Taste of Honey (b00bcqtd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 12:30 The Musical Human by Michael Spitzer

(Omnibus) (m0025chn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 13:45 Alan Coren - Core Coren (b007jrpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 14:00 The Men from the Ministry (b017srm4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 14:30 The Morecambe and Wise Show (m0025chq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 15:00 Hilarious Histories - What's So Funny About the Past? (m000n5dh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 16:00 Stanislaw Lem - Solaris (b00pf4xk)

2. Love and Hate

Psychologist Kris is falling in love with his replica wife and

wants to take her back to Earth with him.

His colleagues are simultaneously plotting to destroy the planet.

Stanislaw Lem's modern sci-fi classic, first published in 1961.

Dramatised by Hattie Naylor

Kris Ron Cook

Rheya Joanne Froggatt

Snow Tim McMullan

Rheya Joanne Froggatt

Music by Alice Trueman

Sound Design: Steve Brooke

Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

SAT 17:00 Shelagh Delaney - A Taste of Honey (b00bcqtd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

SAT 18:30 The Musical Human by Michael Spitzer

(Omnibus) (m0025chn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

SAT 19:45 Alan Coren - Core Coren (b007jrpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

SAT 20:00 The Men from the Ministry (b017srm4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

SAT 20:30 The Morecambe and Wise Show (m0025chq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

SAT 21:00 Hilarious Histories - What's So Funny About the Past? (m000n5dh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

SAT 22:00 Angstrom (b09pmbdh)

Series 1

The Hunter Is the Hunted and the Hunter

Matthew Holness stars as Knut Ångström, a brooding, alcoholic,

maverick Swedish detective from the tough streets of Oslo.

Scandinavian detective yarn adapted from the bestselling

Ångström trilogy by Martin English (writing as Bjorgren

Swedenssonson).

Following the death of his wife, Ångström is posted to the

Njalsland peninsula where he becomes embroiled in a

labyrinthine murder (or possibly not-murder) case which bears

an eerie similarity to the Askeladden killings - a case from his

distant past.

The investigation takes Ångström and Mina to the remote

Celibate Puffin Island (but it's all one word in Swedish).

Here they find a possible connection between the Askeladden

murders and the sinister Bolax Corporation, bringing them

closer to finally discovering the identity of the mysterious Ash

Lad...

Written by Joel Morris and Jason Hazeley.

Knut Ångström Matthew Holness

Nina Oblong Nadia Kamil

Narrator Simon Kane

Also starring:

David Reed

Freya Parker

Kevin Eldon

Anna Crilly

The writers have also written the Ladybird Books for Grown

Ups, Charlie Brooker's Wipe, That Mitchell and Webb Look

and A Touch of Cloth.

Producer: Lyndsay Fenner

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

January 2018.

SAT 22:30 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music (b00c90fq)

Series 2

Relaunch

An anarchic mix of comedy, music, gay disco, Morrissey and

Duran Duran.

Mitch Benn's facing the difficult second-series dilemma, so is

it time to relaunch himself in a glorious new comeback?

Robin has a few suggestions, but Alfie won't shut up about

Lindisfame. Mitch agrees to a makeover but it all goes a bit

Pete Tong.

Written by Mitch Benn and Robin Ince.

With:

Robin Ince

Alfie Joey

Tasha Bayliss

Kirsty Newton

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005

SAT 23:00 Innes Own World (b017gwqz)

Episode 3

Neil Innes shares some breakfast dramas and memories of

touring the USA with the Bonzo Dog Band.

The radio show that spits the Gargle of Existence into the

Bathroom Sink of Being and introduces the Man of Substance

to the Woman of Intuition.

Written and performed by Neil Innes.

Script Editor: John Dowie

Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2003.

SAT 23:30 Rigor Mortis (b007k4q2)

Series 1

Episode 4

The pathologists are presented with a challenge when they're

asked to perform an holistic, non-invasive autopsy.

Laurence Howarth's sitcom set in the fascinating, but

misunderstood world of the pathology lab.

Dr Anthony Webster Peter Davison

Dr Ruth Anderson Tracy-Ann Oberman

Professor Donaldson Geoffrey Whitehead

Gordon Tom Price

Chloe Marianne Levy

Simon Gus Brown

Mr Fitzherbert Beth Chalmers

Music by Paul Mottram and Stephanie Benavente.

Producer: Dawn Ellis

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003.

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[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]

SUN 01:00 Shelagh Delaney - A Taste of Honey (b00bcqtd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]

SUN 02:30 The Musical Human by Michael Spitzer

(Omnibus) (m0025chn)

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SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0025d3f)

Booker Prize Castaways

Anne Enright

Writer Anne Enright is castaway by Lauren Laverne.

Anne won the Booker Prize for her fourth novel, The

Gathering, in 2007. She has published eight novels, many short

stories, and a non-fiction work called Making Babies:

Stumbling into Motherhood, about the birth of her two children.

Born in Dublin in 1962, Anne is the youngest of five children.

After taking an MA in Creative Writing at University of East

Anglia, with teaching from Angela Carter and Malcolm

Bradbury, she worked for six years as a TV producer for the

Irish broadcaster RTE.

When her TV work left her feeling burned out, she began her

writing career in earnest. Her book of short stories, The

Portable Virgin, won the Rooney Prize for Irish Literature in

1991, and she published her first novel, The Wig My Father

Wore, in 1995. The Wren, her latest novel was published in

2023.

DISC ONE: Brahms Intermezzi: Op. 117, No.1 by Glenn

Gould

DISC TWO: Jersey Girl by Tom Waits

DISC THREE: A Case Of You by Joni Mitchell

DISC FOUR: Then You'll Remember Me by Dé Danann

DISC FIVE: The Man Comes Around by Johnny Cash

DISC SIX: Hiawatha by Laurie Anderson

DISC SEVEN: Tower of Song by Leonard Cohen

DISC EIGHT: Soave sia il vento from Cosi fan Tutte,

composed by Mozart, conducted by Karl Böhm, performed by

Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, Walter Berry, Christa Ludwig and

Philharmonia Orchestra.

BOOK CHOICE: 'In Search of Lost Time' by Marcel Proust

LUXURY ITEM: High thread-count cotton sheets

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Soave sia il vento from Cosi fan

Tutte, composed by Mozart

Producer: Cathy Drysdale

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.

SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zm4j4)

Series 2

Earthworms

Although Charles Darwin is especially well known for his work

on the Theory of Evolution through his seminal work "On the

Origin of Species", he also published a lot of his research on

earthworms.

Earthworms fascinated Darwin, so much so that his

observations led him to believe that they showed marked

intelligence. And earthworms fascinate Sir David Attenborough

too.

He recalls a visit to Australia to film the giant earthworm and

intriguingly used his ears more than any other sense to find

them.

What did they sound like and what did they look like?

Sir David reveals all.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2011.

SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m0025d3h)

The Living Poet: Stevie Smith and Three Score And Ten: Fleur

Adcock

Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects The

Living Poet – Stevie Smith and Three Score and Ten - Fleur

Adcock.

In The Living Poet – Stevie Smith introduces and reads some of

her own poems.

Producer: George MacBeth

First broadcast on the BBC Third Programme in 1963.

Three Score And Ten: Fleur Adcock

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Broadcaster and actor Alexander Armstrong chooses 'Minuetto Allegretto' by The Wombles and 'It Must Be Love' by Madness.
SUN 08:50 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (Omnibus) (b06zz96v)

Episode 2

Local elections are imminent.

Tom plans for Norma's future, whilst Andrea's future is very much threatened.

Stan Barstow's gritty double love story set in Yorkshire in the 1960's.

Dramatised by his partner Diana Griffiths.

Omnibus of the last five of ten parts.

Andrea Deborah McAndrew

Philip Robert Glenister

Tom David Calder

Kate Jo-Anne Knowles

Norma Sharon Duce

Shirley Ruth Herbert

Nick Ben Crompton

Director: Pauline Harris

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2002.

SUN 10:00 Beyond Our Ken (b007jp09)

From 12/08/1958

Kenneth Horne hitches a lift in a helicopter - and 'Homerama' investigates sport.

A madcap mix of sketches and songs written by Eric Merriman and Barry Took

Starring:

Kenneth Horne

Kenneth Williams

Hugh Paddick

Betty Marsden

Ron Moody

Music from Pat Lancaster, the Malcolm Mitchell Trio and the BBC Review Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz.

Announcer: Douglas Smit

Beyond Our Ken hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 - featuring regulars like Arthur Fallowfield, Cecil Snaith and Rodney and Charles.

The precursor to 'Round The Horne' - sadly only 13 shows survive from the original run of 21 episodes in Series 1. Audio restored using both home and overseas (BBC Transcription Service) recordings.

Producer: Jacques Brown

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in August 1958.

SUN 10:30 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m0025d3p)

Series 2

An American's Roots

The dear ladies help an American hitchhiker to trace her ancestry roots in their village.

Starring Dame Hilda Brackett and her lifelong companion Dr

Evadne Hinge.

Brought to you from the genteel setting of the Suffolk village of Stackton Tressel, where the musical duo reside.

Written by Mike Craig, Lawrie Kinsley and Ron McDonnell.

Dame Hilda Brackett Patrick Fyffe

Dr Evadne Hinge George Logan

Maud Daphne Heard

Barbara Dilys Watling

Frank David Fielder

Three series ran on BBC Radio 4 between 1977 and 1979, with further spin-off seasons on BBC Radio 2 until 1990.

In the early 1980s, they expanded over to BBC TV with the series Dear Ladies.

Produced at BBC Manchester by James Casey.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1978.

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SUN 16:00 The Man in Black (b00yng5w)

Series 3

The Printed Name by Nicholas Pierpan

Having your heart's desire offered to you on a plate can be a difficult temptation to resist.

Jack is a failing writer who stumbles into a devilish pact with a mysterious businessman.

The Man in Black introduces Nicholas Pierpan's sinister tale. Mark Gatiss stars as the sinister raconteur.

