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SATURDAY 04 JANUARY 2025 fairy godmother... SAT 00:00 Soul Music (m001fcf6) Running Up That Hill "And if I only could, I'd make a deal with God, novel. And I'd get him to swap our places..." True stories of what Kate Bush's song Running Up That Hill means to people around the world, from its original release in Izzy Imelda Staunton 1985 to its return to the charts in 2022. Charles David Robb Long distance runner Lee Perry takes himself on a marathon Dick Mike Grady the morning after his mum dies, with Kate Bush in his headphones for all 26 miles of his run. Musician and record producer Georgia Barnes talks through the Gwyn Dafydd Hywel making of her synth-pop cover of the song, from the opening drone to the iconic synth line. Graeme Thomson, author of 'Under the Ivy: The Life and Music of Kate Bush', shares insights into Bush's studio set-up Money Troubles during her making of the Hounds of Love album, and reflects on why Running Up That Hill continues to resonate down the generations. need some cash in a hurry. Songwriter and trans activist Órla Bligh sees the song as an anthem of empathy, and a call-to-action for people to try to Starring Richard Briers. understand the experiences of others. And finally, Astrid Jorgensen, conductor and founder of 'Pub Choir', gets 1600 people under one roof to sing Running Up That Hill together. Producer: Becky Ripley First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2022. SAT 00:30 The Danube Ain't Blue, It's Green (b07ws0dy) Rainer Hersch champions the most popular waltz Johann The Waiter David Jason Strauss ever wrote - the Blue Danube. Producer: David Hatch In Vienna, he hits the tourist trail and finds that everyone knows it, from South Koreans to Californians, while hard-working musicians there can play it over 400 times a year. Series 1 It's always performed as the inevitable encore at the New Bugging Out Day Concert in Vienna, and Franz Bartholomey, former principal cellist with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra thinks fragility are all around. it's "simply the most beautiful waltz in the world". Rainer touches on the finer points with conductor Alfred Eschwé as they sing their way through it, discovering that it's not just "da-da-da-daa, tchk-tchk, tchk-tchk" - but Strauss combined five separate waltz melodies in the piece. He also finds out that, as Spike Jones described it in his musical parody, the waters of the Danube aren't blue, they're green, and a rather murky green at that. Also murky was one period of the waltz's history, when Goebbels decided that the music of Strauss was an ideal palliative for the Nazi war machine, though he had to remove all traces of Strauss's Jewish ancestry in order to make the music acceptable. Musician Ernst Theis and Strauss biographer John Suchet trace the Blue Danube's history, while Piers Lane shows how it has become one of the pianist's favourite encores in its devilish transcription by Schulz-Evler. they are. A Far Shoreline production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2016. SAT 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jvlr) Wimsey - Unnatural Death 5. The Property Act Unravelling property rules throws up some fresh clues for Lord fend off zombies. Peter Wimsey as he continues his murder probe. Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth. Svlvia Sue Johnston Rachel Pearl Mackie Dorothy L Sayers' detective mystery. Dramatised by Chris Miller. Lord Peter Wimsey Ian Carmichael Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf Producer: Steve Doherty January 2019 Mr Murbles Malcolm Hayes Mr Towkington Garard Green Mr Trigg Gordon Clyde Mrs Mead Bridget McConnel Producer: Simon Brett. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975. SAT 01:30 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j1yg) 5. Operation Siegfried The 'Kaiseroda' treasure contains papers that could prove Hitler had a meeting with Churchill in 1940. Charles Stein knows where the papers are. He's being watched by German, Russian and British agents. They all want the papers .. Len Deighton's riveting thriller. Dramatised by Michael Bakewell. Boyd Stuart Trevor Nichols Charles Stein Bruce Boa Reader Colin Starkey Kitty Melinda Walker 5. Disappearance Billy Stein Ian Tyler Mary Breslow Helena Breck Deputy Secretary Garard Green Cloisterham. Case Officer Alan Thompson Section Head Bernard Brown Max Breslow Bernard Hepton MI5 Man David Sinclair Producer: Peter King First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1985. have resolved their differences with John Jasper. SAT 02:00 Up the Garden Path (b0084qnz) But on Christmas morning the whole town learns that Edwin has Series 2 You Shall Go to the Ball disappeared. If a violent crime has been committed they think Izzy gets invited to a ball in Cambridge, but she could do with a they know who is to blame.

Dickens' last, unfinished, novel is set in a phantasmagorical Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something drug-fuelled landscape where nobody is who or what they say teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men. they are. Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy. Whilst writing it, Dickens was driving himself towards exhaustion and death through obsessive public performances of A radio sequel adapted in eight parts from Sue Limb's 1984 the most lurid parts of Oliver Twist - revisiting his first The second of 3 series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada successful novel whilst struggling with his last, fearful that his also adapted the series for ITV creative well is drying up and that this story would never b brought to a close. Written by Charles Dickens and dramatised by Mike Walker. Narrated by Dickens' daughter Kate, witness to her father's Michael Nicholas Le Prevost final weeks, and whose fascination with this story leads her to Maria Marty Cruickshank Louise Phyllida Nash look into its unsolved conclusion to find clues about her father's character. Kate Dickens Pippa Nixon Producer: Jonathan James-Moore John Jasper Joel McCormack First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988. Edwin Drood Iwan Davies Reverend Crisparkle Damian Lynch Neville Landless Maanuv Thiara Geoff/JP Ian Conningham SAT 02:30 Doctor in the House (b007lmys) With their microscopes in at the pawn broker, the young medics Joe Wilf Scolding Director: Jeremy Mortimer A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first The misadventures of student doctor, Simon Sparrow Adapted for radio by Ray Cooney from Richard Gordon's broadcast in December 2020. 'Doctor in the House' published in 1952. SAT 04:00 The Motion Show (b0075rbl) Simon Sparrow Richard Briers Series 1 Sir Lancelot Spratt Geoffrey Sumner Episode 1 Tony Benskin Ray Cooney City or countryside? - and does the World need more cookery Taffy Evans Edward Cast shows? Lady Spratt Joan Young Dr Phil Hammond watches over proceedings in the quirky First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1968. SAT 03:00 Prepper (m00026x2) Trump. ISIS. The Courgette Crisis. Signs of civilisation's No wonder the Doomsday Clock just nudged closer to midnight. In this fearscape, more and more ordinary people are wondering how they'd cope if everything we take for granted (law and order, access to healthcare, iceberg lettuces in Sainsburys) was taken away. Preppers - a large and rapidly growing global community - have taken this thought one step further. They're actively skilling-up, laying down supplies and readying themselves for the end of the world in whatever form it comes Indeed, a prepping shop just opened in Newquay. And if people in Cornwall are prepping, it's time to worry. Imagine if Woman's Hour made a podcast about preparing for the end times. Prepper follows neurotic, debt-ridden Rachel and hard-as-nails 'Churchill in Spanx' Sylvia, working class Mancunians who prep and podcast, sharing knowledge with their community, and showing off just how Armageddon-ready Told through their podcasts from Sylvia's garage and featuring 'apoco-tips', 'end of days drills' and interviews with preppers from around the world, Prepper comically explores how two mismatched women live with the possibility of the end of days, and how they bond over their determination to survive. And Comedy written by Caroline Moran and James J Moran. Calhoun Simon Holland Roberts A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in SAT 03:30 Attention All Shipping: A Journey Around the Shipping Forecast (b0176pbp) 5. Hebrides, Faeroes, South East Iceland The shipping forecast on BBC Radio 4 is as familiar as the sound of Big Ben chiming the hour. Yet recognisable though the sea areas are by name, few people give much thought to where they are or what they contain. Charlie Connelly is on a journey into the forecast to find out. Charlie ends his voyage by discovering some legendary whiskey and land younger than himself. "Believe me, you truly know you're getting on a bit when you're older than a flipping volcano." Written by Charlie Connelly and abridged by Beatrice Colin Concluded by Tom Goodman-Hill. Producer: Gaynor MacFarlane First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004. SAT 03:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qjd3) Kate Dickens tells the story of her father's final and unfinished novel, a fast-moving thriller set in the cathedral town of It is Christmas and all is fine until Edwin - the young man who appears to have it all, a beautiful and charming prospective bride, the promise of an engineering job in Egypt - disappears Presumed murdered. Could it have been impetuous Neville Landless? Or Edwin's uncle Jasper? On Christmas Eve in Cloisterham. Edwin and Neville appear to

