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SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 2024 entertain the patients and staff - at three days notice. SAT 00:00 Soul Music (b0076m2z) Starring Richard Briers Series 4 Mad About the Boy 'Doctor in the House' published in 1952. Noël Coward wrote 'Mad about the Boy' in 1932 for the review Simon Sparrow Richard Briers 'Words and Music' to celebrate the powerful appeal of the silent Sir Lancelot Spratt Geoffrey Sumner Tony Benskin Ray Cooney movie star. Taffy Evans Edward Cast Most recently it's been taken up as a gay anthem. Sheridan Morley, Sir John Mills, Maria Aitken and Kit Hesketh-Vera Norma Ronald Producer: David Hatch Harvey explain why this has become the most recorded number of all Coward's work. Recorded at the BBC Paris studio in London. Series about music that makes the hairs stand up on the back of First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1968. our necks. Producer: Lucy Lunt Series 1 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004. Bag SAT 00:30 The Sound of Soweto (b082ymp7) party of seditious school children. 2. A Rich Musical Heritage In the last of two programmes, Johannesburg-based poet the kids' snack money. Thabiso Mohare explores the music of Soweto from the 1970s onwards. Reflecting on the unrest that led to democracy in 1994, he takes a look at the music scene today. From Sowetan Soul stars influenced by the black power report. movement of the 70s, to platinum selling acapella groups making waves around the world today, he talks to musicians about the way they have interpreted and adapted their rich musical heritage, asking how important the strong tradition of dissent in South African music is to them, and looks at why Sam Rosie Cavaliero influences both local and global have always come into play in Gilbert Kenneth Collard Dev Ali Shahalom Soweto. Featuring interviews with: Tasha Amy Gledhill Mr Bagnall Steve Brody Sipho 'Hotstix' Mabuse Mandla Mlangeni Teacher Katy Wix Passenger Hugh Dennis BCUC The Soil Producer: James Robinson Producer: Megan Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2016. January 2022. SAT 01:00 Peter Pan by JM Barrie (b00sct9q) 4. Spring Cleaning Time Again (b00lcltq) Wendy longs for home, but how will she and the brothers 5. The Fading Pageant manage to escape from Captain Hook? At 40, William starts to reflect on old age. Conclusion of JM Barrie's best-loved classic tale of a freespirited and mischievous boy who can fly and never grows up. work for the stage - The Tempest. Dramatised by Philip Glassborow. Peter Pan Toyah Willcox to his family. Wendy Georgina Cates Mr Darling/Hook Ron Moody Mrs Darling June Whitfield Read by Toby Stephens Smee Roy Hudd Excernts read by: Starkey Chris Emmett Alice Hart Producer: Dirk Maggs First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995. John Rowe Producer: Emma Harding First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004. SAT 01:30 Whodunnits (b011f5km) Agatha Raisin - Series 1 5. The Walkers of Dembley 5 Treehouse Keen to get closer to James - the sleuth gets embroiled in a saga of murder, lust and Wellington Boots. Penelope Keith stars as Agatha Raisin. treehouse Starring Penelope Keith. MC Beaton's murder mystery Dramatised by David Semple. Agatha Raisin Penelope Keith events. James Lacey Malcolm Sinclair Mrs Bloxby Liza Sadovy DC Bill Wong Ben Crowe Written by Katherine Jakeways. Hannah Rebecca Humphries Deborah Camden Rachel Atkins Mr Boggle David Holt Sir Charles Whitaker Philip Fox Mark Tom Basden Finn Milo Robinson Jessica Keller Alice Hart Poppy Juno Robinson Kelvin Bertie Carvell Director: James Robinson Director: Carol Smith First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004. broadcast in July 2020. SAT 02:00 Up the Garden Path (b0081t4t) SAT 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m0014gbf) Series 2 Series 27 The View from the Bridge Episode 6 When confused Izzy meets her fiancé Charles' friend Bill, they hit it off straight away are encouraged to tell lies. Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men. truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents. Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy. A radio sequel adapted in eight parts from Sue Limb's 1984 China. novel. The second of 3 series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada With: also adapted the series for ITV Richard Osman Izzy Imelda Staunton Henning Wehn Holly Walsh Charles David Robb Bill Neil McCaul Ria Lina Maria Marty Cruickshank Producer: Jon Naismith Gwvn Dafydd Hywel Sharon Melissa Wilson broadcast in February 2022 Lorraine Catherine Clarke SAT 04:30 Noel Coward (m00260z1) Producer: Jonathan James-Moore The Marquise First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988. SAT 02:30 Doctor in the House (b007k4k7) and a Duke have dinner. Happy Christmas The Dean asks the three junior doctors to organise Christmas respective children to marry each other. festivities at St Swithin's Hospital. They must write, produce and enact a short theatrical piece to happy with this arrangement, for, although fond of each other,

they both love someone else More misadventures of student doctor, Simon Sparrow Starring Moira Lister, Peter Pratt and Richard Hurndall. Noel Coward's romantic comedy, first performed on stage in Adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's 1927. Marquise Eloise de Kestournel Moira Lister The Comte Raoul de Vriaac Peter Pratt Esteban, el Duco de Santaguano Richard Hurndall Miguel Santaguano John Rye Adrienne Elizabeth Proud Jacques Rijar Sean Arnold Father Clement Malcolm Hayes Hubert James Thomason Alice Jo Manning Wilson SAT 03:00 The Train at Platform 4 (m0013j9z) Director: Betty Davis First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1970. *** BBC Radio 4 Extra's collection marking the 125th anniversary of Noel Coward's birth **** Sam and the rest of the crew struggle to contain an anarchic SAT 06:00 The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett But Dev sees a golden business opportunity in profiting from (b00x88q0) "When one of your organisations gets killed, it's bad business to let the killer get away with it. It's bad all around - bad for that Meanwhile a bag falls from the luggage rack, injuring a passenger, who turns out to work for the rail regulator. one organisation, bad for every detective everywhere". 1928, San Francisco: When his partner is murdered on an Sam struggles to appease him, in order to avoid a damning assignment, private detective Sam Spade suspects their client is holding back information about the case. Our heroes are the long-suffering train crew who manage to scrape through every shift like a dysfunctional family. And then he learns about the priceless black statuette of a Comedy legends Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis's sitcom, set in falcon... the claustrophobic carriages of a cross-country rail service. Starring Tom Wilkinson and Jane Lapotaire. Dashiell Hammett's 1930 detective novel. Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Sam Spade Tom Wilkinson Brigid O'Shaughnessy Jane Lapotaire Mr Gutman Peter Vaughan Joel Cairo Nickolas Grace Effie Mia Soteriou Miles Archer William Hope A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in Iva Liza Ross Wilmer Peter Acre SAT 03:30 Will in the World by Stephen Greenblatt Tom Polhaus Norman Jones Lt Dundy Harry Towb DA Bryan Don Fellows Newspaper Man Robin Summers He finds inspiration for his play King Lear, writes his final Taxi Driver Keith Edwards Man with the Key Arnold Diamond After the Globe is burnt down, he returns to Warwickshire and Director: Jane Morgan First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984. Reconstructing the life work and era of William Shakespeare SAT 08:00 Drama on 4 (m000qjdx) Written by Stephen Greenblatt and abridged by Miranda Davies Christmas by the Lake by Rachel Joyce Walter is 68 and Mary is 64. He is full of madcap ideas, she resists change. The only thing they have in common is they both hate Christmas. It's in the park that Mary first spots Walter. He's drowning in the Lake and she calls for help. SAT 03:45 The Debrief by Katherine Jakeways (m000l2cp) When she returns a few days later, Walter is there and berates her for interfering - all he was trying to do was learn to swim. In the aftermath of Hannah's 40th birthday party, Hannah and It's a bad beginning but then their conversation begins ... Mark assess the carnage, huddled up high in the family Starring Niamh Cusack and Robert Lindsay. A story with a twist on the Christmas theme and it's classic The debrief is a common phenomenon - that moment when you Rachel Joyce territory - relationships, loss and ordinary people leave a social event, climb into the car, or the taxi, or onto the doing extraordinary things. bus and start to gossip with your partner about the evening's Mary Niamh Cusack Walter Robert Lindsay Hannah and Mark love a debrief, and each episode finds them Helen Cecilia Appiah in the aftermath of an event with lots to get their teeth into. Director: Tracey Neale First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2020. SAT 08:45 Inner Voices (m0004yb0) Pea Green Boat by Stewart Lee The Owl from Edward Lear's "The Owl and the Pussycat" paints a considerably less jolly picture of events at sea than depicted in the poem. A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first Written and performed by Stewart Lee. Series of character monologues by top UK comics. Director: Liz Webb First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004. SAT 09:00 Mr Willow's Wife (m000pf9r) David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians 3. Love Thy Neighbour Felicity decides it's time she meddled in the marriage of chums They compete against one another to see how many items of Diana and Dickie. Staring Moira Lister and Terence Alexander. The panellists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on With the twins away at school, Felicity has time to start subjects as varied as glasses, squirrels, Alexander the Great and meddling ... Written by Ray Cooney and John Chapman. Felicity Willow ... Moira Lister Paul Willow Terence Alexander Nanny Doris Hare Diana Saunders Alethea Charlton Dickie Saunders Ray Cooney Vicar John Chapman A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first Producer: David Hatch First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1971. SAT 09:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0bg) France, 1735 at the Chateau of Comte Raoul de Vriaac, a Count Hollywood and Back The veteran of many parts recalls one of the worst screen Having been close friends since their youth, they want their performances never seen. J Kingston Platt is the doyen of British show business. But the young couple concerned, Adrienne and Miguel, are not

He's ready to share reminiscences drawn from the wealth and the poverty of his experience from the past 40 years.

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SUN 05:00 Soul Music Mixtapes (m000b0xd)

SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0112flz)

The Archers actress June Spencer CBE is castaway by Kirsty

Best known for her long-running BBC role as Peggy Woolley,

June was the only original member of the cast still in the show.

Back in 2010, it was 60 years since the pilot episodes were first

She said: 'It's a great bonus for me that The Archers has run as

DISC ONE: Fred Astaire - Let's Face The Music And Dance

DISC FOUR: Northern Sinfonia Orchestra, conducted by Jean-

Bernard Pommier - Claude Debussy's En bateau (from Petite

DISC SIX: Harry Secombe - Giacomo Puccini's E Lucevan Le

DISC TWO: Nelson Eddy - I Passed by Your Window DISC THREE: Andrei Gavrilov - Frédéric Chopin's

DISC FIVE: John Williams - Concierto De Aranjuez

DISC SEVEN: The Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra,

conducted by Leonard Slatkin - Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's

DISC EIGHT: Winchester Cathedral Choir - George Frideric

CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: John Williams - Concierto De

Aranjuez BOOK CHOICE: Three Men in a Boat - Jerome K Jerome

June was one of the best-loved matriarchs in broadcasting.

broadcast and, although she was then aged 90, June had no

long as it has, and I've gone along with it.' June Spencer died aged 105 in November 2024,

(b007k0bg)

June Spencer

plans to retire.