Jack Ewan Bailey

Rob Ryan Watson

Thomas Nicholas Boulton

Hermione Christine Kavanagh

The Grandfather Sean Baker

The TV Announcer Claire Harry

More horrifying tales from The Man in Black. You might meet him at a luggage carousel in an airport, or behind the desk at an employment agency or he might approach you in the corridor of a care home.

Wherever you encounter him, he's eager to pass on his stories. Stories to unsettle and horrify. Stories to haunt you.

Director: Gemma Jenkins

Made for BBC Radio 7 and first broadcast in February 2011.

SUN 16:30 Weird Tales (b00vknqr)

Series 2

Split the Atom by Lynn Ferguson

Hoarder of horror, HP Lovecraft shares another chilling tale.

Frank Ivory is full of anger: burning, simmering, steaming anger.

On his way home one night, after making his colleagues lives a misery, he meets Gwen, who is determined to tell him the story of the Morrigan, the Celtic goddess in charge of who should live and who should die.

Weird chilling tale written by Lynn Ferguson.

HP Lovecraft Stephen Hogan

Frank Derek Riddell

Gwen Rachel Ogilvy

Louise Emma Stansfield

Bill Rhys Jennings

Barbara Tessa Nicholson

George Ewan Hooper

William Perkins Piers Wehner

Director: Luke Fresle

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SUN 22:00 Revolting People (b00w48m7)

Series 4

Ezekiel is Kidnapped

Samuel's pompous son-in-law, Ezekiel, is kidnapped by a rebel militia.

Can anyone be bothered to rescue him?

Sitcom set just before the American War of Independence.

Written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.

McGurk Andy Hamilton

Samuel Jay Tarses

Joshua Tony Maudsley

Mary Julia Hills

Ezekiel Hugh Dennis

Captain Brimshaw James Fleet

With:

Philip Pope

Michael Fenton Stevens

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006.

SUN 22:30 1966 and All That (b01075px)

The 1940s

The French Resistance struggle to victory under General de Gaulle.

Hitler gets stuck in a bunker with his Gerbil.

And John Humphrys interviews Winston Churchill.

Craig Brown's satirical history of Britain reaches the 1940s.

With:

Joss Ackland

Eleanor Bron

Rory Bremner

Ewan Bailey

Margaret Cabourn-Smith

John Humphrys

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2006.

SUN 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0025whm)

Alexandra Haddow 1/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Esyllt Sears chats to the comedian and writer Alexandra Haddow.

SUN 23:00 Life With Lederer (m001k01h)

Series 2

The Cure

Helen Lederer shares another of her methods for coping with life, through alternative medicine.

Written by and starring Helen Lederer.

With:

Malcolm Raeburn

Christopher Campbell

Victoria Finney

Sandra Maitland

Produced at BBC Manchester by Paul Z Jackson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1991.

SUN 23:15 Where to, Mate? (m000j95l)

Series 1

"...you're coming in, you're coming out..."

Hit the road with taxi drivers Bernie and Ben as we eavesdrop on their fares around North West England.

Starring Peter Slater and Jo Enright.

In this episode, Bernie picks up Milton again and they discuss the merits of cosmic ordering. Ben tries to help a lad come out to his dad and Saj takes a dog for a poo.

A semi-improvised comedy recorded on location in a car in Manchester.

Based on ideas by Jason Wingard and Carl Cooper.

Featuring local voices and character actors/comedians from the North.

Ben Peter Slater

Bernie Jo Enright

Saj Abdullah Afzal

Milton Christopher J Hall

Weight Watchers Lady Lisa Moore

Paul Brennan Reece

Controller Jason Wingard

Controller Abdullah Afzal

Additional voices and material by the cast and crew.

With additional material and production support by Hannah Stevenson.

Director: Jason Wingard

Producer: Carl Cooper

A BBC Studios Audio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020.

SUN 23:30 Delve Special (b007jm3s)

Series 2

The Archibald Gallery Robbery

Reporter David Lander reopens the investigation into 1983's Archibald Gallery robbery.

Kevin Watts is the key suspect, but was he framed?

Presented by David Lander with assistance from Stephen Fry.

Studio production by:

Brenda Bleythn

Tony Robinson

Jack Klaff

Felicity Montagu

Dramatic reconstruction by:

Mark Arden

Stephen Frost

Phil Nice

Arthur Smith

Peter Acre

Researched and compiled by Tony Sarchet.

Editor: Paul Mayhew-Archer

Delve Special ran for four series from 1984 to 1987 and later transferred to TV as: This is David Lander.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1985.

MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2024

MON 00:00 The Man in Black (b00yng5w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

MON 00:30 Weird Tales (b00vknqr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday]

MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0025d3f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00zm4j4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday]

MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m0025d3h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]

MON 02:30 Bessie Smith by Jackie Kay (Omnibus)

(m0025d3k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]

MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0025d3m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday]

MON 03:50 Stan Barstow - A Raging Calm (Omnibus)

(b06zz96v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday]

MON 05:00 Beyond Our Ken (b007jp09)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]

MON 05:30 The Enchanting World of Hinge and Bracket (m0025d3p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday]

MON 06:00 Whodunnits (m0017s29)

Lady in a Fog

6. A Psychological Matter

Philip Odell learns the identity of the lady in mink and why she's involved in the blackmail.

But is she a murderer?

Starring Robert Beatty.

Lester Powell's vintage thriller about the cases of a hard-nosed Irish-American private eye.

Philip Odell Robert Beatty

Heather McMarra Sheila Manahan

The Lady in Mink Mary Wimbusch

Christopher Hampden James Thomason

Inspector Rlby Edward Jewestry

Sergeant Leyton Jeffrey Segal

Dr Alexander Frey Trevor Martin

Receptionist Beryl Calder
 Polce Surgeon John Graham
 Maid Ann Rye
 Producer: Martyn C Webster
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1958.
MON 06:30 Stand By For West (m00046v)
 Battle for Inspector West
 4. Bait for a Bogey
 Chief Inspector Roger West takes a trip to the seaside - and receives a dinner invitation from a lady.
 Starring Patrick Allen.
 Created and written by John Creasey.
 Dramatised by Maurice Travers.
 Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen
 Janet West Sarah Lawson
 Michael Grant Philip Bond
 Christine Grant Denise Buckley
 Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce
 Arthur Morley Preston Lockwood
 Julieta Eva Stuart
 Sir Mortimer Grant Humphrey Morton
 Carosian Francis de Wolff
 DS Hubert Gill Trevor Bannister
 Producer: John Fawcett Wilson
 First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1967.
MON 07:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00b7bd3)
 Series 2
 The Anniversary Blues
 Tommy has big celebration plans for Sheila, but then Lewis gets involved.
 30 years after sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr won the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, the musical double-act are back in the big time.
 June Whitfield and Roy Hudd star in Mike Coleman's sitcom.
 Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd
 Sheila Parr June Whitfield
 With:
 Pat Coombs
 Julian Eardley
 Edward Halstead
 Paul Rogan
 Tracy-Ann Oberman
 Music by Frido Ruth.
 Producer: Steve Doherty
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1999.
MON 07:30 The Navy Lark (m0025chs)
 Series 11
 Number One Gets Married
 With the HMS Troutbridge crew involved – will the happy couple make it up the aisle?
 Stars 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 Caldicot
 Rita Heather Chasen
 The Admiral Tenniel Evans
 The Padre 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 March 1970.
MON 08:00 North by Northamptonshire (b0196tyh)
 Series 2
 Episode 6
 Norman may have stopped the parade, but the festival must go on.
 Meanwhile Helen has news for Jan and Frank, and love blossoms for a most unlikely couple.
 Sheila Hancock narrates the bittersweet adventures of the residents of a small town in Northamptonshire.
 Written by Katherine Jakeways.
 Keith John Biggins
 Rod Mackenzie Crook
 Jonathan/Ken Kevin Eldon
 Narrator Sheila Hancock
 Helen Jessica Henwick
 Esther/Jacqui Katherine Jakeways
 Jan Felicity Montagu
 Norman Geoffrey Palmer
 Angela Lizzie Roper
 Mary Penelope Wilton
 Frank Rufus Wright
 Producer: Victoria Lloyd
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.
MON 08:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000f61)
 1. The Blitz
 In 1940, at the height of Blitz, the two young princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are secretly evacuated for their own safety.
 They're sent from Buckingham Palace to an isolated rural estate in neutral Ireland.
 However Clonmillis Hall may prove to be even more dangerous than wartime London...
 Irish police detective Stafford has been assigned to watch over the girls during their stay and so must form an uneasy alliance