debating game. With: Clive Coleman Richard Morton Pete Sinclair Mark Steel Producer: Helen Williams First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998. SAT 04:30 1834 (b01137b8) What Century Are You Living In? Jason Slater is a 21st-century English teacher from Cheadle Hulme who wakes in 19th-century Macclesfield. He discovers he's now Tarquin, third son of Lord Belport with a faithful valet, Ned who can't explain what's happened He's also acquired a suspicious brother, Henry; a spurned exgirlfriend, Millicent, now going out with Henry; and an over excited Luddite-cum-cauliflower farmer Jim Poyser's riotous six-part comedy of transportation and delight. Jason Slater . Michael Begley Ned Joe Caffrey Hoskins Kenneth Alan Taylor Lord Belport Mark Chatterton Henry James Nickerson Luddite Toby Hadoke Millicent Julia Rounthwaite Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003. SAT 05:00 Wives and Daughters by Elizabeth Gaskell (b007 isx2) 5. The Charity Ball "What In the world can I do to secure an income?" thought Osborne, "Poor Almée must have money. Yet what would my father say if he knew I'd married a Frenchwoman? In his present mood he'd disinherit me; and he'd speak about her in a way I couldn't stand. A Roman Catholic too! Well, I don't repent it. I'd do it again." Molly is concerned when Cynthia is pursued by Mr Preston Final novel written by 'Cranford' author, Elizabeth Gaskell, first published in 1866. Starring Tom Wilkinson, Kathryn Hurlbutt and Angela Pleasence. Dramatised by Barry Campbell. Molly Kathryn Hurlbutt Clare Angela Pleasence Mr Gibson Tom Wilkinsor Cynthia Anne Louise Lambert Squire Hamley Robert Lang Osborne Hamley Adam Bareham Roger Hamley Michael Troughton Mr Preston Brett Usher Lady Harriet Marian Diamond Lord Hollingfold Geoffrey Collins Miss Browning Diana Bishop Miss Phoebe Hilda Schroder Mrs Goodenough Margot Boyd Miss Hornblower Monica Grev Miss Piper Carole Boyd Mr Roscoe James Kerry Old Silas Michael Bilton Robinson Nigel Graham Maria Eileen Tully Mrs Gaskell Thelma Whiteley Music composed by Rachel Portman Director: Jane Morgan First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1983 SAT 06:00 Young Coleridge (b00828lq) The events of one day in the life of poet and philosopher Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

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The date: 16th September 1803. The place: Greta Hall in Keswick He finds himself reflecting on both professional and personal disappointments of recent years. He tries to make sense of his world: his opiate addiction, failure in love, his poetry and dreams of a utopian community. Starring Tom Wilkinson. Historical drama written by Martyn Wade. Coleridge Tom Wilkinson Sara Jennie Stoller Southey Gary Bond Hazlitt Christopher Good Edith Southey Narissa Knights Mary Lovell Moir Leslie Asra Amanda Murray Hartley Elizabeth Lindsay Mrs Fricker Ellen McIntosh Prostitute Elizabeth Rider Schoolmaster Brian Smith Young Man Christopher Douglas Director: Cherry Cookson First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984. SAT 07:30 Fresh Air Fiend by Paul Theroux (Omnibus) (m000v6zk) "Travel is only glamorous in retrospect." So said Paul Theroux. writing once in The Washington Post, Paul's best-selling collection of travel essays covers 15 years of the 40 or so years he's spent travelling. Omnibus of five episodes. 1. Trespassing in Florida 2. Fever Chart 3. Tasting the Pacific 4. Gravy Train 5. Unspeakable Rituals and Outlandish Beliefs Read by Stuart Milligan. Producer: Duncan Minshull First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000. SAT 08:45 Inner Voices (m0026mcn) Tonight in the Twilight Lounge by Mark Maier Assistant cruise director, Hans Gruber, is close to breaking point and doesn't know if he can face being the caller at the bingo session. He's being side-lined in a head office 'rejuvenation programme' and has acquired a nemesis. Written and performed by Mark Maier. Series of character monologues by top UK comics. Director: Liz Webb First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2004. SAT 09:00 Mr Willow's Wife (m000pmdt) 4 The Lost Weekend Ahead of a trip to Brighton, Felicity gets an unexpected cash windfall Starring Moira Lister and Terence Alexander. With the twins away at school, Felicity has time to start meddling ... Written by Ray Cooney and John Chapman. Felicity Willow ... Moira Lister Paul Willow Terence Alexander Nanny Doris Hare Caravan Camper Ray Cooney Garage Man John Chapman Producer: David Hatch First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1971. SAT 09:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0kz) The Rich Brothers The veteran of many parts recalls a slapstick act, and reveals all on showhiz clichés J Kingston Platt is the doven of British showbusiness. He's ready to share reminiscences drawn from the wealth and the poverty of his experience from the past 40 years. Performed and written by Peter Jones. Producer: Pete Atkin First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1986. SAT 10:00 Growing Pains (m0008y79) 1. From Cumbria to Ambridge Author and journalist Grace Dent locks herself in her teenage bedroom and rifles through the BBC Radio archives to celebrate the awkward, emotional, and unfortunately inevitable adolescent experience. She reminisces about the heartbreak and arguments that were an everyday part of her own teenage years growing up in Carlisle in the 1970s Then Grace discovers what it was really like for the teenage boys she thought had it so easy, asking BBC Radio 5 Live presenter Nihal Arthanayake to paint a portrait of his own formative years. In the first of three episodes, Grace also features programmes

from the BBC archives. * TOO OLD TO ROCK AND ROLL, TOO YOUNG TO DIE' * A documentary made by Sara Conkey in 1995, featuring the

reminiscences of people who were teenagers during the Blitz. * Teenage traumas and tantrums from 'THE ARCHERS'. Producer: Jessica Treen

Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in October 2017.

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Mark Stevens

Count Arthur Strong

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out, from North Utsire to South East Iceland and every port of call between. From the book written by Charlie Connelly Omnibus of five episodes abridged by Beatrice Colin. Read by Tom Goodman-Hill. Producer: Gaynor MacFarlane First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2004. SUN 08:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0026mby) Adrian Chiles Broadcaster, writer and proud Brummie Adrian Chiles chooses Reuben's Blues by Stan Kenton, and Stop This World by Mose SUN 08:50 Charles Dickens - The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Omnibus) (m0026mc0) Episode 1 Kate Dickens tells the story of her father's final and unfinished novel. It's Christmas and all is fine until Edwin - the young man who appears to have it all, a beautiful and charming prospective Series 1 bride, the promise of an engineering job in Egypt - disappears. Presumed murdered. Could it have been impetuous Neville Landless? Or Edwin's Uncle Jasper? Dickens' last, unfinished, novel is set in a phantasmagorical drug-fuelled landscape where nobody is who or what they say they are. A fast-moving thriller set in the cathedral town of Cloisterham. Whilst writing it, Dickens was driving himself towards exhaustion and death through obsessive public performances of the most lurid parts of Oliver Twist - revisiting his first successful novel whilst struggling with his last, fearful that his creative well is drying up and that this story would never be brought to a close. Dickens's daughter Kate was witness to her father's final weeks. Her fascination with this story leads her to look into its unsolved conclusion to find clues about her father's character. Written by Charles Dickens and first published in 1870. Omnibus of the first five of ten parts dramatised by Mike Walker. Kate Dickens Pippa Nixon John Jasper Joel McCormack Edwin Drood Iwan Davies Rosa Bud Isabella Inchbald Princess Puffer Rachel Atkins in 2015. Reverend Crisparkle Damian Lynch Neville Landless Maanuv Thiara Helena Landless Halema Hussain Hiram Grewgious Peter Davison Stony Durdles/Geoff/JP Ian Conningham Deputy Aaron Gelkoff Joe Wilf Scolding Director: Jeremy Mortimer A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020 SUN 10:00 Beyond Our Ken (b0blvt1m) From 15/10/1958 Kenneth Horne reveals Field Marshall Viscount Frogmore's exploits and 'Hornerama' on smoking. A madcap mix of sketches and songs written by Eric Merriman and Barry Took Starring: Kenneth Horne Kenneth Williams Hugh Paddick Betty Marsden Ron Moody Music from Pat Lancaster, the Malcolm Mitchell Trio and the BBC Review Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet. Announcer: Douglas Smith Beyond Our Ken hit the airwayes in 1958 and ran to 1964 featuring regulars like Arthur Fallowfield, Cecil Snaith and Series 4 Rodney and Charles. The precursor to 'Round The Horne' - sadly only 13 shows Episode 1 survive from the original run of 21 episodes in Series 1. Audio restored using both home and overseas (BBC Transcription Service) recordings. Producer: Jacques Brown First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in October 1958. SUN 10:30 Take It From Here (b01nrmxs) Starring: From 15/06/1953 Jon Holmes Fun afloat! - aboard a British aircraft carrier HMS Indefatigable was launched in December 1942 and joined With: the British Pacific Fleet in 1945, where she received superficial damage from a kamikaze hit. The vessel became a training carrier from 1950 and was broken Kim Wall up in 1956. Writers Frank Muir and Dennis Norden both served in the RAF during the Second World War, so their understanding of military humour stood them in good stead to write the script for this outing. Starring: Professor Jimmy Edwards (Guardian). Dick Bentley Joy Nichols Wallas Eaton Music from Herbert Mostyn & The Keynotes, and Paul Fenhoulet & The Augmented BBC Variety Orchestra Producer: Charles Maxwell First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1953. Series 2 SUN 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0026mbr) Episode 2