Revolutionary Study

Stelle (from Tosca)

Overture to The Sleeping Beauty

Handel's Halleluiah Chorus (from Messiah)

LUXURY CHOICE: A Scrabble board

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.

Producer: Isabel Sargent

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Young.

Absent Friends 2024

SUN 04:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbool

SAT 21:00 Soul Music Mixtapes (m000b0xd) Performed and written by Peter Jones. Producer: Pete Atkin First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1986 SAT 10:00 Soul Music Mixtapes (m000b0xd) Series 2 3. 'Mr Blue Sky' to 'Can't Help Falling In Love With You' Cerys Matthews delves further into the archives to put together a specially curated mixtape of her favourite stories from across 25 series of the BBC Radio 4's Soul Music. Each episode of Soul Music takes a different piece of music - it might be a pop song, or a hymn, or a piece of classical music or world music - and looks at why it moves us and what it means to different people. In the last of three episodes, Cerys's chooses: ELO: 'Mr Blue Sky' Sam Cooke: 'A Change Is Gonna Come' Series 1 Bob Marley: 'Redemption Song' Julie Andrews: 'Feed The Birds' Empire Communards: 'Don't Leave Me This Way' Elvis Presley: 'Can't Help Falling In Love With You' Producer: Mair Bosworth. Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in January 2018. SAT 11:00 The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett (b00x88q0) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] SAT 13:00 Drama on 4 (m000qjdx) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] SAT 13:45 Inner Voices (m0004yb0) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] SAT 14:00 Mr Willow's Wife (m000pf9r) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today] SAT 14:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0bg) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today] Series 2 SAT 15:00 Soul Music Mixtapes (m000b0xd) New Media [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] SAT 16:00 Drama on 4 (m0012pjv) Terry Jones - Starship Titanic A tale of interstellar skulduggery, romance and unhinged robots With: based in Douglas Adams's universe. Robin Ince Michael Palin stars in Terry Jones's comic novel. Far off in the centre of one of the less well-chartered quadrants Alfie Joey of the universe, a vast civilisation is preparing to launch the most technologically advanced starship ever - Starship Titanic. While the galaxy's media looks on, it unfortunately undergoes SMEF (Spontaneous Massive Existence Failure) and disappears. Leovinus, the designer of the ship, uncovers shoddy workmanship, poor cybernetics and a series of increasingly eccentric robots. The owners, Scraliontis and Brobostigan, were intent on destroying the ship and claiming the insurance. Meanwhile in Oxfordshire, four humans are inspecting a property they intend buying, only to see it crushed under the rematerialising Starship. This disaster is swiftly followed by an invitation from an over-attentive robot to come aboard, and Lucy, Dan and Nettie are catapulted into a series of increasingly bizarre encounters fiction? Stylistically emulating the work of the great Douglas Adams in Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, the late Terry Jones weaves a fabulously mad and comic tale Adapted by Ian Billings. With a special guest appearance by Simon Jones, who played Arthur Dent in Douglas Adams' Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy. Encyclopedia Galatica Michael Palin Scraliontis Simon Jones around him Leovinus Nicholas Boulton Brobostigan Nicholas Boulton yourself Dan Rupert Degas Hackett Rupert Degas The Parrot Rupert Degas The Journalist Philip Pope The Gondolier Philip Pope Nettie Alana Ramsey The Computer Alana Ramsey The LiftBot Ian Billings The Engine Room Door Ian Billings Loss Adjuster One Ian Billings the middle. Lucy Rebecca Yeo With: Loss Adjuster Two Rebecca Yeo Susie Brann Nigel Tom Alexander The Gondolier Tom Alexander The Bomb Tom Alexander Titania Laura Lithgow Music by Philip Pope. Director: Dirk Maggs A Perfectly Normal production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2021. SAT 17:00 The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett (b00x88q0) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] SAT 19:00 Drama on 4 (m000qjdx) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] SAT 19:45 Inner Voices (m0004vb0) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] SAT 20:00 Mr Willow's Wife (m000pf9r) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today] SAT 20:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0bg) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Saturday] [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today] SUN 04:00 Mr Willow's Wife (m000pf9r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] SAT 22:00 TEZ Talks (b09r6fw5) 4. Made in Britain Comedian Tez Ilyas presents a stand-up show about life as a British Muslim. In this final episode of the series Tez talks about what it is like being both Muslim and British at the same time. Written and performed by Tez Ilyas. Producer: Carl Cooper A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2018. SAT 22:15 The East Coast Listening Post (b09l0fr1) The East Coast Listening Post was created by Edinburgh Comedy Award-nominated duo Lazy Susan. Journalist sisters, Jenna and Dana, tour the UK and interview its inhabitants in their quest to reveal something meaningful, inadvertently revealing themselves in the process. In the final episode of the series, they travel to meet self-made business woman and strip-club mogul, Jackie Sanchez Jackie has built an empire from scratch, but empires rais complicated questions of legacy. Written and performed by Celeste Dring and Freya Parker. With performances from: David Elms Sally Lindsay Producer: Suzy Grant A BBC Studios Scripted Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2018. SAT 22:30 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music (b007k1sw) Mitch Benn is concerned about his media profile and wonders if he needs to do more to promote himself. Written by Mitch Benn and Robin Ince. Kirsty Newton Tasha Bayliss Producer: Adam Bromley First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2005. SAT 23:00 Lemn Sissay's Origin Stories (b07z3zfw) 3 Is It a Bird? Batman was an orphan; Lisbeth Salander, The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, was an orphan; Superman was an orphan and a foundling. Cinderella was a foster child. Darth Vader - well. they can't all be winners. Taking a comic and poetic angle, Lemn Sissay compares reality against the treatment of children raised in care, orphans and foster children in popular culture. Because it surely says something about how we view them that we create so many for The most important thing that John and Martha Kent taught Clark, the boy they found in a strange-looking pod that crashlanded on their Kansas farm, was to keep his true self secret. People wouldn't understand that you can lift cars, melt steel beams with your eyes, or fly. People will be scared of you because you are different. Every adoptee and every care leaver knows this feeling. Lemn examines how he hid his feelings, his experiences, his identity, in order to fit in better with the world Lemn also talks to comedian and adoptee Deborah Frances-White about secret identities - and how to go about reinventing Written and performed by Lemn Sissay Producer: Ed Morrish First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016. SAT 23:30 The Harpoon (b00g31qh) Christmas Special A glowing Yuletide feast in the pages of the golden magazine's bumper Christmas special. Enjoy the snow-capped lettering and a silver sixpence hidden in Alistair McGowan Mary Elliot-Nelson Peter Bavnham Julian Dutton Producer: Sarah Smith First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991. SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER 2024 SUN 00:00 Drama on 4 (m0012piv) [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday] SUN 01:00 The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett (b00x88a0) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday] SUN 03:00 Drama on 4 (m000qjdx) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Saturday] SUN 03:45 Inner Voices (m0004yb0)

SUN 06:42 ... And Yet Another Partridge in a Pear Tree (b007jqsy) A Cautionary Tale for Christmas Written by Brian Sibley. Miss Cynthia Bracegirdle is the recipient of a series of gifts from an extravagant admirer who interprets the carol "Twelve Days of Christmas" too literally for comfort. "I have just succeeded in accommodating your seven swans aswimming in my bath, which was no mean achievement when one considers the number of pear trees on the landing." Starring Penelope Keith With Timothy Bateson. Director: John Theocharis First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1977. SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m00267pn) Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Ever Michael Symmons Roberts examines the lasting appeal and resonance of Robert Frost's masterpiece. A hundred years since he wrote it, the same basic truths still apply to the poem that the poet knew almost immediately would be his 'best bid for remembrance'. The poem is on one level immensely accessible, as welcoming and familiar as a Thomas Kinkade jigsaw puzzle. At the very same time, it is intensely strange and finally unfathomable, full of shadows and unanswered questions. Who owns these woods that are so lovely dark and deep? Why is the speaker making such an urgent journey on 'the darkest evening of the year', - and what exactly are the 'promises' the speaker has to keep? In exploring these questions, Michael hopes to discover the ways and the reasons why a poem in which so little actually happens has lodged itself so firmly into the popular imagination. In his quest, he'll be joined by poets Jen Hadfield and Carl Phillips, as well as ardent Robert Frost fan, Frank Skinner. Producer: Geoff Bird Executive Producer: Eloise Whitmore A Naked production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in 2022. SUN 07:30 Will In the World by Stephen Greenblatt (Omnibus) (m00267pq) The young William Shakespeare has his first encounter with the heady world of theatre. A reconstruction of the Bard's life, work and the age he lived in Written by Stephen Greenblatt Omnibus of five parts abridged by Miranda Davies Read by Toby Stephens Other extracts read by: Alice Hart John Rowe Producer: Emma Harding First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2004. SUN 08:40 Witness History (m00267ps) White Christmas American entertainer Bing Crosby made 'White Christmas' by Irving Berlin, one of the defining songs of the Second World Supported by bbc.co.uk/programmes/