with their governess Miss Celia Nashe, an undercover MI5 officer charged with the princesses' safety.
 However, with a contingent of soldiers patrolling the woods and rumours of IRA terrorists in the vicinity, they soon find their task even more treacherous than expected.
 But is the real threat from outside, or from within Clonmillis Hall itself?
 BW Black's imagined historical adventure is an enthralling mystery.
 Abridged in ten parts by Neville Teller.
 Read by Sorcha Cusack.
 Producer: Michael Shannon
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.
 **** BW Black is the pen name of acclaimed Irish author John Banville.
 He is the author of several novels, including *The Sea*, which won the 2005 Man Booker Prize. In 2013 he was awarded the Irish PEN Award for Outstanding Achievement in Irish Literature. He has published a number of crime novels, most featuring Quirke (an Irish pathologist based in Dublin) which were adapted into a TV series starring Gabriel Byrne.
MON 08:45 Fifteen Dogs by André Alexis (m000nwmf)
 1. Bet
 Over drinks in Stoke Newington, Hermes and Aphrodite get into a debate about whether animals could live happily if they had the same cognitive and speech abilities as humans.
 They decide to wager a year of servitude on the outcome of granting the gifts of human reasoning and language to a group of dogs in a nearby kennel.
 Given their newfound abilities, the dogs are able to escape, where they set up their own new protosociety. The novel then explores the functioning of their new society through the impact of human values, such as individuality and personal freedom, on the conventionally hierarchical social order of dog packs.
 Novel by Canadian writer André Alexis, first published in 2015.
 Dramatised in five parts by Mike Harris.
 Zeus Paterson Joseph
 Aphrodite Emma Pierson
 Hermes Arty Froushan
 Majnoun David Ajoa
 Atticus Paul Kemp
 Princess Kate Chambers
 Bonny and Rosie Lotte Rice
 Mick John Hollingworth
 Nira Prisca Bakare
 Kim Christopher Buckley
 Women Felicity Duncan
 The Fates and all other parts played by members of the cast.
 Director: Clive Brill
 A Brill Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2020.
MON 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0025chv)
 Sean Curran reports on the Lords debate on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry report. Also - efforts to engage youngsters in Parliament. And Sean takes a look at some of Lady Thatcher's belongings which are about to go under the hammer.
MON 09:30 Technicolour (b01q813h)
 1. Colour Vision
 Tracey Logan dives into the world of colour, from biology to fashion.
 We create all the colours we see around us. Cone cells in our eyes allow us to discriminate up to 10 million different hues. But not everyone's eyes contain the same type of cells, and this can change the range of colours we detect.
 Tracey finds out what it's like to be colour blind and why there may be some women with superhuman colour vision, who can see more colours than the rest of us.
 Series of five programmes.
 Producer: Michelle Martin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.
MON 09:45 Daily Service (m0025chx)
 Christ the King - Living for Christ
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Christ the King - Living for Christ
 Presenter: Jay Hulme
 Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23
 Music:
 Rejoice, the Lord is King (Gopsal) - Choir of Westminster Abbey
 Never lost - Warehouse Worship
 Name of all majesty - All Souls Orchestra
MON 10:00 Sounds Natural (b07m7kqc)
 Bill Oddie
 From the Bar-Tailed Godwit to the Black-Winged Stilt.
 Back in the days when BBC Springwatch wasn't even a twinkle in Auntie's transmitters, Bill Oddie from 'The Goodies' tells Derek Jones about his longstanding love of bird watching, and his travels to see them.
 Aided by recordings from the BBC Sound Archive.
 Producer: John Burton.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1973.
MON 10:30 Arthur Russell: Vanished into Music (b07wbtsz)
 Writer Olivia Laing presents an imaginative portrait of Arthur Russell.
 Arthur was a cellist, a composer, a songwriter and a disco auteur. He was active in the New York downtown scene of the 1970s and was a frequent collaborator with the likes of Allen

Ginsberg and Philip Glass.
 Although extremely prolific, his inability to finish projects is often cited as part of the reason that very little of his music was released during his lifetime.
 When Arthur Russell died in 1992 his Village Voice obituary read:
 "Arthur's songs were so personal that it seems as though he simply vanished into his music."
 Featuring:
 Mustafa Ahmed
 Joyce Bowden
 Steven Hall
 Tom Lee
 Producer: Martin Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2016.
MON 11:00 Whodunnits (m0017s29)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 11:30 Stand By For West (m00046v)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 12:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00b7bd3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 12:30 The Navy Lark (m0025chs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 13:00 North by Northamptonshire (b0196tyh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 13:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000f61)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 13:45 Fifteen Dogs by André Alexis (m000nwmf)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b00pxk23)
 Series 56
 Episode 3
 Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition.
 With:
 Josie Lawrence
 Justin Moorhouse
 Tony Hawks
 Dave Gorman
 Subjects include: How To Spot A Mature Student, Going to Zanzibar, Why I Love Derby, Heavenly Bodies, Wheel Clamping, Three Ways To Pay Back Your Student Loan and My Bike.
 Recorded at the University of Derby.
 Created by Ian Messier.
 Producer: Claire Jones
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.
MON 14:30 Street and Lane (b00w5rgj)
 Series 2
 Going for Broke
 The builder duo are warned about a dodgy landlord - and a birth is imminent...
 Starring Shaun Dooley and Fine Time Fontayne
 Ian McMillan and Dave Sheasby's sitcom about a pair of Yorkshire builders.
 Johnny Street Shaun Dooley
 Arthur Lane Fine Time Fontayne
 Pete Muzz Khan
 Lucy Bethan Walker
 Producer: David Hunter
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.
MON 15:00 Leo Tolstoy - Resurrection (b00772ff)
 1. Mistakes
 Katerina Maslova is a young prostitute on trial for the murder of one of her clients.
 Serving on the jury, Prince Dmitri recognises the young woman as the girl he seduced many years before.
 Believing himself partly responsible for her predicament, he embarks upon a complex legal attempt to reverse the sentence passed upon her.
 Leo Tolstoy's last major work, first published in 1899.
 Starring Katherine Igoe and Richard Dillane.
 Dramatised in two parts by Robert Forrest.
 Katerina Maslova Katherine Igoe
 Dmitri Nikhloydov Richard Dillane
 Lydia Menshova Vivienne Dixon
 Vera Bogovskaya Joanna Tope
 Princess Marya Lesley Hart
 Anatoly Krylstov/Rizin Joe Arkley
 Gudz/Makar Dyerkin John Buick
 Director: Lu Kemp.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.
MON 16:00 Sounds Natural (b07m7kqc)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:30 Arthur Russell: Vanished into Music (b07wbtsz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
MON 17:00 Whodunnits (m0017s29)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:30 Stand By For West (m00046v)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 18:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00b7bd3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 The Navy Lark (m0025chs)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 North by Northamptonshire (b0196tyh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000f61)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 19:45 Fifteen Dogs by André Alexis (m000nwmf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b00pxk23)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

MON 20:30 Street and Lane (b00w5rgj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

MON 21:00 Leo Tolstoy - Resurrection (b00772ff)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

MON 22:00 Paul Sinha's Perfect Pub Quiz (m00254cx)

Series 3

Bradford - a load of bulls

Paul tests his Bradford audience with a series of bull-themed questions, from Oscar winners to epic battles.

Who is the tallest-ever Oscar winner? What's Paul's online pseudonym? And exactly how little news happens in Stamford, Lincolnshire? He also looks back at people and things from 1974, such as that year's biggest sporting over-achiever, and two famous 50-year-olds with a connected love life.

Written and performed by Paul Sinha

Additional material: Oliver Levy

Additional questions: The Audience

Original music: Tim Sutton

Recording engineer: Richard Biddulph

Mixed by Rich Evans

Producer: Ed Morrish

A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4

MON 22:30 Ashley Blaker: 6.5 Children (m000y1fg)

Series 1

3. The Special Ones

As a father of two sons with autism and a daughter with Down Syndrome, Ashley Blaker shares five things he wants you to know.....

Series featuring a mix of stand-up and observational documentary, all recorded in the Blakers' home with the voices of his real family, and tackling parenting, adoption and raising children with special needs.

Ashley and his wife Gemma are trying to raise a family in a world that is only really set up for having two. What's more, the Blakers' children are not just any kids.

Ashley is joined by

Shelley Blond

Kieran Hodgson

Rosie Holt

Judith Jacob

Also appearing as themselves are Ashley's own children:

Ami (17),

Ophie (15)

Simi (13),

Soroh (12),

Sruly (11)

and Bina (7)

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in July 2021.

MON 23:00 Dead Ringers (m00254hq)

Series 25

Dead Ringers: Ep4. Revolting Farmers

Jeremy Clarkson and Nigel Farage weigh in on the new land tax, Rachel Reeves defends her CV and Donald Trump talks turkey.

This week's impressionists are Jon Culshaw, Jan Ravens, Lewis Macleod, Duncan Wisbey and Katia Kvinge.

The episode was written by: Nev Fountain and Tom Jamieson, Laurence Howarth, Rob Darke, Edward Tew, Sophie Dickson, Angela Channell Christina Riggs and Joe Topping

Executive Producer: Richard Morris

Produced and created by Bill Dare

Production Co-ordinator: Caroline Barlow

MON 23:30 The Confessional (m001ghws)

Series 3

The Confession of Sheila Hancock

Reluctant national treasure Dame Sheila Hancock - actor, singer, director, novelist and writer is Stephen Mangan's guest. Together they discuss inappropriate behaviour, snobbery and flagrant rule-breaking.

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

Each episode, Stephen invites a distinguished guest into his virtual confessional box to make three 'confessions' to him. An antidote to conventional talk shows, the guests' stories don't reflect their proudest moments. Stephen wants them to open up about their darker side - however much they may squirm.

Written and presented by Stephen Mangan

Additional material by Nick Doody.

Producer: Frank Stirling

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

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2024

TUE 00:00 Sounds Natural (b07m7kqc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]

TUE 00:30 Arthur Russell: Vanished into Music (b07wbtsz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]

TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (m0017s29)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]

TUE 01:30 Stand By For West (m00046vl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]

TUE 02:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00b7bd3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]

TUE 02:30 The Navy Lark (m0025chs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]

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[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]

TUE 03:45 Fifteen Dogs by André Alexis (m000nwmf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]

TUE 04:00 Just a Minute (b00pxk23)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]

TUE 04:30 Street and Lane (b00w5rgj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]

TUE 05:00 Leo Tolstoy - Resurrection (b00772ff)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]

TUE 06:00 Whodunnits (m0017ry6)

Lady in a Fog

7. Wanted Kitty Stapleton

The case appears to be concluding for Philip Odell, but there's still time for one more surprising development.

Starring Robert Beatty.

Lester Powell's vintage thriller about the cases of a hard-nosed

Irish-American private eye.

Philip Odell Robert Beatty

Heather McMaraSheila Manahan

Kitty Stapleton Mary Wimbush

Christopher Hampden James Thomason

Parkin Harold Reese

Inspector Rigby Edward Jewesbury

Sergeant Leyton Jeffrey Segal

Jay Haydn Jones

Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1958.

TUE 06:30 Stand By For West (m00048fd)

Battle for Inspector West

5. Trail From A Tip-Off

An unexpected phone-call for Janet West - while Inspector

West doesn't quite know where he is..?

Starring Patrick Allen.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Julietta Eva Stuart

Carosian Francis de Wolff

DS Hubert Gill Trevor Bannister

Pearly Willis Henry Stamper

Superintendent Mulloon Harry Webster

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1967.