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Maddox refuses to give up a source. Could he really be facing prison? Starring John Sessions and Alex Jennings. Old hacks meet new media in this satire set in the changing world of the struggling newspaper industry. Written by Alistair Beaton and Tom Mitchelson. Maddox John Sessions Oliver Alex Jennings Freddy Stephen Wight Carol Polly Frame Masha Debbie Chazen Policeman Henry Devas Warder Adeel Akhtar Producer: Sally Avens First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2010. SUN 23:00 Lewis Macleod Is Not Himself (b04hvy0g) Episode 2 The impression and sketch show that looks behind the scenes at the life and work of star impressionist Lewis Macleod Lewis has performed on 4 Extra's Newsjack, plus Postman Pat, The Phantom Menace and Dead Ringers. With: Kate O'Sullivan Duncan Wisbey Julian Dutton Producer: Lyndsay Fenner First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2014. SUN 23:30 Safety Catch (b00fgq18) Series 1 A Wanting Man Simon wonders whether to stay faithful to his girlfriend, when he suspects a friend of his sister may be attracted to him. Starring Darren Boyd as Simon McGrath. Laurence Howarth's black comedy of modern morality. Simon is essentially a nice man who also happens to be an arms dealer. With Joanna Page Lewis MacLeod Sarah Smart Brigit Forsyth Catherine Shepherd Producer: Dawn Ellis First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007. MONDAY 06 JANUARY 2025 MON 00:00 Fear on 4 (m0026mc4) [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday] MON 00:30 Simon Bovey - Cold Blood (b007jv38) [Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Sunday] MON 01:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0026mbr) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday] MON 01:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0106x58) [Reneat of broadcast at 06:45 on Sunday] MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m0026mbt) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday] MON 02:30 Attention All Shipping: A Journey Around The Shipping Forecast (Omnibus) (m0026mbw) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday] MON 03:40 Inheritance Tracks (m0026mbv) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:40 on Sunday] MON 03:50 Charles Dickens - The Mystery of Edwin Drood (Omnibus) (m0026mc0) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:50 on Sunday] MON 05:00 Beyond Our Ken (b0blvt1m) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday] MON 05:30 Take It From Here (b01nrmxs) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Sunday] MON 06:00 Whodunnits (b007 ivm7) Wimsey - Unnatural Death 6. Vera Findlater The murder trail leads Lord Peter Wimsey to make a shocking discovery at the seaside ... Ian Carmichael stars as the aristocratic sleuth. Dorothy L Sayers' detective mystery 'Unnatural Death' was first published in 1927. Dramatised in seven parts by Chris Miller. Lord Peter Winsey Ian Carmichael Inspector Parker Gabriel Woolf Miss Climpson Ambrosine Phillpotts Miss Findlater Gretta Gouriet Sir Charles Pillington ... James Thomason Alf the Boy Scout/Maid Denise Bryer Producer: Simon Brett. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1975. MON 06:30 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j35p) 6. A Safe House for Moscow Two men have broken into a German computer and discovered something called 'Operation Siegfried'. Then they are murdered. Boyd Stuart suspects his own people and tries to resign. But you don't resign from the Secret Service. The title of Len Deighton's riveting thriller XPD stands for Expedient Demise Dramatised by Michael Bakewell ... Trevor Nichols Boyd Stuart .

Sydney Ryden David Garth

Max Breslow Bernard Hepton Willi Kleiber Clifford Rose Prime Minister Bernard Brown Project chairman Bruce Boa Sevmour William Roberts Kalkhoven Stuart Milligan Wyn Louh Hirsch Parker Colin Starkey Kitty Melinda Walker Secretary Garard Green Producer: Peter King First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1985. MON 07:00 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007n1wk) Prodigal Son Returns - Veal Off Having escaped the clutches of the B-movie Russian gangsters, Tony Hardstaff returns to West Yorkshire and the bosom of the family he left a decade earlier. But things in the town of Grimedale have changed, and his 183-year-old father Obadiah and mother Alice are less than pleased to meet him. Nick Revell 's epic comedy saga continues. Tony Nick Revell Obadiah David Swift Alice Maggie Steed Jane Alison Steadman Dave/Carl Peter Serafinowcz Joanna Natalie Walter Jeff Peter Gunn The Narrator Alistair McGowan Music composed by Paul Mottram. Producer: Paul Schlesinger First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1997. MON 07:30 Variety Bandbox (m0026mbl) Offering laughs and musical merriment, Variety Bandbox started life at the end of the Second World War. It was broadcast on BBC General Forces and later transferred to the BBC Light Programme running until 1952. The series helped to launch a number of stars. In this episode, there's ragtime with Jerry Allen on the organ and Barbara Leigh sings Some Day My Heart will Awak Peter Sellers does Max Miller singing I've Got a Lovely Bunch of Coconuts .. Presented by Philip Slessor With Frankie Howerd William Ternent Jerry Allen Barbara Leigh Peter Sellers Bill Kerr Producer: Bryan Sears First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme on 22nd January 1950 MON 08:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b068vymj) Series 4 The Wedding Damien recounts the events leading up to his marriage to long term partner Anthony, when not everything went exactly according to plan .. Sitcom charting the life of cookery writer Damien Trench, who lives in London's Queen's Park with his partner Anthony. Created by and starring Miles Jupp. Written by Justin Edwards. Damien Trench Miles Jupp Anthony Justin Edwards Ian Frobisher Philip Fox Mr Mullaney Brendan Dempsey Damien's mother Selina Cadell The Celebrant Jessica Turner Gavin Fox David Acton Producer: Sam Michell First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2015. MON 08:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j78k) 1. Return Home Michael Moran's life was forever transformed by his days of glory in the War of Independence. Now, a farmer in the Irish countryside, Moran is still fighting with his family, his friends, even himself - in a poignant struggle to come to terms with the past. However, as he grows older, his wife and daughters must confront how their own lives have been irrevocably shaped by this complicated and contradictory man. An intimate story of a family living on the Irish border, under the thumb of a former soldier turned tyrant in his own home. Written and abridged in ten parts by John McGahern. Read by Lloyd Hutchinson. John McGahern was born in Dublin in 1934 and brought up in the West of Ireland. He was a graduate of University College, Dublin. He worked as a primary school teacher and held various academic posts at universities in Britain, Ireland and America. In the opinion of The Observer, John was 'Ireland's greatest living novelist'. He was the author of six highly acclaimed

novels and four collections of short stories, and was the recipient of numerous awards and honours, including a Society of Authors Travelling Scholarship, the American-Irish Award, the Prix Etrangère Ecureuil and the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. Producer: Celia de Wolff

A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020. MON 08:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qls1) 6. Mysterious Gentleman Kate Dickens tells the story of her father's final and unfinished novel, a fast-moving thriller set in the cathedral town of Cloisterham. It is Christmas and all is fine until Edwin - the young man who appears to have it all, a beautiful and charming prospective bride, the promise of an engineering job in Egypt - disappears. Presumed murdered. Could it have been impetuous Neville Landless? Or Edwin's uncle Jasper? Rosa has an upsetting meeting with John Jasper, while a mysterious white-haired gentleman appears in Cloisterham and forms an alliance with young Deputy Winks. Dickens' last, unfinished, novel is set in a phantasmagorical drug-fuelled landscape where nobody is who or what they say they are. Whilst writing it, Dickens was driving himself towards exhaustion and death through obsessive public performances of the most lurid parts of Oliver Twist - revisiting his first successful novel whilst struggling with his last, fearful that his creative well is drying up and that this story would never b brought to a close. Written by Charles Dickens and dramatised by Mike Walker. Narrated by Dickens' daughter Kate, witness to her father's final weeks, and whose fascination with this story leads her to look into its unsolved conclusion to find clues about her father's character. Kate Dickens Pippa Nixon John Jasper Joel McCormack Rosa Bud Isabella Inchbald Reverend Crisparkle Damian Lynch Neville Landless Maanuv Thiara Helena Landless Halema Hussain Deputy Winks Aaron Gelkoff Director: Jeremy Mortimer A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020. o 4, first broadcast in December 2020. MON 09:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (m00269cl) Series 82 Episode 4 The antidote to panel games pays a return visit to the Anvil Theatre in Basingstoke. Marcus Brigstocke and Henning Wehn take on Miles Jupp and Rachel Parris with Jack Dee in the chair. Colin Sell attempts piano accompaniment Producer: Jon Naismith A Random production for BBC Radio 4 MON 09:30 Join the Dots (b0952b9v) 1. The First Dot Janet Ellis explores the etymology of the word 'dot'. It's all to do with pus and phlegm. A 40,000 year old dot that may help change our understanding of the behaviour of Neanderthal man and, move over colouring books, dot to dot is the new craze. Janet tries, literally, to find the first dot. The simple dot is one of the first marks ever made. Later, the dot helped make sense of the written word and, in the digital domain, its use helps everything work. Somehow, from being a word probably uttered infrequently, it is now absolutely part and parcel of our vocabulary Each programme in this series circles a different aspect of this simple mark. From the morse code that could have saved the Titanic, to Harold Pinter's love of those three dots... the first Braille newspaper, royal polka-dot socks, to the conceptual art of a young Aboriginal artist - just some of the dots you'll encounter when you join the dots. Contributors include: * Dr Tania Styles of the Oxford English Dictionary * Professor Paul Pettitt from the Department of Archaeology at the University of Durham. Former Blue Peter presenter, Janet Ellis has presented several features for BBC Radio 4, appears regularly on Broadcasting House reviewing the papers, and on Channel 5's The Write Stuff Her first novel. The Butcher's Hook, was published in 2016 and longlisted for the prestigious Desmond Elliott Prize. Her second, How it Was was published in 2019. She has been a judge for the Costa New Novel Prize and was awarded an MBE for services to charity and theatre in 2016. Producer: Caroline Raphael A Dora production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2017. MON 09:45 Daily Service (m0026mbp) Epiphany- The Revealing Theme: Epiphany- The Revealing Led by Rev Dr Bert Tosh Reading: Psalm 72. 10-17 As with gladness, men of old The Three Kings (Peter Cornelius) Jesus shall reign where'er the sun MON 10:00 Dad Made Me Laugh (b007k1mb) Annabel Meredith Chic Murray's daughter Annabel chats about her life growing up with her legendary Scottish, funny father.