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War. Director: David Blount MON 01:42 ... And Yet Another Partridge in a Pear Tree (b007jqsy) Rebecca Kesby chats to his nephew Howard Crosby about the First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1992. song and its importance to his uncle. SUN 16:51 MR James (b0bmlv8d) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:42 on Sunday] Producer: Rebecca Kesby. First broadcast on the BBC World Service in December 2020. Rats MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m00267pn) "Something is lying in the empty room of the inn - and that [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday] SUN 08:50 The Debrief by Katherine Jakeways (Omnibus) something' is enough to give young Mr Thomson a fright he MON 02:36 Will In the World by Stephen Greenblatt (m00267pv) never forgets." (Omnibus) (m00267pq) Hannah and Mark dissect various events they attend, and there's [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday] Mystery looms for a student during his stay in Suffolk A classic ghost story by master of the genre, MR James - first lots to get their teeth into. MON 03:50 The Debrief by Katherine Jakeways (Omnibus) published in 1929. The debrief is a common phenomenon - that moment when you (m00267pv) leave a social event, climb into the car, or the taxi, or onto the Read by James Aubrey. [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday] Producer: Mitch Raper First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June1986. MON 05:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000qlmm) bus and start to gossip with your partner about the evening's [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday] events. Hannah and Mark love a debrief, and each episode finds them SUN 17:06 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0112flz) MON 05:30 Yule Be Surprised (m00267px) in the aftermath of an event with lots to get their teeth into [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday] Omnibus of five parts written by Katherine Jakeways. SUN 17:49 ... And Yet Another Partridge in a Pear Tree MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b007 im2f) Hannah Rebecca Humphries Hercule Poirot - Evil Under the Sun (b007 jqsv) Mark Tom Basden [Repeat of broadcast at 06:42 today] 1. So Much for a Holiday Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot allows himself to be tempted by Finn Milo Robinson SUN 18:06 Poetry Extra (m00267pn) Poppy Juno Robinson [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] an English summer holiday at the seaside. Graham Michael Bertenshaw SUN 18:39 Will In the World by Stephen Greenblatt But he soon senses the presence of evil on Smugglers' Island ... (Omnibus) (m00267pq) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Director: James Robinson A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first Poirot From the book first published in 1941. SUN 19:48 The Debrief by Katherine Jakeways (Omnibus) broadcast in July 2020. SUN 10:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000qlmm) (m00267pv) Dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell. [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today] Hercule Poirot John Moffatt Series 4 Episode 10 SUN 20:57 Beyond Our Ken (m000qlmm) Carrie Gardener Wendy Craig [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] Kenneth Horne prepares for Christmas - and Hornerama looks Odell Gardener John Rowe SUN 21:28 Yule Be Surprised (m00267px) at The Festive Season. Miss Brewster Joan Littlewood A madcap mix of sketches and songs written by Eric Merriman. [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today] Rev Stephen Lane Iwan Thomas Starring: Kenneth Horne SUN 22:00 Revolting People (b00wr9v4) Christine Redfern Susannah Corbett Patrick Redfern Iain Glen Series 4 Arlena Stuart/Marshall Fiona Fullerton Rosamund Darnley Sabina Franklyn Kenneth Williams Reunion Hugh Paddick Joshua, Walter, Mary, McGurk and company have been lost at Betty Marsden sea, but are now washed up in London. Linda Marshall Lindsey Fawcett Bill Pertwee This is a chance perhaps for Roy McGurk to be reunited with Captain Kenneth Marshall Robin Ellis Music from Janet Waters, The Hornets and the BBC Variety his family and East End past. Horace Blatt John Hartley Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet. Sitcom set just before the American War of Independence Producer: Envd Williams First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998. Announcer: Douglas Smith Written by and starring Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses. The precursor to 'Round The Horne', 'Beyond Our Ken' hit the Sgt McGurk ... Andy Hamilton MON 06:30 Whodunnits (b011j50h) Agatha Raisin - Series 1 airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 - featuring regulars like Cecil Svensson ... Hugh Dennis Snaith, Stanley Burkinshaw and Rodney and Charles. Samuel ... Jay Tarses 6. A Marriage of Convenience Investigating the murder of a militant rambler, Agatha and Producer: Jacques Brown Captain Bloodbath ... Michael Fenton Stevens First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in December Capt Brimshaw ... James Fleet James go undercover as a married couple. Mary ... Julia Hills Penelope Keith stars as amateur sleuth, Agatha Raisin. 1960. SUN 10:30 Yule Be Surprised (m00267px) Frank ... Philip Pope MC Beaton's murder mystery. Things take a farcical turn when a family travel up to Yorkshire Joshua Tony Maudsley Dramatised by David Semple Other parts played by Rebecca Front, Philip Pope and Michael to surprise their parents. Agatha Raisin Penelope Keith A Christmas misadventure scripted by Eddie Maguire and John James Lacey Malcolm Sinclair Fenton Stevens. Cleese Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer Mrs Bloxby Liza Sadovy Gerald .. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2006. DC Bill Wong Ben Crowe ... Terry Scott SUN 22:30 On the Hour (b007jqs0) Deborah Camden Rachel Atkins Oliver Brian Rix Mr Boggle David Holt Sir Charles Whitaker Philip Fox Jovce .. Patricia Haves Christmas Special All the festive news as it happens, if it happens. With: Wallas Eaton Chris Morris hosts the steaming flambéed news spoof. Kelvin Bertie Carvell David Graham With Director: Carol Smith First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004. In his autobiography, John Cleese recalls this show was the first Steve Coogan major project assigned to him by the BBC's Light David Schneider MON 07:00 Little Blighty on the Down (m00267sz) Entertainment department. Rebecca Front Christmas Special 1991 John's job was to weed out the "worst" jokes from the first It's a Wonderful Blight ... Patrick Marber draft of the script. Michael Alexander St John It's supposed to be the season of goodwill in Little Blighty, but Listen and see what you think! Written by Chris Morris, Armando Jannucci, Richard Herring, parish council leader John Barnum, is so depressed he wonders Producer: Charles Maxwell how things would have turned out if he'd never existed ... and Stewart Lee. First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in December 1963. Editor: Armando lannucci 1980s political satirical soap opera set in the strangely familiar village of Little Blighty. Life here is pretty uneventful, though the humdrum happenings SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0112flz) First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991. [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] SUN 23:00 Alan Parker's Christmas Special (b09jlbjv) SUN 11:42 ... And Yet Another Partridge in a Pear Tree From radical self-defence ideas to telling all on the splits in his do include social turmoil, economic upheaval and vicious political squabbles (**b007jqsy**) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:42 today] own band The self-styled Urban Warrior presents a festive mix of comedy Written by Mark Burton, John O'Farrell and Mike Coleman SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m00267pn) and music - from punk to 1980s and 90s chart and subverted Starring: [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] John Baddeley Christmas favourites. SUN 12:35 Will In the World by Stephen Greenblatt Bernadine Corrigan With: (Omnibus) (m00267pq) Peter Baynham Jo Kendall [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] Mandy Knight Jonathan Kvdd SUN 13:45 Witness History (m00267ps) Daniel Strauss Paul Tonkinson [Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 today] Michael Troughton Peter Serafinowicz SUN 13:50 The Debrief by Katherine Jakeways (Omnibus) Alan Parker sets out to subvert the system and spread his Producer: Lissa Evans First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1991. (m00267pv) indoctrination - only held back by his wide ignorance and dumb [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 today] MON 07:30 The Navy Lark (m00267t1) diatribes. SUN 15:00 Beyond Our Ken (m000qlmm) Created by Simon Munnery, the revolutionary sets out to make Series 11 The Mark 31 Radar [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] BBC Radio 1 FM more subversive and left-wing, though the SUN 15:30 Yule Be Surprised (m00267px) station tried to make him go home quietly and have an early When HMS Troutbridge collides with a boat, the crew stumble [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today] night instead. into an unexpected scenario. SUN 16:06 Jerome K Jerome - After Supper Ghost Stories Simon Munnery was crowned 'Newcomer of the Year' at the Stars Leslie Phillips, Jon Pertwee and Stephen Murray, 1994 Sony Radio Awards for his creation and portrayal of Laughs afloat aboard British Royal Navy frigate HMS (b0868pcg) It's Christmas Eve, 1891. Radio 1's cult comedy hero Troutbridge. In Laburnum Grove, Tooting, Uncle John's whisky-punch and Written by Lawrie Wyman. Producer: Aled Evans Aunt Maria's toasted lobsters are not the only frights on the First broadcast on BBC Radio 1 on Boxing Day 1994. The Sub-Lieutenant Leslie Phillips The Chief Petty Officer Jon Pertwee menu. Jerome K Jerome's ghostly tale. The Commanding Officer Stephen Murray Captain Povey Richard Caldicot MONDAY 23 DECEMBER 2024 Dramatised by Paul Wetherby. Narrator Dinsdale Landen Ramona Povey Heather Chasen The Admiral/LS Goldstein Tenniel Evans Professor Charles Michael Bates Uncle John Geoffrey Matthews MON 00:00 Jerome K Jerome - After Supper Ghost Stories Aunt Maria Linda Polan (b0868pcg) [Repeat of broadcast at 16:06 on Sunday] Mr Coombes Roger Hammond LS Tiddy Lawrie Wyman The Mini-Skirted Spy Elizabeth Morgan The Navy Lark ran for an impressive 13 series between 1959 Teddy Biffles Jonathan Tafler MON 00:45 MR James (b0bmlv8d) Mr Scrubbles David Holt [Repeat of broadcast at 16:51 on Sunday] and 1976. The Ghost of a Sinful Man John Baddeley MON 01:02 Desert Island Discs Revisited (b0112flz) Producer: Alastair Scott-Johnston Pianist: Neil Brand [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]

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First broadcast on the BBC Radio 2 in April 1970. MON 08:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b066w9gj) Series 4 The Baby When their friend Marion Duffett is called away on a family matter, she asks Damien and Anthony to look after her baby. Something which Anthony is infinitely more inclined towards than Damien. Still, it's come at a good time as Damien is angling for a role as an ambassador for a children's charity. At the same time, Damien's street food series is gathering pace and he is forced to go to a music festival and engage in a cook off with Ray Jarrow Sitcom charting the life of cookery writer Damien Trench, who lives in London's Queen's Park with his partner Anthony. Created by and starring Miles Jupp. Written by James Kettle. Damien Trench Miles Jupp Anthony Justin Edwards Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey Ray Jarrow Chris Brand Jasmine Alex Tregear Alison Jessica Turner Trevor/Marco David Acton Producer: Sam Michell. A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2015. MON 08:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi (b00xblgw) 1. Early Years How one of the world's most famous clowns, Joseph Grimaldi, became a superstar of Georgian pantomime Nine-year-old Joe is forced to become the breadwinner when his father dies of syphilis. Andrew McConnell Stott's story of the life of one of Britain's greatest comedians. Abridged in five parts by Viv Beeby. Read by Kenneth Cranham. Producer: Justine Willett First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009. MON 08:45 Paddington Bear by Michael Bond (m00267t3) 1. Please Look After This Bear A bear arrives from darkest Peru at Paddington railway station in London. The adventures of Paddington bear written by Michael Bond. Dramatised by Colin Smith. The Narrator Michael Hordern Paddington Andrew Branch Mr Brown Edward Kelsey Mrs Brown Iill Shilling Judy Jane Knowles Jonathan Elizabeth Lindsay Mrs Bird Jo Manning Wilson With; Michael Deacon Peter McGowan Producer: Colin Smith First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982. MON 09:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m002625g) Series 82 Episode 2 This series of Radio 4's multi award-winning 'antidote to panel games' promises more homespun wireless entertainment for the young at heart. This week the programme pays a return visit to the Great Hall in Exeter where Lee Mack and Miles Jupp are pitched against Tony Hawks and Caroline Quentin, with Jack Dee in the chair. At the piano, Colin Sell. Producer: Jon Naismith A Random production for BBC Radio 4 MON 09:30 Pursued by Bears (b0076jdy) 1. Please Look After This Bear Some of the most enduring characters in English children's literature are bears. Paul Vaughan explores the stories behind their stories - and the hidden messages that bears can carry. He begins with the behind-the-scenes creation of Paddington Bear based on author Michael Bond's memories of young Second World War evacuees and his experiences of people displaced during wartime. With: Julia Eccleshare Marina Warner Zookeeper - Ray Charter First published in the UK in 1958, extracts of 'A Bear Called Paddington' are read by Jonathan Keeble. Author Michael Bond died aged 91 in 2017. Producer: Beaty Rubens First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003. MON 09:45 Daily Service (m00267t6) Candles: The Christ Child - The Coming A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music. This week Daily Service was recorded at the 2024 Daily Service Carol Concert with the Daily Service Singers, and the Choirs of Bowdon Parish, Bury Parish and Salford Cathedral. The musicians were the Up North Session String Quintet, flautist Aine Molines, trumpeter Tim Barber, percussionist John