TUE 07:00 Rent (b062r9w7)

Series 4

Episode 1

Paul and Ruby have moved out of the Reynolds' house, but they're not far away.

Maria and Richard, meanwhile, are getting to grips with a new arrival.

Lucy Flannery's award-winning sitcom about Maria and

Richard Reynolds and their lodgers.

Maria Barbara Flynn

Richard Patrick Barlow

Ruby Vivienne Rochester

Paul Dave Lamb

Barrister Sally Grace.

With Sarah Parkinson

Producer: Liz Anstee.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jn76)

Series 6

Tales of Old Dartmoor

Prison governor Neddie Seagoon relocates all of his inmates to the south of France.

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 February 1956.

TUE 08:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000qm0q)

Series 2

Just the Way You Are

Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam play a couple who have been

married 'forever'.

Children of the 1960s, they're still free spirits, drawn together by their passion for music and each other. Their recognisable warm and witty conversations dance around everything from health scares, jealousy and confessions, to TV incompatibility and sourdough bread.

In this episode, Roger gives Joanna a masterclass in dishwasher stacking while Joanna instructs him on how to wave goodbye to departing guests. As the turbulent year turns, Joanna makes some New Year Resolutions - for Roger - and suggests their marriage needs a re-boot? 'Out the door?' is his response.

Written for Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam by award-winning comedy writer and journalist Jan Etherington - who's been married for 34 years to Gavin Petrie, with whom she has created many hit Radio 4 Extra and TV series (Second Thoughts, plus Next of Kin, Faith in the Future, The Change). Producer: Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2020.

TUE 08:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000f5gd)

2. Escort to Ireland

Strafford and Celia arrive at Clonmillis Hall only to discover their charges' new home to be not at all what they expected.

In 1940, at the height of Blitz, the two young princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are secretly evacuated from Buckingham Palace for their own safety and sent to an isolated rural estate in neutral Ireland.

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But is the real threat from outside, or from within Clonmillis Hall itself?

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Abridged by Neville Teller

Read by Sorcha Cusack

Produced by Michael Shannon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.

TUE 08:45 Fifteen Dogs by André Alexis (m000nwmf)

2. Training

Nira and Mick adopt Majnoun the poodle. But who is training whom? Meanwhile, Bonny the beagle tries to muscle in on the action.

Over drinks in Stoke Newington, Hermes and Aphrodite get into a debate about whether animals could live happily if they had the same cognitive and speech abilities as humans.

They decide to wager a year of servitude on the outcome of granting the gifts of human reasoning and language to a group of dogs in a nearby kennel.

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The novel is by Canadian writer André Alexis.

Zeus Paterson Joseph

Aphrodite Emma Pierson

Hermes Arty Froushan

Majnoun David Ajoa

Atticus Paul Kemp

Princess Kate Chambers

Bonny and Rosie Lotte Rice

Mick John Hollingworth

Nira Prisca Bakare

Kim Christopher Buckley

Women Felicity Duncan

The Fates and all other parts played by members of the cast.

Adapted in five parts by Mike Harris.

Produced and directed by Clive Brill

A Brill Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2020.

TUE 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0025bw4)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

TUE 09:30 Technicolour (b01q8njd)

2. Colour Naming

The extent to which language changes our colour experience is a debate that's been raging for over a century, but psychologists may be closer to finding the answer.

In English we have 11 basic colour terms, but some early languages had only 3 - light, dark and red. Other languages have even more than us - Russian and Greek speakers, for example, have two terms for blue - a light sky blue and a dark navy. This could mean their brain is primed to notice these colours more quickly, so they perceive the world in a subtly different way than English speakers.

Inside Surrey Baby Lab psychologists test babies' reactions to different colours by measuring their brain waves. Intriguingly, they can tell that infants are already sorting shades into

different colour categories, even before they learn to label them. So are we hard-wired to tell our blues from our greens?

Presented by Tracey Logan
 Producer: Michelle Martin
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.
TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m0025bw9)
 Christ the King - An everlasting Kingdom
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Christ the King - An everlasting Kingdom
 Presenter: Holly Adams
 Reading: Daniel 7:9-14
 Music:
 Thy kingdom come, O God - Choir of St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham
 How shall I sing that majesty - Libera
 Build your kingdom here - The Rend Collective
TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b09qd70y)
 Ruby Tandoh and Jake Yapp
 Comedian Jake Yapp and The Great British Bake Off contestant Ruby Tandoh join Harriett Gilbert to chat about books they love by René Goscinny, Nora Ephron and Ian McEwan.
 Nicholas Again by René Goscinny and Jean-Jacques Sempé (Translated by Anthea Bell)
 Publisher: Phaidon
 I Remember Nothing: and other reflections by Nora Ephron
 Publisher: Black Swan
 On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan
 Publisher: Vintage
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018.
TUE 10:30 Ella In Berlin (b01s09z5)
 Jazz singers Cleveland Watkiss and Dame Cleo Laine listen to Ella Fitzgerald's Mac the Knife, when she forgot the words in Berlin on 13 February 1960, and then have a go themselves.
 For post-war Germany jazz, which had been banned under Hitler, was the music of freedom.
 When Norman Granz first brought his Jazz at the Philharmonic tours to Europe in the 1950s, Germans flocked to the concerts and Oscar Peterson and Ella Fitzgerald were soon firm favourites.
 In February 1960, the German part of the tour opened in Berlin. Mac the Knife, from Brecht's Threepenny Opera, had been a number one for Bobby Darin for nine weeks the previous year, and Ella's friend Louis Armstrong had a hit with it in 1956. But Ella had never sung it. As a tribute to the people of Berlin, she decided she would. She did, but not the version they knew. Yet it was this improvisation that would win her two Grammy awards.
 Cleveland Watkiss, for whom Ella Fitzgerald has always been an inspiration, explores her virtuoso improvisation and scat-singing, in the company of another virtuoso performer, Dame Cleo Laine.
 They hear from people who were there that night in the Deutschlandhalle, including tour manager, Fritz Rau, pianist Paul Smith and guitarist Jim Hall, and from the author of a cultural biography of Ella Fitzgerald, Judith Tick.
 Award-winning Cleveland Watkiss has a life-long passion for Cleo Laine and finally had the opportunity to meet - and sing with - her in the course of making this programme!
 Producer: Marya Burgess
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2013.
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 Series 1
 Episode 6
 Simon Mayo hosts a three-way play-off to establish which generation of comedians is the funniest.
 Captains Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Roy Walker are joined by guests Steven Hall, Rhod Gilbert and Stan Boardman.
 Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2009.
TUE 14:30 Getting Nowhere Fast (b00n490h)
 Series 3
 Episode 5
 If Reunions are a bad idea, why do we have them?
 Is it to check our success against the others or is it just the hope of exploring some unresolved nook behind the bikes sheds with Becky from 5B.
 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 Ettridge
 Songs by Mervyn Stutter.
 Performed by Swamp Things.
 Producer: Simon Nicholls
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004.
TUE 15:00 Leo Tolstoy - Resurrection (b00772m2)
 2. Proposal
 Prince Dmitri follows the young prostitute Katerina Maslova to Siberia.
 Having been unable to reverse the sentence for murder served in error upon her, he proposes marriage in the hope of redeeming the wrongs he did to her as a girl.
 But he finds his proposal contested by a fellow prisoner Simonson, a man who has already made all the sacrifices in life that Prince Dmitri only threatens to make.
 Conclusion of Leo Tolstoy's last major work.
 Starring Katherine Igoe and Richard Dillane.
 Dramatised by Robert Forrest.
 Katerina Maslova Katherine Igoe
 Dmitri Nikhloydov Richard Dillane
 Lydia Menshova Vivienne Dixon
 Vera Bogovskaya Joanna Tope
 Princess Marya Lesley Hart
 Anatoly Krylstov Joe Arkleay
 Nabatov/Ivan Phil McKee
 Simonson Tom Brooke
 Old Man Finlay Welsh
 Director: Lu Kemp
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.
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TUE 22:00 Best Medicine (m002546l)
 Series 2
 1. MV140, Origami Surgical Capsules, Denial, Defibrillators
 Joining Kiri Pritchard-McLean this week is comedian Daliso Chaponda who champions Denial as the best medicine (or does he?). Urology Consultant Mr Bob Yang explains how a pineapple-flavoured UTI vaccine is changing lives, Dr Dana Damian takes Kiri on a journey through the body with tiny swallowable Origami Surgical Robots, and paramedic Thomas Martin teaches Kiri how to stay alive with Defibrillators.
 And the panel hear from David, one of the few people in the world who can claim he was brought back from clinical death with a defibrillator - and has also watched the whole incident on video.
 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, and historians to celebrate medicine's inspiring past, present and future.
 Each week Kiri challenges a panel of medical 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 every-day treatment, an uplifting worldview, an unsung hero or a futuristic cure.
 Whether it's origami surgical robots, life-changing pineapple UTI vaccines, Victorian scandal mags, denial, sleep, tiny beating organoid hearts, lifesaving stem cell transplants, gold poo donors or even crying - it's always something worth celebrating.
 Hosted by Kiri Pritchard-McLean
 Featuring: Daliso Chaponda, Dr Dana Damian, Thomas Martin and Mr Bob Yang
 Written by Mel Owen, Pravanya Pillay, Kiri Pritchard-McLean and Ben Rowsie
 Producers: Tashi Radha and Ben Worstfield

Theme tune composed by Andrew Jones
 A Large Time production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 22:30 The Consultants (b007k32d)
 Series 3
 Episode 1
 Chesney fixes the alphabet, which has a leaky 'e'.
 Cerebral sketch show written by and starring:
 Neil Edmond
 Justin Edwards
 James Rawlings
 Producer: Will Saunders
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.
TUE 23:00 Clare in the Community (b06442qh)
 Series 10
 This Is a Man's World
 Nali's ex-husband arrives unexpectedly and Clare takes it upon herself to intervene. Simon has some bad news about Brian's vitamin supplements.
 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 thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.
 Clare continually struggles to control both her professional and private life. In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.
 Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.
 Clare Sally Phillips
 Brian Alex Lowe
 Nali Nina Conti
 Simon Andrew Wincott
 Justin Dustin Demri-Burns
 Thomas Stefan Ramsden
 Producer: Alexandra Smith.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2015.
TUE 23:30 Jason Cook's School of Hard Knocks (b03y38kp)
 Funerals and Sex Education
 Jason Cook helps make life more lovely for listeners, with more life lessons.
 This time, he looks at the peculiar pressures of fitting in at funerals as well as how to tackle the tricky task of explaining the birds n' the bees.
 Helping to police the prairie of the public's problems:
 Zoe Harrison
 Neil Grainger
 Producer: Sam Michell.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2014.