Sally Magnusson hosts the series where the sons and daughters of famous comedians talk about life with their dads

Page 4 of 11 Producer: Mike Walker First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in October 2005. MON 10:30 Syrena Songs (b06vkcf6) Syrena Records was created in 1904. Selling millions of discs to new audiences hungry for shellac delights. Opera singers, Cantors, political humour and Yiddish theatre. Success allowed their founder Juliusz Feigenbaum to invest in state of the art recording technology. By the time independent Poland was reborn in 1918, Syrena was well placed to shape the sound of a new nation Hot tango and jazz were performed by superb musicians and singers, mostly Jewish, mostly of a generation breaking away from the old world and facing the new. Adam Aston, Hanka Ordonka, Henryk Wars, Micheslaw Fogg and others, cut disc after disc before playing in the elite nightclubs of Warsaw. In 1939, invasion and war ended Syrena and the Polish nation. Its factory and archives destroyed, its artists murdered or scattered in exile. But there was one last tune to play. Henryk Wars, former musical director at Syrena, formed an orchestra that became the soundtrack of Poles in exile and in military uniform. From Tehran to Palestine to the fortress of Monte Cassino, those musicians and singers that had once been the heart of Syrena now played songs of a lost nation, creating the anthemic Red Poppies of Monte Cassino. Presented by Monica Whitlock Producer: Mark Burman First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016. MON 11:00 Whodunnits (b007 jvm7) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] MON 11:30 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j35p) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] MON 12:00 The House of the Spirit Levels (b007n1wk) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] MON 12:30 Variety Bandbox (m0026mbl) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] MON 13:00 In and Out of the Kitchen (b068vymj) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] MON 13:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j78k) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] MON 13:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qls1) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] MON 14:00 Just a Minute (b00r0gw3) Series 56 Episode 9 Nicholas Parsons presides over the devious game where panellists are challenged to speak for one minute without hesitation, deviation or repetition. Recorded at the University of Derby With: Tony Hawks Justin Moorhouse Josie Lawrence Dave Gorman Subjects include: The People You Find In A Student Bar, How To Spot A Genius, Vintage, The Society I Would Most Like To Join, The Perfect Date, The Art of Studying, Roleplay and The Peak District Created by Ian Messiter. Producer: Claire Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010 MON 14:30 Too Much Information (b00n88d3) Episode 3 Waft Tourist Information introduces local walks for visitors but for the young honeymooning couple, the walks end up being painfully boring and spectacularly dangerous! The ancient northern town of Waft appears in the Lonely Planet Guide with the advice: "Don't bother". It has more people in the cemetery than living in it, is twinned with a town near Chernobyl and is most often visited by people using the toilet on the way to Alton Towers. So Waft Tourist Information Centre is hardly a hive of activity! But Warren along with the other members of the "Friends of Waft" each week attempt to solve the endless conundrum of how on earth they can attract visitors to Waft! Neil Warhurst's comedy drama set in the idiosyncratic world of a tourist information office. Warren Jeff Rawle Douglas Malcolm Tierney Heather Liza Sadovy Lucy Joannah Tincey Bryan Paul Barnhill Ricky Phillip Fox . Emerald O'hanrahan Becca. .. Producer: Liz Webb First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009. MON 15:00 Wives and Daughters by Elizabeth Gaskell (b007jsx9) 6. The Mother's Manoeuvre To Roger she was the one - alone, peerless and her personal loveliness was only one of the charms that made him tremble into passion. Cynthia was not capable of returning such feelings; she had had too little true love in her life, but she appreciated this honest ardour, this loyal worship that was new to her experience. Osborne's complicated past leads to difficulties and Cynthia receives a proposal. Final novel written by Elizabeth Gaskell.

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The Professor James Grout

Scumspawn Robert Duncan Other characters played by:

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for daring to voice the concerns of middle management and

condemned for all eternity to listen to Edith Piaf and Elvis

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The Agent Alice Arnold Alia Sophie Levy . Nyla Levy Sara . Directed at BBC Pebble Mill by Kristine Landon-Smith. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1997. TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (m0026mjb) Series 6 The Man Who Never Was April 1944: When strange boots wash up Neddie Seagoon thinks wartime British intelligence must be told. Ground-breaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan with Larry Stephens Starring: Peter Sellers Harry Secombe Spike Milligan First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive. With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray. Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott. Announcer: Wallace Greenslade This episode is one of a number that were re-recorded in 1958. Producer: Pat Dixon First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in March 1956. TUE 08:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000rvkz) Series 2 I've Been Loving You Too Long to Stop Now Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam play a couple who have been married 'forever'. Children of the 1960s, they're still free spirits, drawn together by their passion for music and each other. Their recognisable warm and witty conversations dance around everything from health scares, jealousy and confessions, to TV incompatibility and sourdough bread. In this episode, Joanna complains they're 'in a rut', so Roger plans a spontaneous day out but is thwarted at every turn Undeterred, he cooks her a 'date night' supper and they talk about their long marriage. Written for Joanna Lumley and Roger Allam by award-winning comedy writer and journalist Jan Etherington. Jan has been married for 34 years to Gavin Petrie, with whom she has created many hit Radio 4 Extra and TV series (Second Thoughts, plus Next of Kin, Faith in the Future, The Change). Producer: Claire Jones First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2021 TUE 08:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j80c) 2. Opportunity Recently returned home from Glasgow, Rose Brady finds an opportunity for a new life in the enigmatic widower Michael Moran Michael Moran's life was forever transformed by his days of glory in the War of Independence. Now, a farmer in the Irish countryside, Moran is still fighting - with his family, his friends even himself - in a poignant struggle to come to terms with the However, as he grows older, his wife and daughters must confront how their own lives have been irrevocably shaped by this complicated and contradictory man. An intimate story of a family living on the Irish border, under the thumb of a former soldier turned tyrant in his own home. Written and abridged by John McGahern. Read by Lloyd Hutchinson Producer: Celia de Wolff A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020. TUE 08:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qlwn) 7. Investigation Kate Dickens tells the story of her father's final and unfinished novel, a fast-moving thriller set in the cathedral town of Cloisterham. It is Christmas and all is fine until Edwin - the young man who appears to have it all, a beautiful and charming prospective bride, the promise of an engineering job in Egypt - disappears. Presumed murdered. Could it have been impetuous Neville Landless? Or Edwin's uncle Jasper? Rosa leaves for London where she is looked after by Mr Grewgious, while Dick Datchery continues his investigation in Cloisterham. Dickens' last, unfinished, novel is set in a phantasmagorical drug-fuelled landscape where nobody is who or what they say they are. Whilst writing it, Dickens was driving himself towards exhaustion and death through obsessive public performances of the most lurid parts of Oliver Twist - revisiting his first successful novel whilst struggling with his last, fearful that his creative well is drying up and that this story would never be brought to a close. Written by Charles Dickens and dramatised by Mike Walker. Narrated by Dickens' daughter Kate, witness to her father's final weeks, and whose fascination with this story leads her to look into its unsolved conclusion to find clues about her father's character. Kate Dickens Pippa Nixon Rosa Bud Isabella Inchbald Hiram Grewgious ... Peter Davison

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Stony Durdles Ian Conningham Deputy Aaron Gelkoff Wilf Scolding Cabby ... Director: Jeremy Mortimer A BBC Cymru Wales production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020. TUE 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0026mjd) The latest news from Westminster - and beyond TUE 09:30 Join the Dots (b0952qpx) 2. Picture the Dot Janet Ellis gets close to the canvas to see how this elemental mark has inspired great world art, from the dots of the Australian Western Desert to 19th Century Paris. The simple dot is one of the first marks man ever made. From being a word we uttered infrequently, the advent of digital has made it one we use all the time. The dot. We wear it, listen to it, read it and gaze on it. We send it through the air and under the waves. Each programme in this series circles a different aspect of this simple mark. Contributors: Aboriginal Australian artist Christian Thompson * Dr Karen Serres, the Courtauld Gallery Schroder Foundation Curator of Paintings. Geoffrey Bardon and Fay Nelson's contributions are from the film documentary Mr Patterns and used with kind permission of the Bardon family and the National Film and Sound Archive of Australia's Film Australia archive. The music is by Steve Francis. Producer: Caroline Raphael A Dora production for BBC Radio 4 , first broadcast in September 2017. TUE 09:45 Daily Service (m0026mig) Epiphany - Simeon A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music. Theme: Epiphany - Simeon Presenter: Azariah France Williams Reading: Luke 2:25-32 Music: Longing for Light we wait in Darkness - St Martin's Voices Nunc Dimitis - Burgon - BBC Young Chorister Natalie He put a song on my heart - Volney Morgan (he turned our mourning into dancing) TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b09v3fdw) Kit de Waal and Nina Stibbe Writers Nina Stibbe and Kit de Waal join Harriett Gilbert to discuss their favourite books by Kazuo Ishiguro, Lorrie Moore and Carson McCullers. The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro Publisher: Faber Self Help by Lorrie Moore Publisher: Faber Golden Eye by Carson McCullers Publisher: Penguin First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2018. TUE 10:30 Wilson, Keppel and Several Bettys (b017528q) Barbara Windsor tells the story of the popular variety act Wilson, Keppel and Betty. The trio formed one of the greatest eccentric dance acts of all time. Their names are so familiar and yet amazingly their fascinating story has never been told on radio before. As with many tales of the stars of music hall and variety, it is one which is shrouded in contradictions and myth. The programme includes new research into their early days as a duo in Australia and America - and reveals how the act was catapulted to stardom when Wilson and Keppel met Betty. Liverpudlian Jack Wilson and Irishman Joe Keppel were doleful, gangling, moustachioed and skinny-legged. They wore parodies of Eastern dress, usually a fez and a short nightshirt, revealing their scrawny legs. The third member was the glamorous Betty - who over the years was played by several different women. They performed a side-splitting sand dance based on poses familiar from Egyptian tomb art, with Betty as the central seductress. Their complete seriousness added to the hilarity. From the early 1930's the trio became an established feature of British variety shows and were chosen for several Royal Variety Performances. Because the act was visual and hence instantly understandable to anyone, they received many offers from Europe In 1938 it was reported that whilst performing at the Berlin Wintergarden they upset Goebbels who was disgusted at the display of bare legs, calling them 'bad for the morals of Nazi Youth', Mussolini, however, is said to have loved the act. Contributors include: * Bill Pertwee * Mark Colleano * Jean Kent * Georgy Jamieson * Relatives of the trio. Producer: Stephen Garner First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2011. TUE 11:00 Whodunnits (b007 jvmb) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] TUE 11:30 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j2hk) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] TUE 12:00 Girlies (b08hypz0) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] TUE 12:30 The Goon Show (m0026mib)