Melbourne, and organist/pianist Elin Rees, directed by Andrew

Earis. Theme: Candles: The Christ Child - The Coming Presenter: David Waters Reading: Isaiah 11:1-5 Music: See amid the winters show - Daily Service Carol Concert (soloist Sharon BBC Young Chorister) A tender shoot (Kerenza Briggs) - Daily Service Singers O little town of Bethlehem (arr Sasha Johnson Manning) -Philippa Hanna MON 10:00 Kenny Everett: The BBC Local Radio Years (b007k059) The hitherto untold story of the 'wilderness years' of Kenny Everett long before he became a TV star. In 1970, he was sacked by BBC Radio 1 for insulting the wife of a Government Minister. He was just 25 and was arguably the most creative broadcaster of his generation. At that time, the BBC still had a radio monopoly in the UK, so the only outlet for his talents was on the corporation's Local Radio stations, then in their infancy. Cuddly Ken worked for six stations in total, there were few listeners, and they didn't pay much. The documentary was compiled by journalist and broadcaster Paul Rowley who as a schoolboy recorded Everett's shows on Radio Merseyside on his domestic tape recorder. It was a good job he did because the BBC didn't keep any of those vintage recordings. Four of the stations even insisted that "the wireless wizard" never worked for them. But after a marathon treasure hunt, Rowley traced listeners who'd similarly recorded Kenny's shows 'off-air' and tracked down some BBC employees who'd 'borrowed' the master tapes. Paul discloses that one station manager was carpeted after hiring him without permission from the top brass at Broadcasting House. Another station fired him after a feature deemed to be anti-BBC. Part of the banned show is included. The documentary also looks at the internal politics of the corporation over its handling of the 'enfant terrible'. Featuring: * Kenny Everett's then wife Lee who blitzed stations to put her husband on-air * Former BBC Radio 1 Controller Johnny Beerling * David Waine (BBC Radio Bristol) * Victor Marmion (BBC Radio Mersevside) * Ken Warburton (BBC Radio Solent) * John Holmes (BBC Radio Nottingham) * Dennis Lewell (BBC Radio Medway, now BBC Radio Kent) * Phil Fothergill (BBC Radio Brighton, now BBC BBC Sussex) * Barbara Taylor * Lawrie Bloomfield * Richard Skinner * Rob Salvidge Kenny was finally allowed back on Radio 1 in April 1973 but left six months later at the start of Independent Local Radio, being part of the launch team for Capital Radio, the UK's first commercial music station He died on April 4,1995 from an AIDS-related illness. He was just 50. Fittingly, Radio 4 Extra is broadcasting the programme on December 23, 2024 on the 60th anniversary of the opening of pirate ship Radio London, where Kenny's radio career began. It was arguably the UK's most successful offshore station, with Kenny making his debut the following day on Christmas Eve, 1964 on his last day as a teenager. The documentary was shortlisted for a Sony Radio Award in 2002 in the "Music Special" category. Engineer: Darynn Garrett First broadcast on BBC local radio across England at Christmas 2001 *** This programme is part of a collection of shows in Christmas week as BBC Radio 4 Extra celebrates the work of Kenny Everett to mark would have been his 80th birthday on Christmas Day, 2024. MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b007 im2f) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today MON 11:30 Whodunnits (b011j50h) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] MON 12:00 Little Blighty on the Down (m00267sz) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] MON 12:30 The Navy Lark (m00267t1) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] MON 13:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b066w9gj) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] MON 13:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi (b00xblgw) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] MON 13:45 Paddington Bear by Michael Bond (m00267t3) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b00qp1mh) Series 56 Episode 7 Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition. With Paul Merton Jenny Éclair Gyles Brandreth Pam Avres

Subjects include: If I Were A Time Traveller, Working From Home, The First Sign of Spring, Greenland, Wrinkles, Being Late, Frozen Assets and The Contents of My Handbag. Created by Ian Messiter. Producer: Claire Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010. MON 14:30 Too Much Information (b00n1023) Episode 1 Waft Tourist Information office battle to justify a huge donation from the Heritage Lottery Fund with a hastily erected papier-mâché historical model. But it turns out disastrously sexual! Neil Warhurst's four-part comedy drama set in the idiosyncratic world of a tourist information office. Warren Jeff Rawle Douglas Malcolm Tierney Heather Liza Sadovy Lucy..... Joannah Tincey Paul Barnhill Bryan.... Mr Jefferson Stephen Hogan Producer: Liz Webb First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009. MON 15:00 The Monarch of the Glen by Compton Mackenzie (m00267t9) An impoverished Scottish laird seeks to marry his eldest son off to an American heiress - only to find himself at war with an army of militant hikers. Compton Mackenzie's 1930s comedy, written in the same spirit as Whisky Galore. Dramatised by Ron Butlin. Ben Nevis Crawford Logan Myrtle Mairi Gillespie Chester John Shedden Alan Andrew Conlan Angela Joanna Tope Mr Prew Steven McNicoll James Douglas Russell Hector Michael Perceval-Maxwell Kilwhillie Simon Tait Director: Patrick Rayner First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1997. MON 16:00 Kenny Everett: The BBC Local Radio Years (b007k059) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] MON 17:00 Whodunnits (b007jm2f) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] MON 17:30 Whodunnits (b011i50h) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] MON 18:00 Little Blighty on the Down (m00267sz) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] MON 18:30 The Navy Lark (m00267t1) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] MON 19:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b066w9gi) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] MON 19:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi (b00xblgw) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] MON 19:45 Paddington Bear by Michael Bond (m00267t3) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] MON 20:00 Just a Minute (b00qp1mh) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today] MON 20:30 Too Much Information (b00n1023) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today] MON 21:00 The Monarch of the Glen by Compton Mackenzie (m00267t9) [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today] MON 22:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m002625g) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today] MON 22:30 Alice's Wunderland (b01kt4ck) Series 1 Episode 2 A trip round Wunderland, the Poundland of magical realms. It's a kingdom much like our own, and also nothing like it in the slightest. Stay a while and meet waifs and strays, wigshops and witches, murderous pensioners and squirrels of this delightful land as they go about their bizarre business. A sketch show written and performed by Alice Lowe. Also starring: Richard Glover Simon Greenall Rachel Stubbings Clare Thompson Marcia Warren Producer: Sam Bryant First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2012. MON 23:00 The Naked Week (m002622s) Series 1 Episode 4: Spies, Uncanny Ghosts, and Christmas Crackers The team give the news a hard stare as they try to recruit a spy and steal some of the Uncanny podcast's listening figures by contacting Nigel Farage with a ouija board. From The Skewer's Jon Holmes comes The Naked Week, a fresh way of dressing the week's news in the altogether and parading it around for everyone to laugh at. Host Andrew Hunter Murray and chief correspondent Amy Hoggart will strip away the curtain and dive into not only the big stories, but also the way the news is packaged and presented.

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From award-winning writers and a crack team of contemporary	Admiral Downing Garard Green	Best Medicine is your weekly dose of laughter, hope and
satirists - and recorded in front of a live audience - The Naked	Captain Curtis Brian Bowles	incredible medicine. Award-winning comedian Kiri Pritchard-
Week delivers a topical news nude straight to your ears.	Captain Barnaby Julian Dutton	McLean is joined by a funny and fascinating panel of
Written by:	Ladies Sarah Thomas/Victoria Carling Producer: Richard Wilson	comedians, doctors, scientists, and historians to celebrate
Jon Holmes Katie Sayer	First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993	medicine's inspiring past, present and future.
Sarah Dempster	TUE 07:00 Rent (b066fy4b)	Each week Kiri challenges a panel of medical experts and a
Gareth Ceredig	Series 4	comedian to make a case for what they think is 'the best
Jason Hazeley	Episode 5	medicine', and each guest champions anything from world-
Adam Macqueen	Paul and Ruby are delighted to see the back of Dave.	changing science, an obscure invention, an everyday treatment
Louis Mian	Maria and Richard are finding Eva rather harder to get rid of.	an uplifting worldview, an unsung hero or a futuristic cure.
Guests: Neil Frost and Chris Banatvala.	Stars Patrick Barlow and Barbara Flynn.	
Production Team: Laura Grimshaw, Tony Churnside, Jerry Peal, Katie Sayer, Phoebe Butler	Lucy Flannery's award-winning sitcom about Maria and Richard Reynolds and their lodgers.	Whether it's origami surgical robots, life-changing pineapple UTI vaccines, Victorian scandal mags, denial, sleep, tiny
Produced and Directed by Jon Holmes	Maria Barbara Flynn	beating organoid hearts, lifesaving stem cell transplants, gold
Executive Producer: Philip Abrams	Richard Patrick Barlow	poo donors or even crying - it's always something worth
An unusual production for BBC Radio 4	Ruby Vivienne Rochester	celebrating.
MON 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (m00267tc)	Paul Dave Lamb	
Christmas Special 1995	With:	
The Masterson family's ancient culture reveals some curious	Sarah Parkinson	Hosted by Kiri Pritchard-McLean
customs. Based entirely on audience suggestions - this is the unfolding	Toby Longworth Producer: Liz Anstee	Featuring: Dr Paul Craddock, Professor Neil Frude, Ignacio
saga of the Mastersons - a family at war with itself.	First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.	Lopez, Miss Shabnam Parkar
Starring:	TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b00j5h2x)	
Paul Merton	Series 9	Written by Edward Easton, Mel Owen, Pravanya Pillay, Kiri
Josie Lawrence	Ned's Atomic Dustbin	Pritchard-McLean, Nicky Roberts and Ben Rowse
Lee Simpson	Number 10 is keen to secure a nuclear-free rubbish capability,	
Jim Sweeney	but so is the Kremlin	Producers: Tashi Radha and Ben Worsfield
Phelim McDermott	Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike	Theme ture composed by Andrew Let
Caroline Quentin Producer: Phil Clarke	Milligan. Starring	Theme tune composed by Andrew Jones
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1995.	Starring: Peter Sellers	A Large Time production for BBC Radio 4
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	Spike Milligan	2. Beyond the Enchanted Places
TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER 2024	First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were	Some of the most enduring characters in English children's
	recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest	literature are bears.
TUE 00:00 Kenny Everett: The BBC Local Radio Years	shows weren't kept in the archive.	Paul Vaughan explores the stories behind their stories - and the
(b007k059)	With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.	hidden messages that bears can carry.
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday] TUE 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jm2f)	Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott. Announcer: Wallace Greenslade	He continues with the behind-the-scenes creation of AA Milne Booh Boor whose stories appeal across the generations
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]	Producer: John Browell	Pooh Bear, whose stories appeal across the generations. With:
TUE 01:30 Whodunnits (b011j50h)	First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in January 1959	Julia Eccleshare
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]	TUE 08:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage	Marina Warner
TUE 02:00 Little Blighty on the Down (m00267sz)	(m0012nt8)	Ann Thwaite
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]	Conversations from a Long Marriage at Christmas again	Zookeeper - Ray Charter
<i>TUE</i> 02:30 The Navy Lark (m00267t1)	Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam star as a long-married and	Extracts of 'A Bear Called Paddington' are read by Jonathan
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday] TUE 03:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b066w9gj)	passionate couple in Jan Etherington's award-winning comedy. They're spending a quiet Christmas with Peter and Sally but this	Keeble. Producer Beaty Rubens
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]	snowballs into an extravagant house party when Peter is offered	First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003.
<i>TUE</i> 03:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi	a rich friend's country pile and invites other couples.	<i>TUE</i> 09:45 Daily Service (m002689h)
(b00xblgw)	Their recently widowed friend, Marian, is anticipating her	Candles: The Christ Child - A child is born
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]	pregnant daughter, Rosie's, arrival but as Rosie cancels and	A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and
<i>TUE</i> 03:45 Paddington Bear by Michael Bond (m00267t3)	Peter changes the arrangements yet again, Joanna picks up a	a range of Christian music.
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Monday]	flyer which offers her and Roger 'a kind and important	This week Daily Service was recorded at the 2024 Daily Servic
<i>TUE</i> 04:00 Just a Minute (b00qp1mh) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]	Christmas, rather than a glitzy gorgefest'. Can they get back to a Christmas they actually want?	Carol Concert with the Daily Service Singers, and the Choirs o Bowdon Parish, Bury Parish and Salford Cathedral. The
<i>TUE</i> 04:30 Too Much Information (b00n1023)	Producer: Claire Jones	musicians are the Up North Session String Quintet, flautist Ain
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]	A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in	Molines, trumpeter Tim Barber, percussionist John Melbourne,
TUE 05:00 The Monarch of the Glen by Compton	December 2021.	and organist/pianist Elin Rees, directed by Andrew Earis.
Mackenzie (m00267t9)	TUE 08:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi	Theme: Candles: The Christ Child - A child is born
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]	(b00xc8k8)	Presenter: Rev Grace Thomas
<i>TUE</i> 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jm30) Hercule Poirot - Evil Under the Sun	2. Success and Sorrow	Reading: Luke 2.1–7 Music:
2. The Suspects	Just as the young clown finds happiness with a new wife - his manager's daughter Maria - tragedy strikes for Joseph Grimaldi.	Once in Royal David's City (arr Farrington) - Daily Service
When a glamorous American starlet is found strangled, the	He seeks consolation in making others laugh with a new	
		Carol Concert, soloist Anna
Beglian sleuth has a hotel full of suspects to investigate.	creation - the pantomime clown Joey - complete with white	Away in a manger (Chilcott)- BBC Young Choristers 2024
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holiday cover. Feeling Kenny had been badly treated, David phoned to offer four programmes at a rate of just £12.50 a week! Desperate, Everett agreed – sparking an internal row with Waine who was rebuked by BBC Radio's MD Ian Trethowan for not consulting him, warning that he'd be in trouble if things went wrong. To minimise any potential disaster, David wisely asked Kenny to pre-record his shows at home in Sussex. He then posted the tapes for checking by a producer before broadcast. On June 12,1971 the "wireless wizard" was back on-air. It was an occasion largely overlooked as few people heard it.