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 Lady in a Fog
 8. Show Down
 Philip Odell gathers his evidence together and prepares to confront the killer...
 Starring Robert Beatty.
 Conclusion of Lester Powell's vintage thriller about a hard-nosed Irish-American private eye.
 Philip Odell Robert Beatty
 Heather McMara Sheila Manahan
 Kitty Stapleton Mary Wimbush
 Christopher Hampden James Thomason
 Parkin Harold Reese
 Inspector Rigby Edward Jewesbury
 Sergeant Leyton Jeffrey Segal
 Jay Haydn Jones
 Dr Alexander Frey Trevor Martin
 The Barman Ronald Baddley
 Rosie Hilda Schroder
 Producer: Martyn C Webster

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1958.

WED 06:30 Stand By For West (m000461y)

Battle for Inspector West

6. Explosion in Red

It's a bad day for Scotland Yard, and Inspector Roger West. Just what is the arch-villain up to?

Starring Patrick Allen.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Julietta Eva Stuart

Carosian Francis de Wolff

DS Hubert Gill Trevor Bannister

Superintendent Mulloon Harry Webster

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1967.

WED 07:00 Winston (b007w2mw)

Winston in Europe

Coping With Urges

Rosie has found herself a bloke, a dishy French Estate Agent, but Nancy says he's hers. She saw him first.

Peter Timmiswood's bawdy comedy serial.

Winston Bill Wallis

Father Maurice Denham

Nancy Shirley Dixon

Rosie Liz Goulding

William Christian Rodska

Director: Shaun MacLoughlin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1992.

WED 07:30 The Missing Hancocks (m0001fw7)

Series 4

The Winter Holiday

The Missing Hancocks recreates those episodes of the classic Hancock's Half Hour that have been wiped or lost from the archive.

In this recreation: the Lad takes a break from his job as a lift attendant and decides to head to the seaside for a fortnight in Brighton... in winter!

The first modern sitcom, Hancock's Half Hour made stars of Tony Hancock, Sid James and Kenneth Williams, and launched Ray Galton and Alan Simpson as one of the most successful comedy-writing partnerships in history. But 20 episodes of the show were missing from the BBC archives. Now, after three highly successful series, another batch of those episodes have been lovingly re-recorded in front of a live audience at the BBC Radio Theatre.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson.

Tony Hancock Kevin McNally

Bill Kerr Kevin Eldon

Kenneth Williams Robin Sebastian

Sid James Simon Greenall

Andree Melly Susy Kane

The classic score re-recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Levon Parikian.

Producers: Neil Pearson & Paul Sheehan.

'The Winter Holiday' was originally broadcast on the 16th November, 1955.

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

WED 08:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b06pbwzh)

Series 3

Broadband on the Run

Tom and his Dad fret about some potentially uncomfortable brushes with the law while Mum prepares for the arrival of a new lodger.

Return of the sitcom where Tom Wrigglesworth phones home for his weekly check-in with his Mum, Dad and Gran - giving us a glimpse into his background and influences shaping his temperament, opinions and hang-ups.

Tom Tom Wrigglesworth

Granny Elizabeth Bennett

Dad Paul Copley

Mum Kate Anthony

With Chris Pavlo.

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles Jupp.

Producer: Richard Morris

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

WED 08:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000f774)

3. Settling In

As the girls settle into Clonmillis Hall, Mary's attention turns to the handsome young groundskeeper Billy Denton.

In 1940, at the height of Blitz, the two young princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are secretly evacuated from Buckingham Palace for their own safety and sent to an isolated rural estate in neutral Ireland.

However Clonmillis Hall may prove to be even more dangerous than wartime London...

Irish police detective Trafford has been assigned to watch over the girls during their stay and so must form an uneasy alliance with their governess Miss Celia Nashe, an undercover MI5 officer charged with the princesses' safety. However, with a contingent of soldiers patrolling the woods and rumours of IRA terrorists in the vicinity, they soon find their task even more treacherous than expected.

But is the real threat from outside, or from within Clonmillis

Hall itself?

An imagined historical adventure and enthralling mystery.

B.W. Black is the pen name of acclaimed Irish author John Banville. He is the author of several novels, including *The Sea*, which won the 2005 Man Booker Prize. In 2013 he was awarded the Irish PEN Award for Outstanding Achievement in Irish Literature. He has published a number of crime novels, most featuring Quirke (an Irish pathologist based in Dublin) which were adapted into a TV series starring Gabriel Byrne.

Abridged by Neville Teller

Read by Sorcha Cusack

Produced by Michael Shannon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.

WED 08:45 Fifteen Dogs by André Alexis (m000nwmp)

3. Trouble

Atticus the Bull Mastiff gets into trouble whilst Princess the mongrel learns poetry. Meanwhile, the gods on Olympus are getting in on the betting action.

Over drinks in Stoke Newington, Hermes and Aphrodite get into a debate about whether animals could live happily if they had the same cognitive and speech abilities as humans.

They decide to wager a year of servitude on the outcome of granting the gifts of human reasoning and language to a group of dogs in a nearby kennel.

Given their newfound abilities, the dogs are able to escape, where they set up their own new protosociety. The novel then explores the functioning of their new society through the impact of human values, such as individuality and personal freedom, on the conventionally hierarchical social order of dog packs.

The novel is by Canadian writer André Alexis.

Zeus Paterson Joseph

Aphrodite Emma Pierson

Hermes Arty Froushan

Majnoun David Ajoa

Atticus Paul Kemp

Princess Kate Chambers

Bonny and Rosie Lotte Rice

Mick John Hollingworth

Nira Prisca Bakare

Kim Christopher Buckley

Women Felicity Duncan

The Fates and all other parts played by members of the cast.

Adapted in five parts by Mike Harris.

Produced and directed by Clive Brill

A Brill Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2020.

WED 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0025bxw)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

WED 09:30 Technicolour (b01q8qq1)

3. Feeling Colour

Does blue make you feel cool and calm or red hot and angry? Myths abound surrounding the way different colours affect us.

In this programme, Tracey gets to the bottom of whether colour really can change the way we behave.

She visits a psychologist who is testing which colours make us more creative and finds out why women may benefit from wearing red on a date.

Presenter Tracey Logan

Producer: Michelle Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m0025bxy)

Christ the King - Questioning and Truth

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

Theme: Christ the King - Questioning and Truth

Presenter: Paul Kerensa

Reading: John 18:33-37

Music:

Praise my soul the King of Heaven - Daily Service Singers

Come my way, my truth, my life - The University of Newcastle Chamber Choir

Seek ye first - St Martin's Voices

WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m000cbvh)

The Problem of Leisure

Documentary-maker Phil Tinline explores the history of a phantom fear - that automation will make work redundant, and leave us nothing to do.

Jump twenty-five years into the future and we have accidentally made life hell for ourselves. Technology has become so pervasive and efficient that workers sit idle, reduced to working 24 hours a week, if they have work at all. Social unrest simmers.

That was the view laid out in detail on TV in a mock-documentary called 'Time On Our Hands', which looks back on 1963 from an imagined 1988.

It never happened - but now the anxiety is back. Phil mines the archives and wonders whether it was simply wrong, or whether AI soon prove it right.

In 1930, JM Keynes predicted a 15-hour week by 2030 - but worried that, if the idle rich were anything to go by, we might struggle to spend our time wisely. In Depression America, well-meaning social reformers were aghast at how Americans were spending their growing free time. The New Deal tried to coax people away from malign pursuits like jazz dancing in favour of outdoor pursuits and communal dancing.

After the War, modern computing triggered fresh visions of ordinary people rendered redundant by the machines, and rebelling against the managers and engineers who now ruled them. But by the 1990s, all this had faded once more, in favour

of the opposite worry: overwork.

So what can we learn from this today, as the anxiety floods back amid stories about AI - captured in books like *The Rise of the Robots: Technology and the Threat of Mass Unemployment?*

Will we finally confront the problem of leisure?

With: Susan Currell, Richard Davies, Caroline Edwards, Martin Ford, Carl Frey, Dorian Lynskey, Robert Skidelsky, Oriol Sullivan

Producer: Phil Tinline

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2019.

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WED 14:00 Counterpoint (b036k5s9)

Series 27

2013 Semi-final 1

Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz.

The questions and musical extracts cover territory as diverse as which British political scandal is the subject of an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical to which jazz pianist, who worked closely with Louis Armstrong, was known by the nickname 'Fatha'?

Now at the semi-final stage with three contestants who've proved the breadth of their musical knowledge in the heats are returning to compete for a place in the final.

This trio of competitors battling it out at the BBC's Radio Theatre, London are:

Trevor Harvey from Hove

Mick Quinn from Bristol

Peter Strange from Newcastle-Upon-Tyne

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2013.

WED 14:30 Smelling of Roses (b007k0d2)

Series 1

Survival of the Fittest

Rosie's company hosts a management team building course. It all goes well until the murder mystery dinner, but it isn't Rosie who makes a killing.

Prunella Scales in Simon Brett's sitcom.

The trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event management company, based in Brighton.

Rosie Prunella Scales

Kate Arabella Weir

Jo Rebecca Callard

Bob Duncan Preston

Tess Annette Badland

Barry Lee Simpson

Alex Chris Pavlo

Dick David Holt

Producer: Maria Esposito

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2000.