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WED 03:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qlwn) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Tuesday]

Episode 1 Inspired by an email from his 74 year-old father, comedian Ahir Shah introduces us to the The Seven Blunders of the World. In 1925, Mahatma Gandhi published an article in the journal Young India, outlining what he called the Seven Social Sins. They were wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, religion without sacrifice, and politics without principle. One hundred years on, the world is a very different place (this was written on a computer, for crying out loud!). Yet, Ahir reckons Gandhi's century-old list of the great societal blunders still feels relevant today. Could they teach us anything going forward? Join Ahir (and sometimes his dad, who started this whole thing), as he explores these seven blunders through his trademark combination of philosophical inquiry, political vigour and sweet gags. Created and Performed by Ahir Shah Additional Material by Glenn Moore Cast: Vikram Shah and Meera Syal Producers: Daisy Knight and Jules Lom An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4 TUE 22:30 Sarah Kendall: Australian Trilogy (b0bfz5jy) Series 2 73 Seconds "Good luck, bad luck, who can tell ... " The return of multi-award winning storyteller Sarah Kendall. Scrolling backwards and forwards in time to different moments in her life, Sarah creates an intricate montage, demonstrating the interconnectedness of life. In the first of three parts, Sarah shares her childhood memories of her brother's sixth birthday party, of their first pet and of her family gathering on the lawn to catch a glimpse of Halley's Comet in 1986. Plus an insight into the process of how this show came together, as Sarah watches a video of the Challenger Space Shuttle disaster. Written by Sarah Kendall and Carl Cooper Producer: Carl Cooper A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2018. TUE 23:00 Trevor's World of Sport (b007s2bx) Series 1 Episode 5 Trevor is struggling to keep his staff, his dignity - and his wife. Starring Neil Pearson. Another brave attempt 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 Reynolds Ralph Michael Fenton Stevens Theresa Rosalind Ayres Heidrun Cosima Shaw Barry Abdul Salis Meryl Claire Skinner Toby Matthew Thomas Written and produced by Andy Hamilton First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2004. TUE 23:30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World (b007jtql) Series 2 The Scheme of Things Where does Britain fit in the Theatre of Being? Cult New Age comedy that answers the questions which leave other shows scratching their beards. Starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring. With: Rebecca Front Armando Iannucci And the voice of Tom Baker. Producer: Sarah Smith First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1993. WEDNESDAY 08 JANUARY 2025 WED 00:00 A Good Read (b09v3fdw) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday] WED 00:30 Wilson, Keppel and Several Bettys (b017528q) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Tuesday] WED 01:00 Whodunnits (b007jvmb) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday] WED 01:30 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j2hk) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday] WED 02:00 Girlies (b08hypz0) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday] WED 02:30 The Goon Show (m0026mjb) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday] WED 03:00 Conversations from a Long Marriage (m000rvkz) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Tuesday] WED 03:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern

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vantage point of the King's finest hour in 1968.

Paul Morley tells a parallel story of Elvis and America, from the

"I've got to do this sooner or later," Elvis says sheepishly, "so I

And so the 1968 Comeback Special begins: his quiff defying

elemental rendition of Heartbreak Hotel. It had been one of his

first singles 13 years before, initially recorded when he was still

a teenager living in the Jim Crow South at the beginning of rock

So by 1968, after his stint in the army, the uninspired films and

the years of absence from the stage, the Comeback Special was

And it did, fleetingly. He was fabulous, and his discography is

never better showcased than on that day. But it also marked the point at which it became clear that the

He was 33, a new father, and he would never be this good again.

Paul Morley believes the '68 Comeback Special shows us Elvis

an opportunity to resuscitate Elvis's career, to claw back his

gravity and his leather jumpsuit chafing, as he bursts into an

and roll. Much had happened in the meantime: JFK, the Beatles, the

hippies and Detroit soul. And Elvis had become a different

person, depressed, addicted and increasingly irrelevant.

Elvis Presley Comeback Special

status as a powerful, credible force.

King was fragile.

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Discover what Dawn wrote on the back of her first car - and find out which comedian totalled her beloved Cortina. Plus, what are the advantages of the refrigerated glove compartment? First of a series in which famous women look at their lives from the perspective of the cars they have known, the journeys they've been on and the things they keep in their boot for emergencies. Producer: Gareth Edwards A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2016. WED 08:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j94r) 3. Wedding Day On the day of his wedding to his second wife, Moran finds himself frustrated despite his children's excitement. Michael Moran's life was forever transformed by his days of glory in the War of Independence. Now, a farmer in the Irish countryside, Moran is still fighting - with his family, his friends, even himself - in a poignant struggle to come to terms with the However, as he grows older, his wife and daughters must confront how their own lives have been irrevocably shaped by this complicated and contradictory man. An intimate story of a family living on the Irish border, under the thumb of a former soldier turned tyrant in his own home. Written and Abridged by John McGahern Read by Lloyd Hutchins Produced by Celia de Wolff A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020. WED 08:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000alzp) Kate Dickens tells the story of her father's final and unfinished novel, a fast-moving thriller set in the cathedral town of Cloisterham. It is Christmas and all is fine until Edwin - the young man who appears to have it all, a beautiful and charming prospective bride, the promise of an engineering job in Egypt disappears. Presumed murdered. Could it have been impetuous Neville Landless? Or Edwin's uncle Jasper? This episode sees Princess Puffer overhear Jasper talking in an opium daze, and turns up in Cloisterham to spy on him, where she falls into a trap. Dickens' last, unfinished, novel is set in a phantasmagorical drug-fuelled landscape where nobody is who or what they say they are. Whilst writing it, Dickens was driving himself towards exhaustion and death through obsessive public performances of the most lurid parts of Oliver Twist - revisiting his first successful novel whilst struggling with his last, fearful that his creative well is drying up and that this story would never be brought to a close. Mike Walker's dramatisation is narrated by Dickens' daughter Kate, witness to her father's final weeks, and whose fascination with this story leads her to look into its unsolved conclusion to find clues about her father's character. Kate Dickens Pippa Nixon John Jasper Joel McCormack Edwin Drood Iwan Davies Rosa Bud Isabella Inchbald Neville Landless Maanuv Thiara Helena Landless Halema Hussain Reverend Crisparkle Damian Lynch Princess Puffer Rachel Atkins Station Master Wilf Scolding Written by Charles Dickens Adapted by Mike Walker Directed by Jeremy Mortimer A BBC Cymru Wales Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020. WED 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0026mmr) The latest news from Westminster - and beyond. WED 09:30 Join the Dots (b0952sv2) 3. The Language of Dots Janet Ellis looks at how the dot has helped us communicate and reflects on the dot in computer language, Morse code, Braille and the dots that get our email delivered. The simple dot is one of the first marks man ever made. From being a word we uttered infrequently, the advent of digital has made it one we use all the time. The dot. We wear it, listen to it, read it and gaze on it. We send it through the air and under the waves. Each programme in this series circles a different aspect of this simple mark. Contributors include: Dr Tilly Blyth, Head of Collections Science Museum London Robert Saggers, Heritage Manager at the Royal Institute of Blind People Producer: Caroline Raphael A Dora production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017. WED 09:45 Daily Service (m0026mmt) Epiphany - A signpost A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music Theme: Epiphany - A signpost Presenter: Holly Adams Reading: Luke 3:16-18, 21-22 Be thou my guardian and my guide - Cantus Choro