At the time BBC Local Radio only broadcast on VHF (now FM) when most listeners only had medium-wave sets. Much of the output was "parish pump" material. Broadcast hours were limited, with few staff and tight music restrictions.

So Kenny's first show, heard here in full for the first time since broadcast, was probably the most dangerous show on BBC Local Radio.

He announces his return by saying "It's disgusting. I don't know how they allow him to get away with it". He was clearly relieved to be back with a fast-paced kaleidoscope of his work. It's littered with bespoke Radio Bristol jingles, a chat with Dusty Springfield, and an episode of the comedy serial "Dick Dale – Special Doctor", previously heard on Radio 1.

Listen out for an amusing sequence as he tunes across his radio dial with extracts from Radio Solent, Radio Brighton, Radio 4, Radio 3, and Radio 2, with a cutting swipe at the station who axed him: "We don't play Radio 1!"

The show features tracks from The Move, Nilsson, Peter Noone, Paul McCartney, Tom Jones, Stavely Makepeace, The Beatles, The Fantastics, Cat Stevens, White Plains, Twiggy, Mungo Jerry, Dusty Springfield, the Supremes and The Four Tops.

You may wonder why Kenny regularly mentions the record labels of songs played. At the time, BBC Local Radio could only play one hour of commercial music a day under strict "needle time" restrictions negotiated with the Musicians' Union. One way to get around them was to play "new releases" giving the record label, and (in theory at least) its number. Kenny's Radio Bristol Shows opened the door at other BBC Locals including Radios Merseyside, Solent, Nottingham, Brighton (now Radio Sussex) and Medway (now Radio Kent). He also appeared on "Start The Week" on Radio 4 over Christmas 1971 – becoming a regular on a spin-off series "If It's Wednesday ... It Must Be" over the next 18 months. Ev was finally allowed back on Radio 1 in April 1973 but left six months later as Capital began. He returned to TV in 1978, with "The Kenny Everett Video

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dissects jokes with abandon, mourns the quality of fish and chips and pays its respects to discontinued bus routes. The tapes are interspersed with Kearns' singular stand up, running through the litany of his Christmas morning, pondering Rebecca Front Gary Lineker signing a Christmas card to his wife, and Armando Iannucci And the voice of Tom Baker. marvelling at George Ridgeley writing Last Christmas in front of Match of the Day. Producer: Sarah Smith Written and presented by John Kearns A Novel production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2019. TUE 15:00 The Lady Vanishes by Ethel Lina White (b017557m) A train, a missing governess and evil Nazi plans for Europe. All aboard for a gripping ride to adventure. Starring Renee Asherson and Jenny Funnell. Ethel Lina White's novel 'The Wheel Spins' was first published in 1936. Dramatised by Neville Teller. It was first adapted as a 1938 British film thriller directed by Alfred Hitchcock Miss Froy Renee Asherson Iris Jenny Funnell Wilberforce Mark Tandy Maximillan Hare Mark Payton Dr Traunitz/Stephen Yardley Richard Durden Baroness/Mrs Todhunter Shirley Dixon Prince Frederick/Mr Barnes/Porter Jonathan Keeble Baron Hoffmeir/Mr Todhunter Michael Roberts Ian Bretherton/Ticket Collector Geoffrev Beevers Evelyn Flood-Porter/Frau Kummer Geraldine Fitzgerald Rose Flood-Porter/Frau Kummer Jan Shand Mrs Barnes Karen Lewis Director: Andy Jordan First broadcast on the BBC World Service in August 1999. TUE 16:00 Kenny Everett on BBC Radio Bristol (m002689m) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] TUE 17:00 Whodunnits (b007 im30) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] TUE 17:30 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1vx) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] TUE 18:00 Rent (b066fy4b) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] TUE 18:30 The Goon Show (b00i5h2x) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] TUE 19:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m0012nt8) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] TUE 19:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi (b00xc8k8) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] TUE 19:45 Paddington Bear by Michael Bond (m0026899) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] TUE 20:00 Booked (b0075lw6) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today] TUE 20:30 A Very John Kearns Christmas (m000cl48) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today] TUE 21:00 The Lady Vanishes by Ethel Lina White (b017557m) [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today] TUE 22:00 Best Medicine (m00260xl) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today] *TUE* 22:30 The Consultants (b007k37y) Series 3 Episode 5 Chesney is having a crisis of confidence. Cerebral sketch show written by and starring: Neil Edmond Justin Edwards James Rawlings Producer: Will Saunders First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005. TUE 23:00 Trevor's World of Sport (b007k3kv) Series 1 Episode 3 Trevor must grapple with a Buddhist - and a specially-trained hear Starring Neil Pearson. Another brave attempts by sports agent Trevor Heslop to swim safely through the shark tank of life. Andy Hamilton's TV comedy swaps to radio. Trevor Neil Pearson Sammy Paul Revnolds Ralph Michael Fenton Stevens Theresa Rosalind Ayres Heidrun Cosima Shaw Barry Abdul Salis Mervl Claire Skinner Toby Matthew Thomas Chang David Tse Samantha Amber Sainsbury Tim Jon Glover Written and produced by Andy Hamilton First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004. TUE 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007jtn5) Series 2 The Human Body Probing human cloning and what to do with our waste? Cult comedy series that answers the questions which leave other shows scratching their beards. Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring. With:

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Extracts of 'A Bear Called Paddington' are read by Jonathan

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

This week Daily Service was recorded at the 2024 Daily Service

Carol Concert with the Daily Service Singers, the Up North

Session String Quintet, flautist Aine Molines, trumpeter Tim

Barber, percussionist John Melbourne, and organist/pianist Elin

It came upon the midnight clear - Daily Service Carol Concert

Angels from the realms of glory (arr Sasha Johnson Manning)

Hark! the herald angels sing - Daily Service Carol Concert WED 10:00 Happy Birthday Maurice Cole (b00wv3xy)

A look at the early life of Kenny Everett, who was born 80

BBC Political Correspondent Paul Rowley tells the story of a

quiet Catholic boy from Merseyside called Maurice Cole who

Deliberately, the programme is not about his TV work, his gay

lifestyle, or his brief flirtation into politics, all of which have

There are no celebrity interviews. Rowley went back to the

home where he was born, speaking to neighbours, friends and

With extracts from a little-heard but very revealing interview he

family including the man who first showed him how to use a

did with BBC Radio Merseyside in 1976 when he talks about

He talks about his pioneering work on pirate radio, the BBC

Hear about his sackings, his love of classical music, and some

of the jingles from his time on BBC Local Radio in the 1970s

his first job "scraping gunk off sausage rolls" in a bakery.

Light Programme, and BBC Radio 1, illustrated with rare

recordings from Rowley's extensive personal archive.

First broadcast on 20 BBC local radio across England at

who was born 80 years ago on Christmas Day, 1944.

WED 11:00 Whodunnits (b007 im3i)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

** Part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's celebration of Kenny Everett

after he was fired from BBC Radio 1.

his schooldays, his failed attempts to become a missionary, and

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2003

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002689r)

Candles: The Christ Child - The Angels

Marina Warner

Producer Beaty Rubens

a range of Christian music.

Rees, directed by Andrew Earis.

Presenter: Bishop David Walker

Reading: Song of Solomon 4.12-16

years ago on Christmas Day 1944.

became Britain's most creative, innovative DJ.

Theme: Candles: The Christ Child - The Angels

Keeble.

Music:

Philippa Hanna

been widely covered.

tape-recorder.

With

Rosemarie Robertshaw

Producer: Paul Rowley.

Tony Ormesher

Lee Everett Alkin

Christmas 2009

Dora Hirons

December 2020. WED 15:00 Drama on 4 (m000qjf9) Star Child by Patrick Barlow

A magic star appears in the sky.

A lonely village seamstress meets an anxious angel and a kindly donkey. Two shepherds go on a dangerous mission. Three bickering wise women bring news to a paranoid, psychotic king. And a bolshie girl gives birth to a baby.

Award-winning dramatist Patrick Barlow's comedy-drama tells the time-honoured nativity story in a fresh, compelling and unique way.

Based on an original play by Patrick Barlow, adapted by Patrick Barlow with Clemmie Reynolds. God & Herod Jim Broadbent

Gabriel, Innkeeper & Shem John Ramm Sara, Lilith & Angel Maggie Steed

Mary & Shabnan Nell Barlow Joseph, Steward & Ham Rob Lennon

Parsley, Sushila & Babbling Brook Sophie Thompson Children Louie, Bonnie, Sonny, Noah & Beatrix Barlow Director: Patrick Barlow

Producer: Liz Anstee A CPL production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020.