WED 15:00 Bernard Kops - The Lost Love of Phoebe Myers (m0025by0)

A young woman, working in a dress factory in wartime London, falls in love with a young American serviceman.

Written by Bernard Kops.

Drama commissioned by BBC Radio 4 to mark the playwright's 80th birthday.

Phoebe Tracy-Ann Oberman

Joe David de Keyser

Fay Heather Coombs

Paul Oarie Marshall

Sylvie Lucy Middleleweck

Maisie Miranda Keeling

Other roles played by:

Paul Richard Biggin

Christine Kavanagh

Joseph Kloska

Alex Miller

Jack Millar

Emma Noakes

Bethan Walker

Director: Ned Chaillet

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.

WED 15:45 Seeing Double by Daphne Glazer (m0025by2)

Being married to a twin can mean double the problems.

So when her casseroles are in question, Sandra finds the 'Shirley Valentine' solution irresistible.

Daphne Glazer's short story read by Jill Graham.

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC radio 4 in January 1995.

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WED 22:00 You Heard It Here First (m001y7xx)

Series 2

'Dropping a Grandfather clock on your foot!'

Chris McCausland asks Ninia Benjamin and Justin Moorehouse to take on Laura Smyth and Milton Jones. An obscure audio description of a popular film turns out to be Laura Smyth's favourite Christmas Film. The teams must figure out what on earth is being advertised on TV, guess what iconic images children are talking about, and work out which opening scenes of movies are being audio described.

Producer: Sasha Bobak

Assistant Producer: Becky Carewe-Jeffries

Executive Producer: Richard Morris

Production Coordinator: Dan Marchini

A BBC Studios Production

An EcoAudio certified production

WED 22:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b01s0qnc)

Series 5

London

Activist comedian Mark Thomas considers policy suggestions for a People's Manifesto.

Recorded in the BBC Radio Theatre, London.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2013

WED 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0025whr)

Alexandra Haddow 2/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, ESYLLT Sears has another chat with the comedian and writer Alexandra Haddow.

WED 23:00 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01p4734)

Series 2

The Welsh Abroad

Welsh migrants to America, Michael D Jones and Anthony Hopkins

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 December 2012.

WED 23:30 Ken Cheng: Chinese Comedian (m0000qmr)

Series 1

3: Family

Stand-up series exploring British Chinese culture, from BBC New Comedy Award finalist Ken Cheng.

In this episode, 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.

WED 23:45 Self-Storage (b01hnlq8)

Series 1

Dating

Judy fixes Dave up on his first date since his marriage broke up.

Unfortunately, Sarah needs a favour and Geoff needs Judy.

Stars Reece Shearsmith and Mark Heap.

Sitcom written by Tom Collinson and Barnaby Power.

Dave Reece Shearsmith

Geoff Mark Heap

Ron Tom Goodman-Hill

Judy Rosie Cavaliero

Sarah Susan Earl

Liz Nadia Kamil.

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

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THU 06:00 Sherlock Holmes (m0001c9t)

The Adventure of the Veiled Lodger

A long-buried secret induces pity and sorrow in the Great Detective.

Holmes and Watson learn the truth about the death of a lion tamer many years before, which left his wife horribly mutilated and hidden behind a veil. A tale of abuse and revenge fuelled by the ultimate betrayal of a lover and the physical and emotional scars it has left behind.

Taken from 'The Case-book of Sherlock Holmes' published in 1927 some years after Holmes' death at the hands of Moriarty, this a story from the latter period of Sherlock Holmes mysteries.

Read by James Nickerson.

Producer: Joanne Reardon

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in 2004

THU 06:30 Stand By For West (m0004fx7)

Battle for Inspector West

7. Mastermind at Midnight

Supervillain Carosian's plans finally become evident, but he's not the only mastermind behind the criminal enterprise.

Starring Patrick Allen.

Created and written by John Creasey.

Dramatised by Maurice Travers.

Chief Inspector Roger West Patrick Allen

Janet West Sarah Lawson

Michael Grant Philip Bond

Christine Grant Denise Buckley

Sir Guy Chatworth Hamilton Dyce

Julietta Eva Stuart

Carosian Francis de Wolff

DS Hubert Gill Trevor Bannister

Arthur Morley Preston Lockwood

Producer: John Fawcett Wilson

First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1967.

THU 07:00 Coming Alive (b00gkwhq)

Series 2

Committed

With the council and Sandra both upset, Terry's got his work cut out.

Starring Karl Howman and Phyllis Logan.

Jim Eldridge's sitcom about ex-convict Terry King's efforts to run a community centre.

Terry King Karl Howman

Sandra Gaines ... Phyllis Logan

Steve Addison ... Ben Crowe

Mrs Graham ... Richenda Carey

Mrs Wilson ... Maggie McCarthy

Mr Evans ... Gavin Muir

Ernie Maddox ... Roger Walker

Mr Addison ... Geoffrey Whitehead

Mr Preston ... David Holt

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2000.

THU 07:30 It Sticks Out Half A Mile (b007jq8k)

12. The Pin-Up Girl

Who can be persuaded to pose for the 'What The Butler Saw' machine on the pier in Frambourne-on-Sea?

Starring John Le Mesurier, Ian Lavender and Bill Pertwee.

A seaside saga of prier perpetuation.

Written by Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles.

Arthur Wilson John Le Mesurier

Frank Pike Ian Lavender

Bert Hodges Bill Pertwee

Miss Perkins ... Vivienne Martin

Dudley Watkins ... Christopher Biggins

Mr Hunter ... Robin Parkinson.

Based on the Dad's Army characters originally created by

Jimmy Perry and David Croft.

Producer: Martin Fisher

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1984.

THU 08:00 Bridget Christie: Mortal (m000v2sx)

Birth

Following on from her hugely successful, award-winning series – 'Minds The Gap' and 'Utopia', Bridget Christie turns her attention to Mortality

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

In a collection of informative, personal and absurd recordings, she confronts the difficult questions most of us spend our lives

avoiding - all whilst being interrupted by cats, chores, children, foxes and a plumber.

"Do twins share a soul or do they get one each?", "Why don't we bury our placentas and plant a tree on top of them?" and "Who's blocked the toilet again?"

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

Written and performed by Bridget Christie

With guest appearances from her dad, sister Eileen and friend Ash

Producer: Carl Cooper

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

THU 08:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000f6b5)

4. Alliance

A mysterious scream in the middle of the night leads to Celia and Stafford forming an alliance.

In 1940, at the height of Blitz, the two young princesses Elizabeth and Margaret are secretly evacuated from Buckingham Palace for their own safety and sent to an isolated rural estate in neutral Ireland.

However Clonmillis Hall may prove to be even more dangerous than wartime London...

Irish police detective Stafford has been assigned to watch over the girls during their stay and so must form an uneasy alliance with their governess Miss Celia Nashe, an undercover MI5 officer charged with the princesses' safety. However, with a contingent of soldiers patrolling the woods and rumours of IRA terrorists in the vicinity, they soon find their task even more treacherous than expected.

But is the real threat from outside, or from within Clonmillis Hall itself?

An imagined historical adventure and enthralling mystery.

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Abridged by Neville Teller

Read by Sorcha Cusack

Produced by Michael Shannon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.

THU 08:45 Fifteen Dogs by André Alexis (m000nwh9)

4. Relationship

Nira and Mick's relationship is deteriorating over Nira's fondness for the poodle Majnoun, but it is Majnoun who comes up with the idea of how to save their relationship.

Over drinks in Stoke Newington, Hermes and Aphrodite get into a debate about whether animals could live happily if they had the same cognitive and speech abilities as humans.

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Given their newfound abilities, the dogs are able to escape, where they set up their own new society. The novel then explores the functioning of their new society through the impact of human values, such as individuality and personal freedom, on the conventionally hierarchical social order of dog packs.

The novel is by Canadian writer André Alexis.

Zeus Paterson Joseph

Aphrodite Emma Pierson

Hermes Arty Froushan

Majnoun David Ajoa

Atticus Paul Kemp

Princess Kate Chambers

Bonny and Rosie Lotte Rice

Mick John Hollingworth

Nira Prisca Bakare

Kim Christopher Buckley

Women Felicity Duncan

The Fates and all other parts played by members of the cast.

Adapted in five parts by Mike Harris.

Produced and directed by Clive Brill

A Brill Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2020.

THU 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0025cv5)

The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

THU 09:30 Technicolour (b01q95yd)

4. Making Colour

The first synthetic dye - a bright mauve - was discovered by accident in 1856 by an 18-year-old chemistry student. Since then, making colour has become a billion dollar industry across the globe.

Tracey Logan visits Hainsworth in Leeds, the oldest dye house in the UK, to discover how they make create a huge range of fabrics, from scarlet coats for military uniforms to green baize for snooker tables.

But our love for colour has a darker side - the commercial dyeing industry has been criticised for its poor environmental record across the world, from excessive water use to dangerous waste products. Tracey meets the chemists from Leeds

University attempting to make 'greener' dyes.

Presenter Tracey Logan

Producer: Michelle Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2013.