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at his best. But also that it offers a vantage point from which to look backwards, forwards and outwards to a changing America - remembering where the hillbilly kid had come from and poignantly aware of where he would end up. Featuring: Historian - Mary Frances Berry Filmmaker - Eugene Jarecki Writer - Luc Sante Theatre artist - Greg Wohead. Producer: Martin Williams First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2018. WED 11:00 The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler (m0026mmm) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] WED 11:30 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j3k1) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] WED 12:00 Radio Cars (m0026mmp) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] WED 12:30 The Missing Hancocks (m000cp2n) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] WED 13:00 Women Talking About Cars (b083pchi) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] WED 13:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000i94r) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] WED 13:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qlzp) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b087pvqk) Series 10 Episode 1 Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his new curator Jo Brand welcome: * Science communicator, musician and comedian Helen Arney * Thomas Thwaites, who lived as a goat in the Alps for six days and built a toaster from the ground up * Captain of a 14-storey £350 million pound cruise ship, The Oueen Elizabeth, Captain Aseem Hashmi The Museum's Guest Committee catch up on the latest 4 elements to be added to the periodic chart, flip through a history book from the future, which is all about now; and the thing that keeps a sea captain grounded, figuratively as well as literally, his 12-ton anchor. Researched by Anne Miller of QI & Mike Turner. Producers: Richard Turner and James Harkin. A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2017. WED 14:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b012b3dy) Series 1 To the Moon and Back The soap actors callously use the show to try to win advertising deals It's 1961, BBC producer Hugo Kellerman is struggling to make a radio soap set in the unimaginable world of 2006. Starring Peter Bowles, Cheryl Campbell and John Fortune. Futuristic sitcom by Christopher William Hill. Nigel Lavery Peter Bowles Sylvia Hann Cheryl Campbell Godfrey Winnard John Fortune Sir Angus McNairn Gary Waldhorn Hugo Kellerman Joseph Kloska Douglas Bennings Jon Glover Colin Franks Paul Richard Biggin Waitress Miranda Keeling. Producer: Liz Webb First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006. WED 15:00 Wives and Daughters by Elizabeth Gaskell (b007 isxp) 8. Scandal and its Victims "You don't know him," said Cynthia, shaking her head. "If Mr Preston ever guessed that Roger and I were engaged, he would manage to be revenged on both him and me, by giving us as much pain as he could with those unlucky letters. They are like a mine under my feet, which may blow up any day; and down

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sleuth.

Bagshaw ..

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Valentine

Constable

Waiter .

Episode 2

Heights.

Starring

Lynda Bellingham

Gwyneth Strong

Joanna Monro

Starring Andrew Sachs and Olivier Pierre.

Bill Wallis

..... Alan Thompson

John Abineri

Robin Summers

Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1984.

THU 07:00 Heated Rollers (b007qg19)

. Trevor Nichols

.... Trader Faulkner

A very nosey vicar, life before paternity tests - and Smothering

The first-ever all-women sketch show made for BBC Radio 2.

With music supplied by the Lorraine Bowen Experience.

Dramatised by John Scotney,

Father Brown Andrew Sachs Flambeau Olivier Pierre

Shopkeeper Ellen McIntosh

Porter Graham Blockey

Series of GK Chesterton's stories about the insightful clerical

will come father and mother and all." Lady Harriet tries to redeem Molly's reputation and Cynthia has to face up to her past. Final novel written by Elizabeth Gaskell. Starring Kathryn Hurlbutt, Tom Wilkinson and Angela Pleasence. Dramatised by Barry Campbell. Molly Kathryn Hurlbutt ... Angela Pleasence Clare Mr Gibson Tom Wilkinson Cynthia Anne-Louise Lambert Mr Preston Brett Usher Osborne Hamley Adam Bareham Lady Harriet Marian Diamond Lady Cumnor Pauline Letts Lord Cumnor ... Kerry Francis Miss Browning Diana Bishop Miss Phoebe Hilda Schroder Mrs Goodenough Margot Boyd Mrs DawesMaggie McCarthy Mrs Gaskell Thelma Whiteley With James Bryce, Monica Grey, Madi Hedd and Eileen Tully Music composed by Rachel Portman. Director: Jane Morgan First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1983. WED 16:00 Archive on 4 (m0001cwc) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] WED 17:00 The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler (m0026mmm) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] WED 17:30 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j3k1) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] WED 18:00 Radio Cars (m0026mmp) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] WED 18:30 The Missing Hancocks (m000cp2n) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] WED 19:00 Women Talking About Cars (b083pchj) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] WED 19:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j94r) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] WED 19:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qlzp) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] WED 20:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b087pvak) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today] WED 20:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b012b3dy) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today] WED 21:00 Wives and Daughters by Elizabeth Gaskell (b007jsxp) [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today] WED 22:00 ReincarNathan (m001f4ys) Series 3 Wolf Nathan Blakely was a popstar. But he was useless, died, and was reincarnated. The comedy about Nathan's adventures in the afterlife returns for a third series, starring Daniel Rigby, Ashley McGuire and guest-starring Mike Wozniak. In the first episode of the new series, Nathan is brought back to life as the leader of a wolf pack. But there's a catch - his pack are rubbish and aren't brave enough to kill anything. Can Nathan transform them into ruthless hunters? And will he ever it make it back to human again? Cast: Ashley McGuire - Carol Daniel Rigby – Nathan Hammed Animashaun – Bull Elk Tom Craine - Sniffly Ian Henry Paker - Lupo Freva Parker - Wolverina Mike Wozniak - Wolmenides Writers: Tom Craine and Henry Paker Producer: Harriet Jaine Sound: Jerry Peal Music Composed by: Phil Lepherd A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4. WED 22:30 Isy Suttie's Love Letters (m000b867) Series 2 Rosa and Matthew A hypnotherapist and an osteopath work a few doors apart, but Rosa and Matthew, find it difficult to express their feelings for each other. Isy Suttie recounts another love story, told partly through song. Sometimes Isy has merely observed the lives of others; quite often she's intervened, changing the action dramatically - for better or worse. Intertwined within these stories are related real life anecdotes from her own, often disastrous, love life. With her award-winning multi-character and vocal skills, and accompanied by her guitar, Isy creates a hilarious and deeply moving world, sharing with us her lessons in life and love. Producer: Lyndsay Fenner. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2014. WED 23:00 Mark Watson and Matt Winning: Seriously. Though, The Planet (m000glpc) Like almost everyone, multi-award winning comedian Mark Watson has addressed the global climate crisis by dithering and hoping for the best.

Now he teams up with comic and actual environmental scientist Dr Matt Winning, in a last-ditch bid to stave off emergency and save the planet with a mixture of jokes and useful advice. Mark is coached by Matt on environmental economics. In this episode, the focus is on food - what we should buy, how we can reduce waste and whether broccoli will save us all in the end. Producer: Lianne Coop An Impatient production, for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in March 2020. WED 23:30 Paperback Hell (m000jhmb) Series 2 How Not To Live Celebrity lifestyle gurus Gilly Haberdasher and Dr Graham Golden read from their tie-in book to the strangely popular TV show, 'How Not To Live'. 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 August 2004. WED 23:45 Jelly Mountain (b00fd63g) Episode 1 Ivor Cutler's unique views on language, justice - and scratching people's backs. Songs and stories written by and starring Ivor Cutler. With: Craig Murray-Orr Dylan Edwards Beverley Crew Alison O'Kill Producer: Neil Cargill First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1996. THURSDAY 09 JANUARY 2025 THU 00:00 Archive on 4 (m0001cwc) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday] THU 01:00 The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler (m0026mmm) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday] THU 01:30 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j3k1) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday] THU 02:00 Radio Cars (m0026mmp) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday] THU 02:30 The Missing Hancocks (m000cp2n) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday] THU 03:00 Women Talking About Cars (b083pchj) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Wednesday] THU 03:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j94r) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Wednesday] THU 03:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qlzp) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Wednesday] THU 04:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b087pvgk) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday] THU 04:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b012b3dy) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday] THU 05:00 Wives and Daughters by Elizabeth Gaskell (b007jsxp) [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Wednesday] THU 06:00 The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler (m0026mmd) 2. Hangover California 1939: private detective Philip Marlowe discovers it's dangerous working for the Sternwood family. 'You can have a hangover from other things than alcohol. I had one from women. Raymond Chandler's classic of hardboiled crime fiction, introducing the world to Philip Marlowe, published in 1939. Philip Marlowe Ed Bishop Carmen Sternwood Liza Ross Vivian Regan Diana Olsson Agnes Nicolette McKenzie Bernie Ohls Harry Towb Eddie Mars Paul Maxwell Joe Brody Blain Fairman Carl Lundgren Weston Gavin Taggart Wilde Rod Beacham Cpt Cronjager Henry Knowles Croupier Malcolm Gerard Hood Walter Hall Musical research Adrian Williams Dramatised in three parts by Bill Morrison. Director: John Tydeman First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1977. THU 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jp1b) Father Brown Stories - Series 1 1. The Blue Cross The cream of London's police force in association with France's finest detective fail to apprehend arch villain Flambeau - the master of disguise Their suspicions fall on a tall Roman Catholic priest and they set off in vain purs