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WED 20:30 Ed Reardon's Christmas Week (m000qjh5) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

WED 21:00 Drama on 4 (m000gif9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

WED 22:00 You Heard It Here First (m001z4j1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today] WED 22:30 Tim Key's Christmas Poetry Programme (b06sddm9)

Tim Key has pulled out all the stops for his Christmas special. He's hired a stable, a cow and a set of sleigh bells for his longsuffering musician, Tom Basden.

He also has a fistful of festive poems ready for recital. But no amount of yuletide joy can hide Tom's despair at having to work on Christmas day.

Written by Tim Key

Tim Tim Kev

Lord Tom Basden Megan Katy Wix

Finnegan Liam Williams

Janet Felictiy Montagu

Producer: James Robinson A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first

broadcast in December 2015. WED 23:00 Elis James's Pantheon of Heroes (b01pjp4n)

Series 2

Communication Pryce Pryce-Jones, Richard Trevithick, and Guglielmo Marconi

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 January 2013. WED 23:30 Paperback Hell (m000i3k7)

Series 2 Thrust's Eagle The Napoleonic wars invade the airwayes as suspiciously fictional author Alexander Cromwell reads from his military

adventure, Thrust's Eagle. Another chapter from a novel you think you've read before ... Paperback Hell is the series determined to destroy the good name of literature Written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell. Starring:

Michael Fenton Stevens

Rebecca Front

Mel Hudson

Alex Lowe

Dan Tetsell

Producer: Lucy Armitage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

WED 23:45 Excuse Me, Are You John Shuttleworth?

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

... Barunka O'Shaughnessy

Audiobook Nicola Sanderson

Landlord Colin McFarlane

Producer: Victoria Lloyd.

Eli Lisa Coleman

WED 11:30 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries involved ... Another adventure featuring Paddington bear written by (b007k1x8) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] Michael Bond. Dramatised by Colin Smith. WED 12:00 Project Santa Claus by Steve Punt (m002689g) The Narrator ... Michael Hordern [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] Paddington Andrew Branch WED 12:30 The Missing Hancocks (b06s87ls) Mr Brown Edward Kelsey [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] Mrs Brown Jill Shilling WED 13:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b06rz9hx) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] Judy Jane Knowles Jonathan Elizabeth Lindsay WED 13:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi Mrs Bird Jo Manning Wilson (b00xmvf8) With Michael Deacon [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] WED 13:45 Paddington Bear by Michael Bond (m002689l) Producer: Colin Smith First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982. [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] WED 14:00 Foul Play (b00jm6kb) WED 09:00 You Heard It Here First (m001z4i1) Series 2 Series 3 'How well do you remember Thundercats?' The Proof of the Pudding Crime writers PD James and HRF Keating probe a death at Chris McCausland asks Donna Preston and Jon Long to take on Christmas dinner time. Glenn Moore and Sara Pascoe. Sara Pascoe finds a child's description of a famous film scene impossible to decipher. The Simon Brett hosts the murder quiz. two teams must figure out what on earth is being advertised on Suspects played by: TV, guess what famous objects or locations children are trying Maria McErlane to describe, and work out the age of members of the audience Lee Simpson from their voice alone. Producer Liz Anstree Producer: Sasha Bobak First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997. Assistant Producer: Becky Carewe-Jeffries WED 14:30 Ed Reardon's Christmas Week (m000qjh5) Executive Producer: Richard Morris It's nearly Christmas, and Ed needs a room at the inn. The Lock Production Coordinator: Dan Marchini Keeper's Arms, that is. A BBC Studios Production But first, he's got to deal with Scrooge .. An EcoAudio certified production Meet Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive email, trying to survive in a WED 09:30 Pursued by Bears (m002689p) world where the media seems to be run by idiots and charlatans 3. Rupert and the Newspaper Magnate Some of the most enduring characters in English children's Written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds. literature are bears. Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas Paul Vaughan explores the stories behind their stories - and the Ping. hidden messages that bears can carry. Jaz Milvain Philip Jackson Jake Sam Pamphilon

heard since their original transmission ... until these faithful re-

After a highly acclaimed first series, another five were lovingly

re-recorded in front of a live audience at London's BBC Radio

Newly recorded score by the BBC Concert Orchestra

Originally broadcast on the BBC Light Programme on the 21st

Recreated by BBC Radio Comedy for BBC Radio 4 and first

WED 08:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b06rz9hx)

A neighbourly good deed lands Tom in trouble while his parents

Tom Wrigglesworth phones home for his weekly check-in with

his Mum, Dad and Gran, giving us a glimpse into his family

background and the influences that have shaped his

Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle with

A BBC Radio Comedy production for BBC Radio 4, first

WED 08:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi

with merchandise and getting mobbed by fans.

Yet, with the dizzying excitement of success, comes a

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009

3. Paddington and the Christmas Pantomime

Grimaldi's performance in the pantomime Mother Goose makes

him a fully fledged superstar of the Georgian stage - complete

resurgence of his old melancholy as he struggles to cope with

Andrew McConnell Stott's story of the life of one of Britain's

WED 08:45 Paddington Bear by Michael Bond (m002689l)

Mrs Bird notes there'll be plenty of pantomime if Paddington is

Paddington is on sound effects for the local Christmas show.

Written by Ray Galton and Alan Simpson

throw themselves into some evening classes.

temperament, opinions and hang-ups. Tom Tom Wrigglesworth

Producers: Ed Morrish and Neil Pearson

imaginings

Theatre.

Tony Hancock Kevin McNally

Bill Kerr Kevin Eldon

Sid James Simon Greenall Kenneth Williams Robin Sebastian

Andre Melly Susy Kane With:

broadcast in December 2015.

How to Make a Killing

Dad Paul Copley

Mum Kate Anthony

Producer: Richard Morris

(b00xmvf8)

3. The Price of Fame

this unexpected fame

greatest comedians

Abridged by Viv Beeby

Read by Kenneth Cranham.

Producer: Justine Willett

broadcast in December 2015.

Granny Elizabeth Bennett

additional material by Miles Jupp

Simon Greenall

John Finnemore

December 1955.

Series 3

He concludes with the behind-the-scenes creation of Rupert Bear, whose stories first appeared in a newspaper cartoon strip in 1920. With:

Julia Eccleshare

- Terry Jones

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Egyptians and deplored by Albert Einstein, who regarded them

as an unnecessary luxury.

Susan North

Juliette Wood

Andrew Von Stafuer

This is an exploration of socks.

Featuring contributions from:

(m000gjnk) 1. Graham Who ... Graham Fellows is an actor, musician and character comedian who has been in showbusiness for 40 years. After hiding behind the masks of made-up people, it's time he revealed himself. This two-part series is an honest account of Graham's life to date - sometimes hilarious, sometimes moving and often disarmingly honest - which will give a real sense of the man within. Each show will be punctuated with witty and moving songs performed on pedal harmonium and Graham will share which songs he kept for himself and which he gave to his characters, and why, with occasional interjections from some of Graham's characters, particularly John Shuttleworth. This episode finds Graham greeting John on Christmas Eve before he begins to share his story, although John doesn't know who he is or why he's there and assumes he's a carol singer. Graham wants to take us back to 1977 when he first started drama school and came up with a riff that led him to his first character. network. From here we follow Graham's life as a jobbing actor in Coronation street, a theatrical landlord to a Hollywood star and a role in the film Morons from Outer Space. When Graham lands a song publishing deal for his first solo Series 1 album, he celebrates and amuses the record company with a comedy demo tape, in which he pretended to be a naff singer/songwriter looking himself for a song publishing deal. His publisher loved it and the solo career was put on hold. We learn of Graham's love for audio recording and, in particular, reel to reel tape recorders which is how he came to station. start talking to himself and eventually created the world of John Shuttleworth, his family and friends. Producer: Dawn Ellis A Chic Ken production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020. **THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER 2024** THU 00:00 Happy Birthday Maurice Cole (b00wv3xy) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday] *THU* 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jm3j) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday] THU 01:30 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1x8) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday] THU 02:00 Project Santa Claus by Steve Punt (m002689g) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday] THU 02:30 The Missing Hancocks (b06s87ls) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday] THU 03:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b06rz9hx) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday] friends. THU 03:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi (b00xmvf8) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday] stage. THU 03:45 Paddington Bear by Michael Bond (m002689l) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday] body. *THU* 04:00 Foul Play (b00jm6kb) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday] THU 04:30 Ed Reardon's Christmas Week (m000qjh5) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday] THU 05:00 Drama on 4 (m000qjf9) [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday] THU 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jm42) Hercule Poirot - Evil Under the Sun Discovery With sound alibis proven for the main suspects, the Belgian sleuth makes a chance discovery in a nearby cove. Agatha Christie's whodunnit stars John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot. Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Hercule Poirot John Moffatt Colonel Weston George Baker Christine Redfern Susannah Corbett Patrick Redfern Iain Glen Rosamund Darnley Sabina Franklyn Linda Marshall Lindsey Fawcett Captain Kenneth Marshall Robin Ellis Inspector Colgate Gerrard McDermott Rev Stephen Lane Iwan Thomas Horace Blatt John Hartley Gladys Nicol Forbes Producer: Enyd Williams First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1998. THU 06:30 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1yk) 3. The Perplex'd Plot of the Perilous Plague Can the hub of government survive the plague? As London is ravaged by an epidemic - the playwright spy is on the case of a double-crossing. Amid the splendour and squalor of Elizabethan London scholar, playwright and government spy, Christopher Marlowe is assigned to investigate a number of baffling mysteries and perplexing intrigues. Starring Dominic Jephcott and Bill Wallis. Series of historical comedy mysteries by Ged Parsons. Christopher Marlowe Dominic Jephcott Bartholomew Ratsbane Bill Wallis Sir Francis Walsingham . .. Paul Brooke Beaumont Garard Green