THU 09:45 Daily Service (m0025cv7)

Christ the King - An everlasting Kingdom

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

a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Christ the King - An Everlasting Kingdom
 Presenter: Sandra Godley
 Reading: Matthew 25:31-46
 Music:
 The Servant King - Graham Kendrick
 Were you there? - The Spirituals
 It is well with my soul - Junior Garr
THU 10:00 Great Lives (b00tpsvk)
 Winston Churchill
 Winston Churchill's is the Great Life chosen by Lord Digby Jones, former Director General of the CBI.
 Expert contribution comes from Professor David Reynolds. Both men have vivid memories of the day in 1965 when, as children, they heard that Churchill had died.
 Surprisingly this is the first time that Churchill has been nominated in the series.
 Considered by many a busted flush in the 1930s, Churchill is now remembered as our greatest wartime leader - his speech before the Battle of Britain still sends a shiver down the spine. But his great qualities and personal flaws remained inextricably linked. David Reynolds has uncovered a stark revelation about Churchill's real state of mind at the time he made that speech, while Digby Jones argues that the ability to instil confidence in people even when there is little rational hope of victory is one of the signs of a great leader. He believes that no one made his mark on the last century in the way that Churchill did.
 David Reynolds does not subscribe to the Great Man theory of history. He is the Professor of International History at Cambridge University. Known to Radio 4 listeners as the writer and presenter of "America, Empire of Liberty", he has also written extensively on Churchill, including the book "In Command of History" about Churchill's memoirs of the Second World War.
 Presenter: Matthew Parris
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.
THU 10:30 Pete & Clive (b06nnlc)
 Pete Atkin and Clive James shared a partnership in songwriting for half a century since their University days in Cambridge, creating an archive of 300 or more songs known for their intellectual ranking.
 "Writing song lyrics is my favourite form of writing anything. But I've never managed to become famous for it" declared Clive.
 Pete and Clive's songs are reminiscent of The Great American Songbook. Although Pete is well known for performing the songs, they were also writing songs for other people to sing in a similar tradition to Tin Pan Alley.
 In the 1970s, their musical partnership was described as "one of the best song-writing partnerships alive", alongside Elton John, Joni Mitchell and The Beatles. At this time, Pete Atkin was the most booked artist on The John Peel Show for two years running. The songs gained most recognition in the 1970s thanks to DJ Kenny Everett and recordings by singers Julie Covington and Val Doonican.
 This programme reveals the personal reminiscences of Pete and Clive as they discuss how it all began, the differences between writing poetry and song, and their thoughts on the future of their songs. Friends and colleagues contribute a personal insight into this unique pairing, considered to be masters of their craft by Stephen Fry, Bruce Beresford, Daniel Finklestein, Simon Wallace and Russell Davies.
 Why is this the missing part in Clive James' career despite it being the one thing he wants to be most remembered for?
 Producer: Hayley Redmond
 A Sue Clark production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2015.
THU 11:00 Sherlock Holmes (m0001c9t)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 11:30 Stand By For West (m0004fx7)
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THU 14:00 Dilemma (b05tkvkn)
 Series 4
 Episode 6
 Sue Perkins poses more big moral and ethical questions to a mixed panel to see if she can wreck their moral rectitude.
 With comedian Dave Gorman, actor and writer Jessica Hynes, poet and playwright Ian McMillan, and musician, writer and stand-up (and Dilemma advisor) Danielle Ward.
 As well as defending something utterly indefensible, the panel also face moral problems related to fasting children and West End musicals.
 Devised by Danielle Ward.
 Producer: Ed Morrish
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2015.
THU 14:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007js43)
 Series 1
 Police, Camera, Amphibian
 Robin's dream comes true as not one but two real criminal

offences are committed on his doorstep and the police come to visit.
 The only problem is he wasn't there when it happened but Wendy was...
 Written by and starring Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall.
 Robin Simon Greenall
 Wendy Kay Stonham
 Maureen Debra Stephenson
 Derek Phil Cornwell
 Sue Jan Ravens
 Glenn Michael Simkins
 Darnley Ewan Bailey
 Carol Jo Enright
 Pikeman Sean McKenna
 Producer: Mario Stylianides
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2002.
THU 15:00 Bernard Kops - Whitechapel Dreams (b00fm9j5)
 The Whitechapel Library was almost a holy place, "The University of the East End".
 Following its closure, one of its graduates, Bernard Kops, takes us into its cellar and tells a story about a retiring librarian, Isaac Rosenberg the poet and a young Muslim woman seeking refuge.
 Written by Bernard Kops
 Leo Silver Edward Halstead
 Aleya Ruth D'Silva
 Isaac Gunnar Cauthery
 Aleya's father Paul Bhattacharjee
 Bernard Kops Himself
 Director: David Hunter
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.
THU 15:45 Solitary by Steve Aylett (m0025cvb)
 At school, Solitary had been chastised for an act he did not commit but loved the buzz of false accusation.
 Steve Aylett's short story read by Kerry Shale.
 Producer: Kate Bodoano
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1995.
THU 16:00 Great Lives (b00tpsvk)
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THU 20:00 Dilemma (b05tkvkn)
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THU 20:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b007js43)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
THU 21:00 Bernard Kops - Whitechapel Dreams (b00fm9j5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
THU 21:45 Solitary by Steve Aylett (m0025cvb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]
THU 22:00 Unspeakable (m002553p)
 Series 1
 4. Heads, mouths and stomachs
 Catherine Bohart offers a term for an intriguing state of detachment, Ed Gamble goes where few foodies dare to tread, and Fatima El-Ghorri captures a way in which children are inspired by their elders.
 Ever struggled to find the right word for a feeling or sensation? Unspeakable sees comedian Phil Wang and lexicographer Susie Dent invite celebrity guests to invent new linguistic creations, to solve those all too relatable moments when we're lost for words.
 Hosts: Phil Wang and Susie Dent
 Guests: Catherine Bohart, Ed Gamble and Fatima El-Ghorri
 Created by Joe Varley
 Writer: Matt Crosby
 Recorded by Jerry Peal
 Producer: Jon Harvey
 Executive Producers: Joe Varley and Akash Lockmum
 A Brown Bred production for BBC Radio 4
THU 22:30 Vent (b00sy275)
 Series 1
 Don't Bet on It
 As Ben lies on a ventilator in hospital, Mary and Mum put the racing on to try to bring him out of his coma.
 It doesn't work, but Ben does somehow seem to have developed a knack for predicting the winners, if only he could think of a way of telling anyone.
 Meanwhile John Dee, Queen Elizabeth I's own fortune teller, appears in Ben's brain, with some unhelpful observations about what the future might hold.
 Starring Neil Pearson.
 Nigel Smith's dark sitcom about a man in a coma, travelling through the distinctly odd landscape of his own unconscious mind.
 Ben Neil Pearson

Mary Fiona Allen
 Mum Josie Lawrence
 Blitzkrieg Leslie Ash
 With:
 Mark Perry
 Dave Lamb
 Jo Martin
 Giles New
 Hills Barker
 David Mitchell
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.
THU 23:00 Children's Hour with Armstrong and Miller (b007jpyk)
 Episode 2
 Martin Bain-Jones and Craig Children do battle at a special music awards ceremony.
 Ben Miller and Alexander Armstrong write and star in their first full-length radio comedy series.
 With:
 Charlie Condou
 Melissa Lloyd
 Tony Gardner
 Written by Ben Miller, Alexander Armstrong, David Mitchell and Robert Webb.
 Producer: Jon Rolph
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.
THU 23:30 The Hudson and Pepperdine Show (b0075tgf)
 Series 1
 Episode 4
 Have the girls from hit American TV show Friends really come to visit?
 Variety meets sitcom meets sketch show - written and performed by Mel Hudson and Vicki Pepperdine.
 With:
 Martin Hyder
 Jim North
 Script editor: Graeme Garden
 Music by Richard Webb.
 Producers: Claire Jones and Helen Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.

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FR 05:00 Bernard Kops - Whitechapel Dreams (b00fm9j5)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]
FR 05:45 Solitary by Steve Aylett (m0025cvb)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 on Thursday]
FR 06:00 Agatha Christie (b00jzwdq)
 In a Glass Darkly
 A man believes he has seen a murderous attack on a young woman reflected in a mirror.
 He then meets and falls in love with her.
 With war calling him away, he tries to warn her of what he has seen.
 Stars Neil Dudgeon
 Agatha Christie's whodunit dramatised by Mike Walker
 Jeff Neil Dudgeon
 Sylvia Rebecca Egan
 Neil Rhys Meredith
 Terry Bob Sherman
 Angus Richard Firth
 Music composed and performed by Ben Wallfish
 Director: Ned Chaillet
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.
FR 06:30 The Meisterspringer by Berkely Mather (m0025dbf)
 1. Spring In The Air
 'Meisterspringer' Paul Mettold is blackmailed by British agents into arranging the escape from prison of Russian spy James Carter.
 But the breakout does not go according to plan...
 Starring Cyril Shaps.
 Berkely Mather's six-part spy thriller serial.
 Charles Wainwright Christopher Good
 Paul Mettold Cyril Shaps