However it's the little English priest who seems to be behaving

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Producer: Maria Esposito First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1999. THU 07:30 Parsley Sidings (b01p47pg) Series 1 The 1890 Rocket Station master Horace Hepplewhite decides to renovate his grandfather's rusting old steam engine. Can he manage to get it back on the rails once more? Starring Arthur Lowe and Ian Lavender. Jim Eldridge's eponymous series is set in a sleepy railway station. Horace Hepplewhite Arthur Lowe Bert Hepplewhite Ian Lavender Percy Valentine Kenneth Connor Gloria Simpkins Liz Fraser Phineas Perkins John Graham Recreated announcements by Keith Skues. Producer: Edward Taylor First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1972. THU 08:00 55 and Over (b01nxh1h) 2. Love Struck Ray and Jane are both starting over with new paramours half their age. Apparently it's not only teenagers that act like love-struck, tongue-tied fools. Starring Juliet Stevenson and Philip Jackson. Peter Souter's comedy about love, sex and other foolhardy mistakes made by the modern 50-pluser. Jane Juliet Stevensor Ray Philip Jackson Tony Patrick Brennan Heather Liza Sadovy Honey Stephanie Racine Sam Adam Nagaitis Honey's Dad Robert Blythe Portia Sarah Thom Director: Helen Perry First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2012. THU 08:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j8qy) 4. Unsettling Truths As Rose becomes acquainted with life in the Moran household. she learns some unsettling truths her new husband. Michael Moran's life was forever transformed by his days of glory in the War of Independence, Now, a farmer in the Irish countryside, Moran is still fighting - with his family, his friends, even himself - in a poignant struggle to come to terms with the past. However, as he grows older, his wife and daughters must confront how their own lives have been irrevocably shaped by this complicated and contradictory man. An intimate story of a family living on the Irish border, under the thumb of a former soldier turned tyrant in his own home. John McGahern was born in Dublin in 1934 and brought up in the West of Ireland. He was a graduate of University College, Dublin. He worked as a primary school teacher and held various academic posts at universities in Britain, Ireland and America. In the opinion of the Observer, John McGahern was 'Ireland's greatest living novelist'. He was the author of six highly acclaimed novels and four collections of short stories, and was the recipient of numerous awards and honours, including a Society of Authors Travelling Scholarship, the American-Irish Award, the Prix Etrangère Ecureuil and the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. Written and Abridged by John McGahern Read by Llovd Hutchinson Produced by Celia de Wolff A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020. THU 08:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qmnq) 9. Truth Kate Dickens tells the story of her father's final and unfinished

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geography.

The Perfect Man

novel, a fast-moving thriller set in the cathedral town of Cloisterham. It is Christmas and all is fine until Edwin - the young man who appears to have it all, a beautiful and charming prospective bride, the promise of an engineering job in Egypt disappears. Presumed murdered. Could it have been impetuous Neville Landless? Or Edwin's uncle Jasper? This episode sees Neville learn the truth of Rosa's meeting with Jasper, while Dick Datchery and Deputy make an alarming find in the cathedral crypt. Dickens' last, unfinished, novel is set in a phantasmagorical drug-fuelled landscape where nobody is who or what they say they are. Whilst writing it, Dickens was driving himself towards exhaustion and death through obsessive public performances of Roger. the most lurid parts of Oliver Twist - revisiting his first successful novel whilst struggling with his last, fearful that his creative well is drying up and that this story would never be brought to a close. Mike Walker's dramatisation is narrated by Dickens' daughter Kate, witness to her father's final weeks, and whose fascination with this story leads her to look into its unsolved conclusion to find clues about her father's character. Kate Dickens Pippa Nixon Rosa Bud Isabella Inchbald Neville Landless Maanuv Thiara Helena Landless Halema Hussain Reverend Crisparkle Damian Lynch Hiram Grewgious Peter Davison Princess Puffer Rachel Atkins Deputy Winks Aaron Gelkoff Joe Wilf Scolding Written by Charles Dickens Adapted by Mike Walker Directed by Jeremy Mortimer A BBC Cymru Wales Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020. THU 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0026mmh) The latest news from Westminster - and beyond. THU 09:30 Join the Dots (b0952zlf) 4. Playing the Dot Then there was a pause ... Janet Ellis explores the role of the dot in early punctuation. Harold Pinter's love of the pause, and listens to the music of the dots. The simple dot is one of the first marks man ever made. From being a word we uttered infrequently, the advent of digital has made it one we use all the time. The dot. We wear it, listen to it, read it and gaze on it. We send it through the air and under the waves. Each programme in this series circles a different aspect of this simple mark. Contributors include theatre director David Leveaux, writers Keith Huston and Lynne Truss, and composer Gary Yershon. Harold Pinter extract taken from Penguin Random House audiobook Various Voices, with permission of The Harold Pinter estate Producer: Caroline Raphael A Dora production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017. THU 09:45 Daily Service (m0026mmk) Epiphany - Baptism A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music. Theme: Epiphany - Baptism Presenter: Rachel Mann Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 THU 10:00 Great Lives (b007vzrt) Elvis Presley Former Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party (and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate) Lord David Trimble owns every record Elvis ever made. He explains why to Matthew Parris in a special Great Lives to mark the 30th anniversary of the singer's death, in 1977. They are joined by Elvis Presley biographer Peter Guralnick. Producer: Peter Everett First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007. THU 11:00 The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler (m0026mmd) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] THU 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jp1b) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] THU 12:00 Heated Rollers (b007qg19) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] THU 12:30 Parsley Sidings (b01p47pg) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today] THU 13:00 55 and Over (b01nxh1h) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] THU 13:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j8qy) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] THU 13:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qmnq) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] THU 14:00 Who Goes There? (b00lbnyx) Series 2 one Episode 6 Martin Young chairs the quiz looking at lives of the noteworthy and notorious from the history books. Tackling the biographical teasers are team captains Francis Wheen and Fred Housego. With guests: Carmen Callil Victoria Glendinning THU 22:30 Big Town All Stars (m001lr7c) Producer: Aled Evans

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1998. THU 14:30 No Commitments (b037wxhs) Series 12 Misalliances Victoria disapproves of her daughter's preference for tying the knot in a register office and Charlotte's previous lover returns. As usual, Anna ends up trying to calm things down Simon Brett's sitcom about the lives and squabbles of three very different sisters. Anna Rosemary Leach Victoria Angela Thorne Charlotte Celia Imrie Jonathan Cov Nick.....Kieran Hill .Bill Wallis Paddy... Music by Elizabeth Parker of the BBC Radiophonic Workshop. Written and produced by Simon Brett First broadcast on BBC Radio in May 2006 THU 15:00 Wives and Daughters by Elizabeth Gaskell (b007 jsxz) 9. Reviving Hopes and Brightening Prospects "Dead! Osborne! Poor fellow! " said Mrs Gibson, " I knew it would be so though - I was sure of It. But Mr Gibson can do nothing if he's dead. (Poor young man!) I wonder where Roger is now? He ought to come home." What will become of Osborne's wife and child? And is a marriage proposal on the way ...? Conclusion of Elizabeth Gaskell's final novel. Starring Tom Wilkinson, Kathryn Hurlbutt and Angela Pleasence Dramatised by Barry Campbell. Molly Kathryn Hurlbutt Clare Angela Pleasence Mr Gibson Tom Wilkinson Cynthia Anne-Louise Lambert Squire Hamley Robert Lang Roger Hamley Michael Troughton Lady Harriet Marian Diamond Lady Cumnor Pauline Letts Lord Hollingfold Geoffrey Collins Aimee/Maria Eileen Tully Robinson Nigel Graham Mrs Gaskell Thelma Whiteley Music composed by Rachel Portman Director: Jane Morgan First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1983 THU 16:00 Great Lives (b007vzrt) [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today] THU 17:00 The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler (m0026mmd) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today] THU 17:30 Whodunnits (b007jp1b) [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today] THU 18:00 Heated Rollers (b007qg19) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today] THU 18:30 Parsley Sidings (b01p47pg) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today *THU* 19:00 55 and Over (b01nxh1h) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] THU 19:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j8qy) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] THU 19:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qmnq) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] THU 20:00 Who Goes There? (b00lbnvx) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today] THU 20:30 No Commitments (b037wxhs) [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today] THU 21:00 Wives and Daughters by Elizabeth Gaskell (b007jsxz) [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today] THU 22:00 Michael Spicer: No Room (Omnibus) (m002693w) 4. Goose stepping with a hedge trimmer. The Tims are tasked with solving gender inequality while another Westminster sex scandal comes to light. Is communicating with the dead better than Google? Probably. Comedian Michael Spicer exposes the worst of modern life, politics and culture. No Room features an up-to-the-minute take on current events, alongside character-filled sketches which brilliantly capture everything that provokes us. 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. This is an omnibus edition of episodes 8 and 10 from series Writer, Performer and Co-Editor: Michael Spicer Composer and Sound Designer: Augustin Bousfield Producer: Matt Tiller A Tillervision production for BBC Radio 4

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When auditions are held - there's not much interest. Can they recruit a new member - or persuade Bozo back from the big fight? Starring Stephen Tompkinson With: Clive Rowe Meera Syal Nicola Walker Adrian Scarborough Musical Director: David Firman Producer: Gareth Edwards First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000. THU 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04wv049) Series 6 Roy Walker Marcus Brigstocke persuades Roy Walker to see his first ever Shakespeare play and banter with the audience for the first time. Roy is best known as the host of ITVs Catchphrase. Series persuading guests to try new experiences: things they really ought to have done by now. Some are loved, some are loathed, in this show all about embracing the new. Director: Bill Dare First broadcast on BBC Radio in January 2015. THU 23:30 Beauty of Britain (b00n0prf) Series 1 Seagulls Over Sue Ryder Beauty Olonga works as a carer for the Featherdown Agency and sees herself as an inspiration to other African girls hoping to achieve their goals in the land of semi-skimmed milk. See Britain through her eves - its overheated houses, its disappointing church services and its over-fondness for cauliflower cheese. In this opening episode, Beauty discovers the glories of Westonsuper-Mare's charity shops and experiences the disappointment of her first British funeral. Starring Jocelvn Jee Esien. Comedy by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson. Beauty Jocelyn Jee Esien Mr Collinson Malcolm Tierney Jill Pippa Haywood Sally Felicity Montagu Karen/Bus Driver/Shop Assistant Nicola Sanderson Mrs Gupte Indira Joshi Anil Paul Sharma Derek/Waiter/Church Reader Christopher Douglas Minister Dan Tetsell Music by The West End Gospel Choir. Producer: Tilusha Ghelani First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

You can join a band for a lot of reasons - fame, sex, money. Yet

Bozo's boxing break means a rock 'n' roll replacement is needed

Kenny sees it as his only chance of giving up teaching

for the struggling a cappella group.