Faversham Ronald Herdman Ripley Richard Bonneville Dr Valentine Hugh Dennis Producer: Richard Wilson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993. THU 07:00 After Henry (b007k01q) The Season of Relative Goodwill "Even doing what you always do at Christmas presupposes agreement about exactly what it is that you always do Sarah's mother makes everyone follow her strict timetable for Christmas Day. Simon Brett's comedy about three generations of women. Each is struggling to cope after the death of Sarah's GP husband, yet they never quite manage to see eye-to-eye. Sarah Prunella Scales Eleanor Joan Sanderson Russell Benjamin Whitrow Clare Gerry Cowper Four radio series were made, but instead of moving to BBC TV - Thames Television produced 'After Henry' for the ITV Producer: Pete Atkin First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1987. THU 07:30 Parsley Sidings (b01nw83v) The Beauty Oueen Contest Parsley Sidings' glamorous train announcer Gloria Simpkins is pressured into promoting the sleepy station. Starring Arthur Lowe and Ian Lavender. Jim Eldridge's eponymous series is set in a sleepy railway Horace Hepplewhite Arthur Lowe Bert Heplewhite Ian Lavender Percy Valentine/Bradshaw/The Vicar Kenneth Connor Gloria Simpkins Liz Fraser Missing original announcements re-created for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Keith Skues. Producer: Edward Taylor First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1971. THU 08:00 The Tim Vine Chat Show (m000cms9) Christmas Special 2019 Christmas jokes and songs from the Punslinger extraordinaire. Tim Vine invites the great British public to tell him some Christmas stories. Producer: Richard Morris A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2019 THU 08:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi (b00xnd57) 4 Trials of Touring Joseph Grimaldi clashes with Lord Byron but they become Using satire and lampoonery, the ace clown takes pantomime into new areas, becoming known as the Hogarth of the Georgian But the years of physical comedy are taking their toll on his Andrew McConnell Stott's story of the life of one of Britain's greatest comedians Abridged by Viv Beeby Read by Kenneth Cranham. Producer: Justine Willett First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009. THU 08:45 Paddington Bear by Michael Bond (m00268b4) 4. Paddington's Christmas Paddington finds that Christmas is a long time coming. Another adventure featuring Paddington bear written by Michael Bond Dramatised by Colin Smith. The Narrator ... Michael Hordern Paddington Andrew Branch Mr Brown Edward Kelsev Mrs Brown Jill Shilling Judy Jane Knowles Jonathan Elizabeth Lindsay Mrs Bird Jo Manning Wilson Producer: Colin Smith First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982. THU 09:00 Michael Spicer: No Room (Omnibus) (m00260t9) 2. Soft Play Terror. Famous white man in dream travel show shock. Comedian Michael Spicer shines a light on a government team-building away day. Features an exclusive interview with Tony Blair on his classic TV series. No Room is Spicer's take on current events, alongside characterfilled sketches which brilliantly capture everything that provokes us - culture, politics, work...and other people. Michael is famous for his Room Next Door government advisor character whose withering take downs of politicians have amassed more than 100 million views and helped keep his audience sane in fractured times. An omnibus edition of episodes three and six from series one. Writer, Performer and Co-Editor: Michael Spicer Composer and Sound Designer: Augustin Bousfield Producer: Matt Tiller A Tillervision production for BBC Radio 4 THU 09:30 Socks (m00268b6) The most common and most dreaded vuletide gift, loved by the

Maria Von Stafuer Susan Mossman Caroline Sarll Jeanette Minns Producer: Alison Quinn First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2002. THU 09:45 Daily Service (m00268b8) Candles: The Christ Child - The Shepherds A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music. This week Daily Service was recorded at the 2024 Daily Service Carol Concert with the Daily Service Singers, and the Choirs of Bowdon Parish, Bury Parish and Salford Cathedral. The musicians were the Up North Session String Quintet, flautist Aine Molines, trumpeter Tim Barber, percussionist John Melbourne, and organist/pianist Elin Rees, directed by Andrew Earis Candles: The Christ Child - The Shepherds Presenter: Seth Pinnock Reading: Luke 2 15-20 Music: The First Nowell - Daily Service Carol Concert Silent Night - Rachel John accompanied by Vaughan Lamont Joy to the World - Rachel John accompanied by Vaughan Lamont THU 10:00 Kenny Everett on BBC Radio Bristol (m00268bb) Festive frolics from the home of radio's enfant terrible. Kenny Everett was a radio genius, loved by millions and lauded by his fellow broadcasters. He honed his craft on pirate radio, helped launch Radio 1, and was there at the start of Capital Radio, the UK's most successful commercial station. He described himself, slightly tongue in cheek, as "the wireless wizard". He worked harder than any of his rivals to produce innovative programmes laced with wacky jingles, crazy sound effects and zany comedy moments. But he pushed the barriers, was always getting into trouble with management, and was regularly fired. The crunch came in July 1970 when he was sacked by Radio 1 after insulting the wife of a Government Minister. He was just 25, at the height of his creativity. The BBC had a radio monopoly and there was nowhere else to go. The only other outlet was the corporation's Local Radio stations. But they didn't play many records, had little money, and had few listeners, as they could only be heard on VHF (now FM) when most people had medium wave sets. But a chance phone call from BBC Radio Bristol led to the corporation's "bad boy" returning to the airwaves on June 12, 1971. The station manager David Waine, who was the same age as Kenny, took a gamble against the advice of Broadcasting House bosses, hiring him as a stand-in for an hour-long Saturday morning show. Everett got £50 for a month's work, with the proviso that the programmes were pre-recorded so they could be checked before they went on air just in case the enfant terrible said something naughty. The appointment was deemed such a success that by the end of the year Kenny was doing similar shows for five other BBC Local Radio stations. He also did a Christmas special for Radio Bristol on Boxing Day 1971, the day after his 27th birthday. You can now hear it for the first time since it was originally broadcast 53 years ago. The programme closes with Kenny making a whimsical appeal to BBC management to put him back on national radio, describing himself as a "poor soul on the dole" living in a "ratinfested mansion" with "no food in the fridge and no dough in the bank". It includes music by the Beach Boys, Mama Cass, Peter Noone, Colin Blunstone, John Barry, Martha Reeves and The Vandellas, The Jimmie Haskell Orchestra, Gilbert O'Sullivan, The Faces, Cat Stevens, Tony Christie, Mike Vickers, Matt Munro, Rich Fever and Rossini, Kenny returned for another Radio Bristol series in 1972 before eventually being let back on air by Radio 1 the following year. Shortly afterwards he joined Capital Radio at the launch of Independent Local Radio before beginning a successful television career in 1978. But Kenny remained true to his radio roots and was still broadcasting on Capital Gold shortly before his death from AIDS in 1995. He was just 50. So did these BBC Local Radio programmes help rehabilitate Kenny Everett's career? Judge for yourself. The second of three shows Kenny made for BBC Radio Bristol first broadcast on 26th December 1971. *** Part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's celebration of Kenny Everett who was born 80 years ago on Christmas Day, 1944. THU 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jm42) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] THU 11:30 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1yk) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] THU 12:00 After Henry (b007k01g) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] THU 12:30 Parsley Sidings (b01nw83v)

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THU 21:00 Major Barbara by George Bernard Shaw (b07dk01s) [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today] THU 22:00 Michael Spicer: No Room (Omnibus) (m00260t9) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today] THU 22:30 Vent (b00t6v4j) Series 1 Switching Off As he lies unconscious in intensive care, Ben's mind takes him on the most difficult journey yet. Travelling through the landscape of his own chaotic brain, it looks surprisingly like Mordor. In the real world, it's time to see if Ben can breathe on his own. 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 Jean Josie Lawrence Mary Fiona Allen Blitzkrieg Leslie Ash With: Dave Lamb Mark Perry Jo Martin Tim Whitnall Scarlett Milburn-Smith Producer: Gareth Edwards First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2006. THU 23:00 The Cheese Shop Presents ... The Butter Factor (b00fffxv) The Brandy Butter Factor - Christmas Special A festive hamper of Saturnalia and scurrilous sketches. A seasonal outing for the six young writer-performers' in their revue-based comedy, Starring: Gerard Foster Dave Lamb Gordon Southern Tim Verrinder Ben Ward Richard Webb Producers Phil Clarke and Adam Tandy First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1997. THU 23:30 Party (b01n1qyg) Series 3 The Splits The budding politicians are on their way to research for the byelection Tom Basden's satirical comedy about a group of young idealists trying to make waves with their new political party. Simon Tom Basden Duncan Tim Key Jared Jonny Sweet Mel Anna Crilly Phoebe Katy Wix European Man .. Jot Davies Producer: Julia McKenzie First broadcast on Radio 4 in October 2012. FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER 2024 FRI 00:00 Kenny Everett on BBC Radio Bristol (m00268bb) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday] FRI 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jm42) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday] FRI 01:30 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1yk) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday] FRI 02:00 After Henry (b007k01q) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday] FRI 02:30 Parsley Sidings (b01nw83v) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday] FRI 03:00 The Tim Vine Chat Show (m000cms9) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday] FRI 03:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi (b00xnd57) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday] FRI 03:45 Paddington Bear by Michael Bond (m00268b4) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday] FRI 04:00 Who Goes There? (b007w4f8) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday] FRI 04:30 No Commitments (b007k3ak) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday] FRI 05:00 Major Barbara by George Bernard Shaw (b07dk01s) [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday] FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b007jm4n) Hercule Poirot - Evil Under the Sun 5. The Picnic Determined to pinpoint the killer of the American starlet, the Belgian sleuth invites everyone on his list of suspects to a picnic. Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunnit starring John Moffatt as Hercule Poirot. Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Hercule Poirot John Moffatt Colonel Weston George Baker

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Carrie Gardener Wendy Craig Christin Redfern Susannah Corbett Patrick Redfern Iain Glen Rosamund Darnley Sabina Franklyn Linda Marshall Lindsey Fawcett Captain Kenneth Marshall Robin Ellis Inspector Colgate Gerrard McDermott Horace Blatt John Hartley Gladys Nicol Forbes Producer: Enyd Williams First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998. FRI 06:30 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1zv) 4. The Murky Mystery of Murder at St Mark's Can a college murderer at large be outwitted? The eloquent Elizabethan spy heads to Cambridge, where college professors are dropping like flies. Amid the splendour and squalor of Elizabethan London scholar, playwright and government spy, Christopher Marlowe is assigned to investigate a number of baffling mysteries and perplexing intrigues .. Starring Dominic Jephcott and Bill Wallis. Last of a series of historical comedy mysteries by Ged Parsons. Christopher Marlowe Dominic Jephcott Bartholomew Ratsbane Bill Wallis Sir Francis Walsingham Paul Brooke Darus Peter Serafinowicz Sir Hubert Gordon Reid Mistress Parker Sarah Thomas Producer: Richard Wilson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1993. FRI 07:00 Up the Garden Path (b0082g3d) Series 2 On the Side of the Angels Izzy faces confusion when fiancé Charles takes her home to the family mansion. Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy A radio sequel adapted in eight parts 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 Charles David Robb Bill Neil McCaul Maria Marty Cruickshank Gwvn Dafydd Hywel Sharon Melissa Wilson Lorraine Catherine Clarke Producer: Ionathan James-Moore First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988. FRI 07:30 Doctor in the House (b007k4s5) Out-Patients Medic Simon Sparrow misdiagnoses a boil, whilst Taffy keeps volunteering for night-shifts. 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 Nurse Carol Mason Mrs Clark Irene Handl Producer: David Hatch First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1968. FRI 08:00 The Train at Platform 4 (m0013swn) Series 1 Gilbert When First Class Steward Gilbert discovers his step-sister is a passenger on the train, he's forced to spend the journey hiding from her. It seems that his whole life Gilbert has been living a lie Meanwhile, Sam must contend with a carriage full of Roundheads on their way to a re-enactment of the Battle of Naseby, armed with a collection of very realistic pikes. Our heroes are the long-suffering train crew who manage to scrape through every shift like a dysfunctional family. Comedy legends Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis's sitcom, set in the claustrophobic carriages of a cross-country rail service. Sam.... Rosie Cavaliero Gilbert.... Kenneth Collard Dev..... Ali Shahalom Tasha..... Amy Gledhill Jocasta Anna Crilly Colleague Justice Ritchie Roundhead 1.... Hugh Dennis Roundhead 2 Steve Punt Producer: James Robinson A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2022. FRI 08:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi (b00xnddx) 5. Farewell to Motley His body crippled by the years of on-stage clowning, Joseph Grimaldi is forced finally to pass the baton to his son. Determined to fill the family's pockets, he stages a last farewell on 28 June 1828.