Ilena Mettold Melinda Walker
Carter Graham Blockey
The Gaffer Ronald Baddeley
Judge John Forbes Robertson
Benson Arnold Diamond
Martin Peter Acre
Prison Officer William Hope
'The Meisterspringer' a six-part radio serial written by Berkely Mather, the penname of John Davies [1909-1996]. His career in radio drama spanned from 1955 to 1985, with 'The Meisterspringer' being his final production. A prodigious writer of screenplays, his television credits include 'Z Cars' and 'The Avengers'. In the cinema, he is known for his work on three James Bond movies, 'Dr No', 'From Russia with Love' and 'Goldfinger'.
Producer: Graham Gault
Director: Caroline Raphael
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1985.
FRI 07:00 Up the Garden Path (b00803k9)
Series 2
Arrivals and Departures
Izzy has escaped from the clutches of the adulterous Michael and spent the past year on a teachers' exchange scheme in San Francisco, where she shared a flat with the adoring but unappealing Dick.
As they fly home, Izzy feels her life is more than usually up in the air.
Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men. Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy.
An 8-part radio sequel adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel. The second of 3 series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV.
Izzy Imelda Staunton
Dick Mike Grady
Maria Marty Cruickshank
Michael Nicholas Le Prevost
Louise Phyllida Nash
Aunt Vinny Rosemary Martin
Charles David Robb
Producer: Jonathan James-Moore
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1988.
FRI 07:30 Doctor in the House (b007jt20)
Our First Operation
Sir Lancelot Spratt causes alarm for medic Simon Sparrow in the operating theatre.
The misadventures of student doctor, Simon Sparrow.
Starring Richard Briers.
Adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's 'Doctor in the House' published in 1952.
Simon Sparrow Richard Briers
Sir Lancelot Spratt Geoffrey Sumner
Tony Benskin Ray Cooney
Taffy Evans Edward Cast
Sister Ann Murray
Producer: David Hatch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1968.
FRI 08:00 Michael Spicer: Before Next Door (m000y6t6)
Series 1
To Put It Another Way
Roberta's networking as Michael's part-time, unpaid manager is finally paying off and she is beginning to get her husband some serious industry traction. She lines up an audition for the prestigious topical panel show, To Put It Another Way.
Unfortunately, this lands Michael in a bear pit of bullying stand up comedians who are used to the gladiatorial nature of these shows. Encountering a bitter, aggressive stand-up is enough to put Michael off being a comedian for good.
As the restructuring process at work comes to a climax (being re-interviewed for the job he already has) Michael is at a very low ebb. Feeling like a comedy failure after acting as a punch bag at the panel show run through, he is now certain he is for the chop.
In spite of the battering he received in front of an audience at the TV run through, he receives encouragement from stand-up comic Natalie Duke, who gives Michael an idea that might change everything. Could he really could give up the day job? Roberta is pushing Michael hard to take the plunge and use the platform his Room Next Door following has created to forge a comedy career, with her as his full-time manager, of course.
But it seems that she is far more keen to ditch her secure day job than Michael is, especially when his boss at the kitchen worktop company delivers his plan to reorganise the company. Will Michael take the plunge? Will Roberta take the plunge? Will you take the plunge and give it a listen?
Performers: Michael Spicer with Ellie Taylor, Joanna Neary, Susan Wokoma, Kiell Smith-Bynoe, Greig Johnson, Tara Flynn and Peter Curran
Writer: Michael Spicer
Producer: Matt Tiller
A Starstruck production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2021.
FRI 08:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000f7xx)
5. Intruder
A local member of the IRA learns more about the mysterious guests at Clonmillis Hall.
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rural estate in neutral Ireland.
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Read by Sorcha Cusack
Produced by Michael Shannon
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2020.
FRI 08:45 Fifteen Dogs by André Alexis (m000nwhd)
5. Solace
Despite increasing hardships, Princess the mongrel takes solace in poetry and the bet between the gods is finally decided. Over drinks in Stoke Newington, Hermes and Aphrodite get into a debate about whether animals could live happily if they had the same cognitive and speech abilities as humans.
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FRI 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0025dbj)
The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.
FRI 09:30 Technicolour (b01q97lj)
5. Selling Colour
The process by which designers select next season's colours is a story that goes back to World War I. Tracey Logan finds out why a naval blockade, cutting Paris fashion houses off from the rest of the world, created today's colour forecasting industry. Nowadays, retailers have tight controls over the colours they choose and how they are produced. Tracey visits Marks & Spencer to find out how digital technology ensures they manufacture exactly the same shade of green across different fabrics, from your woollen coat to leather shoes.
Presenter Tracey Logan
Producer: Michelle Martin
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2013.
FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m0025dbi)
Christ the King: Humility
Reflection and music with Helen Leach, a Scottish composer and director of worship.
Reading: Philippians 2:3-11
FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b04tjdl)
Series 19
La Boheme
"La Boheme is a work of genius, for me it's the perfect opera. There's not a bar or a word or anything you'd want to alter. It just gets to you"
- Opera Director John Copley CBE.
Soul Music ventures back into the Parisian winter of Puccini's beloved 'La Boheme' where legendary Opera Director John Copley CBE reflects on his 40 years of bringing this tale of friendship, love and loss to the stage of London's Royal Opera House.
Alongside his memories of sharing pasta with a young Pavarotti we hear the stories from those whose lives have been touched by - and often reflect - the essence of this most popular of operas.
From the romantic gesture of a probationary constable serenading his soon to be bus conductress wife in 1950s Torquay to the moment that a devoted husband passed away - La Boheme has touched the lives of opera lovers around the world.
Featuring interviews with author Mavis Cheek and opera

devotees Ray Tabb and Nancy Rossi.
Producer: Nicola Humphries
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2014.
FRI 10:30 Who The Wild Things Are (b00c5j0j)
Philip Glassborow's exploration of the origins and appeal of "Where the Wild Things Are", the children's classic by the late Maurice Sendak.
Philip Glassborow talks with Sendak's British editor, Judy Taylor, to his long-time friend, the distinguished writer and playwright Tony Kushner and to the American children's literature expert Leonard Marcus, who takes him back to the haunts of Sendak's childhood in Brooklyn. He is astonished to discover that in all the extensive press, radio and television coverage of Sendak, nobody has ever thought to consult any children. Every great children's book, has a world beyond its creator and here the Year 2 children of an Oxfordshire primary school have their say. Angry mothers and fathers with big hairy feet both feature in their interpretations of who the Wild Things really are.
With a reading by Henry Goodman and extensive use of Jewish Klezmer music, this programme will shed new light on who the Wild Things really are and act as a fitting legacy to the late, great master.
Producer Beaty Rubens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.
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FRI 14:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0013r1n)
Series 27
Episode 3
David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies.
They compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.
The panellists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as beds, marsupials, blood and Jackie Chan.
With:
Alan Davies
Lucy Porter
Lou Sanders
Justin Edwards
Producer: Jon Naismith
A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2022.
FRI 14:30 All the Young Dudes (b007r4md)
Series 1
Girls Talk
Patrick and Helen get dragged along to a stag and hen night - for a couple neither of them know.
The lives of Patrick and wife Helen as they settle back into the town where he was born.
Comedy drama written by and starring Jim Sweeney.
Patrick Jim Sweeney
Helen Cathryn Harrison
Billy Steve Steen
Moira Sadie Shimmin
Joe Stephen Frost
Maria Flaminia Cinque
Charlie Izzy de Rosario
Siobhan Josie Lawrence
Valeriy Yuri Klimov
Fake Russian Waiter Chris Pavlo
Announcer: Whispering Bob Harris
Producer: Steve Doherty
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.
FRI 15:00 Bernard Kops - Harry and the Angels (b00sjtbo)
A very personal story about death, love and friendship.
Award-winning writer Bernard Kops guides us through London's East End in an impressionistic, idiosyncratic journey of lost love, kite flying, angels and tube station tragedy.
Following on from BBC drama 'Whitechapel Dreams', Bernard returns with a deeply personal and highly moving story in which he himself plays Leonard, visiting his old friend, Harry, for the final time.
He's also the narrator of the piece, inside and outside the action; following the main events in the life and death of East End Harry, from his early, idyllic love affair with young Phoebe, sadly curtailed, through his success as an auctioneer and a crucial act of bitterness against Leonard to his dying day in a Mare Street hospice.
Harry Stephen Greif
Leonard Bernard Kops
Mr Todd / Copper Harry Myers
Phoebe Louise Brealey
Young Harry / Actor Alan Morrissey
Nun / Mother / Woman Christine Kavanagh

Director: David Hunter

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

FRI 15:45 The Treehouse by Nawal Gadalla (m0025dbp)

Leo hates heights but loves trees. Now, needing to climb one, he also confronts other fears that haunt him.

His twin sister Diana was named after the Greek goddess of woods, mountains and the moon.

Together they built a treehouse.

Nawal Gadalla's short story read by Peter McQueen.

Producer: Sue Wilson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1996.

FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b04tjdl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Who The Wild Things Are (b00c5j0j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Agatha Christie (b00jzwdq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Meisterspringer by Berkely Mather (m0025dbf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Up the Garden Path (b00803k9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 18:30 Doctor in the House (b007jt20)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 19:00 Michael Spicer: Before Next Door (m000y6t6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Secret Guests by BW Black (m000f7xx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 19:45 Fifteen Dogs by André Alexis (m000nwhd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

FRI 20:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0013r1n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

FRI 20:30 All the Young Dudes (b007r4md)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Bernard Kops - Harry and the Angels (b00sjtb0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

FRI 21:45 The Treehouse by Nawal Gadalla (m0025dbp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

FRI 22:00 Parish Matters (m0025bd0)

3. 'Bring back hanging?'

A brand-new sitcom sketch hybrid made in Belfast and starring voices from all over Ireland. Each week we join the eccentric inhabitants of the Parish in their weekly council meeting to air their problems and grievances.

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

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

FRI 22:30 The Jason Byrne Show (b01g7nry)

Series 2

Holidays

Award-winning comedian Jason Byrne tackles the stress of going on holiday.

Fast-paced stand-up comedy and sketch show.

With:

Laurence Howarth

Daisy Haggard

Producer: Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0025whv)

Alexandra Haddow 3/3

From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Esiyllt Sears has a final chat with the comedian and writer Alexandra Haddow.

FRI 23:00 Small Scenes (b0745q59)

Series 3

Episode 4

More overblown, melodramatic scenes from modern life.

Meet the woman who uncovers the conspiracy behind cryptic crosswords, a captain who's inappropriately cool in a crisis and the perils of dating a banker.

Award-winning sketch show.

Starring:

Daniel Rigby

Mike Wozniak

Cariad Lloyd

Henry Paker

Jessica Ransom

Written by Benjamin Partridge, Henry Paker and Mike

Wozniak, with additional material from the cast.

Produced by Simon Mayhew-Archer.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2016.

FRI 23:30 Bird Island (b044ghpd)

Series 2

Episode 4

Ben gets a new telescope, and Graham has some big news.

Ben Reece Shearsmith

Graham Julian Rhind-Tutt

Jane Katy Wix

Beverley Alison Steadman

Robin Richard Aldridge

Atmospheric comedy about a cheery scientist based in Sub-Antarctica by Katy Wix.

It's Ben's trip of a lifetime, but in a vast icy landscape with dodgy internet. Feeling lonely, he shares his thoughts via an audio 'log' on his dictaphone.

Graham is a fellow nerdy scientist so their exchanges are mumbled. Ben's even more awkward around new arrival Jane, though he's not entirely sure why.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelan

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014.

FRI 23:45 Jigsaw (b04gw8cg)

Series 2

Episode 4

Sandwich shocker - and what exactly is the correct recovery position?

The rapid-fire and surreal sketch show series.

Starring award-winning stand-up comedians Dan Antopolski,

Tom Craine and Nat Luurtsema.

Producer: Colin Anderson.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014.