Barely able to stand, he staggers on the stage of a packed Drury Lane Theatre in London Andrew McConnell Stott's story of the life of one of Britain's greatest comedians Abridged by Viv Beeby Concluded by Kenneth Cranham Producer: Justine Willett First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009. FRI 08:45 Paddington Bear by Michael Bond (m0026890) 5. A Disappearing Trick The Brown family hold a birthday party for Paddington and he prepares to do some magic tricks Another adventure featuring Paddington Bear written by Michael Bond. Dramatised by Colin Smith. The Narrator ... Michael Hordern Paddington Andrew Branch Mr Brown Edward Kelsey Mrs Brown Jill Shilling Mrs Bird Jo Manning Wilson With Peter McGowan Producer: Colin Smith First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1982. FRI 09:00 Wing It (m0026892) Series 1 3. I Wasn't Supposed to Do That Alasdair Beckett-King puts the panel through their paces, with insane new characters like Teen Pope and the robbers of The Bat Cave. The improv all stars also set themselves their own challenge of how many times can they get 'fish and fishmongers' into the show. "No Script, No Prep, No Clue, Presented by Alasdair Beckett-King. Starring Monica Gaga, Steen Raskopoulos, Amy Cooke-Hodgson, and Luke Manning Devised by Shoot From The Hip Producer: Sam Holmes Executive Producer: James Robinson Production Co-ordinator: Becky Carewe-Jeffries Sound Editor: Joe Bayley A BBC Studios Audio Production for Radio 4 FRI 09:30 The Snowman (b0075zpl) The Snowman is the sand castle of an inclement season, the winter equivalent of the scarecrow, and the jolliest of the folkfigure creations. From pagan times to contemporary snowmen, there are factual and mythical accounts of this cheery winter character ... as well as evidence of the existence of snowwomen ... Producer: Alison Quinn First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2000 FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m0026894) Candles: The Christ Child - The Magi A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music. This week Daily Service was recorded at the 2024 Daily Service Carol Concert with the Daily Service Singers, and the Choirs of Bowdon Parish, Bury Parish and Salford Cathedral. The musicians are the Up North Session String Quintet, flautist Aine Molines, trumpeter Tim Barber, percussionist John Melbourne, and organist/pianist Elin Rees, directed by Andrew Earis. Theme: Candles: The Christ Child - The Magi Presenter: Swarzy Reading: Matthew 2.1–12 Music: O come all ye faithful - Daily Service Carol Concert To thee my heart I offer (Elaine Hagenberg) - BBC Young Choristers 2024 Anna and Sharon We three Kings - Daily Service Carol Concert FRI 10:00 Kenny Everett on BBC Radio Bristol (m0026896) On March 27th, 1971, Britain's most controversial DJ interviewed the leader of the biggest pop group in the world. Both were at a crossroads in their lives Kenny Everett had been fired by Radio 1 the previous summer after insulting the wife of a Government Minister. John Lennon had just produced his first solo album after the break-up of the Beatles and was immersed in a damaging legal dispute with Paul McCartney. The pair came together for what turned out to be a revealing conversation at John's mansion at Sunningdale in Berkshire Lennon played the piano in his home studio. Kenny asked a few naïve questions about his relationship with Paul. John gave some blunt but amusing answers. Sadly, few people heard it. The "wireless wizard" had been close friends with the Fab Four since his days on the pirate ship Radio London. Coming from Merseyside helped Kenny get several exclusives, being the first person in the world to play "Strawberry Fields Forever" on the radio. When the offshore stations were outlawed in 1967 he would interview the lads for the BBC on both the Light Programme and Radio 1. John could be quite cutting with his Liverpool pal, telling him that he wasn't very good at asking questions. Kenny admitted he was "naff" at it. But the Beatles loved his shows, and admired his technical brilliance in the studio, asking him to produce their annual Christmas record for the group's fan club in 1968 and 1969. But by 1971 there were few takers for his scoop. The interview was featured on Radio Monte Carlo International, a short-lived English language service in France. But it only went out in the early hours of the morning on the station's final broadcast. The

only UK outlet to use it was Radio Bristol, one of the BBC's

newest Local Radio stations. Kenny had been offered a monthlong stint that summer as weekend holiday relief. The Lennon interview seemed a good way for the "bad boy" of the corporation to re-establish his credentials. A remixed version went out on July 3, 1971 in his final show in a four-part series. It hasn't been heard since ... until now The programme also includes the final episode of his comedy series "Dick Dale – Special Doctor", first broadcast on Radio 1, along with music by Paul McCartney, Hurricane Smith, Smokey Robinson, The Idle Race, Fifth Dimension, Dawn, Cat Stevens, Simon and Garfunkel, Butterscotch, The Yamasukis, Freda Payne and Bread. The show closes with Kenny making an appeal to BBC bosses to restore him to the national airwaves. It was almost two years before he returned to Radio 1, but his spell on Radio Bristol led to more BBC Locals taking him on, and getting a regular spot on Radio 4's "Start The Week" and the spin-off series "If It's Wednesday ... It Must Be" He joined London's Capital Radio at its launch in 1973 before becoming a highly successful TV performer both on ITV and BBC1. But radio was his true love, and he was still broadcasting on Capital Gold shortly before his death from AIDS on April 4, 1995. He was just 50. The last of three shows Kenny made for BBC Radio Bristol first broadcast in July 1971. *** Part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's celebration of Kenny Everett who was born 80 years ago on Christmas Day, 1944. FRI 11:00 Whodunnits (b007jm4n) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] FRI 11:30 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1zv) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] FRI 12:00 Up the Garden Path (b0082g3d) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] FRI 12:30 Doctor in the House (b007k4s5) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] FRI 13:00 The Train at Platform 4 (m0013swn) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] FRI 13:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi (b00xnddx) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] FRI 13:45 Paddington Bear by Michael Bond (m0026890) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] FRI 14:00 Nature Table (m000qjff) The Nature Table Christmas Special In keeping with the show's 'show and tell' format, Sue will be joined by celebrity guests from the worlds of comedy and natural history Expert guests for this festive special include: * Naturalist, presenter and writer Chris Packham * Botanist, presenter and writer James Wong Wildlife presenter Michaela Strachan. And helping Sue to make sense of the amazing funny facts that the experts present is Tony-nominated comedy actor Stephen Mangan. Our experts will be presenting flora and fauna that all have a festive connection including reindeers, robins, fly agaric mushrooms (that hold the key to why reindeers can fly and Father Christmas wears red and white), turtle doves, Christmas spiders (and their link to the history of Christmas tinsel), holly and partridges. Written by: Catherine Brinkworth, Kat Sadler & Jon Hunter Produced by: Simon Nicholls Music by Ben Mirin. Additional sounds were provided by The Macaulay Library at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020 FRI 14:45 Pam Avres at Christmas (b06scz8z) This Christmas for the first time ever, long-married Pam and Gordon are on their own But how to spend the festive season? A posh hotel? A cruise? Extreme sports? Fortunately the crisis is resolved by a letter from the NHS... Much-loved poet, comedienne and broadcaster Pam Avres presents 'Operation Christmas'. Written by and starring Pam Ayres. Pam Pam Avres Gordon Geoffrey Whitehead Producer: Claire Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2015. FRI 15:00 Major Barbara by George Bernard Shaw (b07ff197) 2. A Battle of Wills Barbara is out in the East End trying to save souls and raise money for the Salvation Army Meanwhile, Undershaft tells Dolly the two things necessary for Salvation are money and gunpowder - and once he's got the Army he'll have Barbara too. Is he, as Dolly suspects, an infernal old rascal? Starring Matthew Marsh and Eleanor Tomlinson Conclusion of George Bernard Shaw's 1905 classic. Barbara Eleanor Tomlinson Adolphus (Dolly) Jack Farthing Andrew Undershaft Matthew Marsh Lady Britomart Rebecca Front Stephen Joel MacCormack Sarah Scarlett Brookes Charles (Cholly) Kieran Hodgson

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Man Sean Baker

Ringrose.

Woman Adie Allen

Director: Tracey Neale

FRI 17:00 Whodunnits (b007jm4n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 17:30 The Christopher Marlowe Mysteries (b007k1zv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] FRI 18:00 Up the Garden Path (b0082g3d) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] FRI 18:30 Doctor in the House (b007k4s5) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] FRI 19:00 The Train at Platform 4 (m0013swn) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] FRI 19:30 The Pantomime Life of Joseph Grimaldi (b00xnddx) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] FRI 19:45 Paddington Bear by Michael Bond (m0026890) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] FRI 20:00 Nature Table (m000giff) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today] FRI 20:45 Pam Ayres at Christmas (b06scz8z) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:45 today] FRI 21:00 Major Barbara by George Bernard Shaw (b07ff197) [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today] FRI 22:00 Wing It (m0026892) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today] FRI 22:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b00s0g1p) Series 2 Dumfries Comedian Mark Steel returns to visit more UK towns to discover what makes them and their inhabitants distinctive. He creates a bespoke stand-up show for each town and performs the show in front of a local audience. As well as shedding light on the less visited areas of Britain, Mark uncovers stories and experiences that resonate with us all as we recognise the quirkiness of the British way of life and the rich tapestry of remarkable events and people who have shaped where we live. This time Mark travels to the Scottish border town of Dumfrie Here he discovers a bloodthirsty history and seagull-hating inhabitants who are obsessed with the poet Robert Burns. Written by Mark Steel With additional material by Pete Sinclair. Producer: Julia McKenzie. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2010 FRI 23:00 Clayton Grange (b01nb1sm) Series 1 Episode 4 Can the brilliantly stupid scientists make life a bit more neverending? This is Clayton Grange, top secret Scientific Institute with a government brief to solve the global fuel crisis, cheer people up and make war just a bit more gentle. Meet the scientists who are a bit rubbish at life. And not much better at science Comedy by Neil Warhurst with extra material by Paul Barnhill. Saunders Anthony Head Geoff Neil Warhurst Roger Paul Barnhill

Jameson Stephanie Racine

Verenovsky/Quiz master Don Gilet

Alan Dobson Paul Stonehouse Silas Joe Sims

Director: Marion Nancarrow.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

FRI 23:30 Sean Lock - 15 Storeys High (b09k9mvy)

Series 1 The New Sofa

Could the detritus of Sean's domestic life have artistic worth

previously unappreciated? The life of Sean Lock at 76, Elderberry House, Maydew Estate,

where he fails to keep the world at bay.

Starring Sean Lock Written by Sean Lock and Martin Trenaman

With

Tim Mitchell

Tracy-Ann Oberman Peter Serafinowicz

Martin Trenaman

Chris Pavlo Script Editor: Robert Fraser-Steele

Producer: Chris Neill First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1999.