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For 17 year old Marianne Faithfull it was a song of innocence recorded in a tiny booth in London's old Decca studios whilst

Meanwhile, author Julia Donaldson and husband Malcolm

busked it on the streets of Paris. This was in the summer of

following the 1968 riots. Inspired by Elvis, West Point Military Academy Freshman

Andrew Scott learnt to pick the tune on guitar - helping him

For Henry and Christine Wallace, it summed everything up "It

was what I was looking for, someone to share my life and the

words 'take my whole life too was in tune with what I wanted'.

Nitin Sawhney explores the life of the Indian musician Ravi

seen. In the West his outstanding career has sometimes beer

overshadowed by his brief association with the Beatles but he

has been performing and composing at the highest level for

international audience was once compared to Mozart by the

success - it took an arduous process of study and practice.

Fellow musician and fan Nitin Sawhney meets his hero to

one of India's biggest music stars Zakir Hussain, George Harrison's wife Olivia. The Who's Pete Townshend and music

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.

FRI 12:00 Up the Garden Path (b0085k01) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 12:30 Doctor in the House (b007m680)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 11:30 Whodunnits (b00v25xk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 11:00 The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler

With contributions from: Ravi Shankar's daughter Anoushka,

great violinist Yehudi Menuhin. But it wasn't an easy journey to

The man who first brought Indian classical music to an

Ravi Shankar is one of the greatest musicians the world has ever

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014

FRI 10:30 Ravi Shankar: Sitar Hero (b00rmrpt)

1969 and police hid in alleyways, still fearful of students

happily pregnant with her first child.

win the heart of his wife.

Producer: Nicola Humphries

Shankar.

over 70 years.

discuss how he did it.

historian Ken Hunt.

(m0026mrc)

Agnes Nicolette McKenzie Harry Jones Don Fellows Canino Peter Marinker Mona Irene Sutcliffe Capt Cronjager Henry Knowles Art Huck Malcolm Gerard Musical research Adrian Williams Dramatised in three parts by Bill Morrison. Director: John Tydeman First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1977. FRI 06:30 Whodunnits (b00y25xk) Father Brown Stories - Series 1 2. The Queer Feet Death in a small hotel. Who stole the silver fish service? How many waiters are there? And how did all this lead to a glimmer of repentance? Starring Andrew Sachs and Olivier Pierre. Series of GK Chesterton's stories about the insightful clerical sleuth. Dramatised by John Scotney, Father Brown Andrew Sachs Flambeau Olivier Pierre Flambeau . Colonel Matt Brenner Duke Christopher Scott Hector Kerry Shale Lever David Graeme Giovanni Arnold Diamond Jean-Pierre Robin Summers Doctor David Sinclair Audley Alan Thompson Directed at BBC Bristol by Alec Reid. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1984. FRI 07:00 Up the Garden Path (b0085k01) Series 2 The More the Merrier Charles learns of Izzy's torrid past, when her friends join them for a holiday. Tumbling from one love entanglement to another, 30 something teacher Izzy Comyn has a predilection for inappropriate men. Imelda Staunton stars as Izzy. An 8-part radio sequel adapted from Sue Limb's 1984 novel. The second of 3 series which ran from 1987 to 1993. Granada also adapted the series for ITV. Izzy Imelda Staunton Charles David Robb Dick Mike Grady Bill Neil McCaul Maria Marty Cruickshank Gwyn Dafydd Hywel Michael Nicholas Le Prevost Louise Phyllida Nash Producer: Jonathan James-Moore First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1988 FRI 07:30 Doctor in the House (b007m680) Women and Wine Medic Simon Sparrow's efforts to get a date for the hospital ball turn to chaos. 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 Geoffrev Sumner Tony Benskin Ray Cooney Taffy Evans Edward Cast Lady Spratt Joan Young Matron/Vera Norma Ronald Producer: David Hatch First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1968. FRI 08:00 Prepper (m0002b8v) Series 1 Hell Is Other People Trump. ISIS. The Courgette Crisis. Signs of civilisation's fragility are all around. No wonder the Doomsday Clock just nudged closer to midnight. In this fearscape, more and more ordinary people are wondering how they'd cope if everything we take for granted (law and order, access to healthcare, iceberg lettuces in Sainsburys) was taken away. Preppers - a large and rapidly growing global community - have taken this thought one step further. They're actively skilling-up, laying down supplies and readying themselves for the end of the world, in whatever form it comes. Indeed, a prepping shop just opened in Newquay. And if people in Cornwall are preppin it's time to worry. Imagine if Woman's Hour made a podcast about preparing for the end times. Prepper follows neurotic, debt-ridden Rachel and hard-as-nails 'Churchill in Spanx' Sylvia, working class Mancunians who prep and podcast, sharing knowledge with their community, and showing off just how Armageddon-ready they are. Told through their podcasts from Sylvia's garage and featuring 'apoco-tips', 'end of days drills' and interviews with preppers from around the world. Prepper comically explores how two mismatched women live with the possibility of the end of days, and how they bond over their determination to survive. And fend off zombies. In this episode - survival courses are road tested! Comedy written by Caroline Moran and James J. Moran Svlvia Sue Johnston

Rachel Pearl Mackie Simon Holland Roberts Calhoun .. Producer: Steve Doherty A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2019. FRI 08:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j9k3) 5. Future Planning As Sheila and Mona study for the exams, Moran finds his authority challenged. Michael Moran's life was forever transformed by his days of glory in the War of Independence. Now, a farmer in the Irish countryside, Moran is still fighting - with his family, his friends, even himself - in a poignant struggle to come to terms with the past. However, as he grows older, his wife and daughters must confront how their own lives have been irrevocably shaped by this complicated and contradictory man. An intimate story of a family living on the Irish border, under the thumb of a former soldier turned tyrant in his own home. Written and Abridged by John McGahern Read by Lloyd Hutchinson Produced by Celia de Wolff A BBC Northern Ireland production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2020. FRI 08:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qnjd) 10. Cathedral Tower Kate Dickens tells the story of her father's final and unfinished novel, a fast-moving thriller set in the cathedral town of Cloisterham. It is Christmas and all is fine until Edwin - the young man who appears to have it all, a beautiful and charming prospective bride, the promise of an engineering job in Egypt disappears. Presumed murdered. Could it have been impetuous Neville Landless? Or Edwin's uncle Jasper? This episode sees Jasper's plans come to a head as the climax to the story is played out at the top of the cathedral tower. Dickens' last, unfinished, novel is set in a phantasmagorical drug-fuelled landscape where nobody is who or what they say they are. Whilst writing it, Dickens was driving himself towards exhaustion and death through obsessive public performances of the most lurid parts of Oliver Twist - revisiting his first successful novel whilst struggling with his last, fearful that his creative well is drying up and that this story would never be brought to a close. Mike Walker's dramatisation is narrated by Dickens' daughter Kate, witness to her father's final weeks, and whose fascination with this story leads her to look into its unsolved conclusion to find clues about her father's character. Kate Dickens Pippa Nixon John Jasper Joel McCormack Rosa Bud Isabella Inchbald Neville Landless Maanuv Thiara Helena Landless Halema Hussain Reverend Crisparkle Damian Lynch Deputy Winks Aaron Gelkoff Station Master Wilf Scolding Written by Charles Dickens Adapted by Mike Walker Directed by Jeremy Mortimer A BBC Cymru Wales Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in January 2021. FRI 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m001zvc9) The latest news from Westminster - and beyond. FRI 09:30 Join the Dots (b09534h0) 5. The Dancing Dot Janet Ellis explores our love affair with the polka-dot and what it says about us. The simple dot is one of the first marks man ever made. From being a word we uttered infrequently, the advent of digital has made it one we use all the time. The dot. We wear it, listen to it, read it and gaze on it. We send it through the air and under the waves. Each programme in this series circles a different aspect of this simple mark. Contributors include film and TV costume designer Leonie Hartard, designer Cressida Bell, and a clown, Mattie Faint. Producer: Caroline Raphael A Dora production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017. FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m0026mrf) Epiphany - Now Go and Tell A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music. Theme: Epiphany - Now Go and Tell Presenter: Leslie Griffiths Reading: Matthew 28: 16-20 Music Go forth and tell - Winchester Cathedral Choir I cannot tell - Jonathan Veira Go tell it on the mountain - The Kingdom Choir FRI 10:00 Soul Music (b04p845x) Series 19 Plaisir d'Amour/Can't Help Falling in Love With You Marianne Faithfull recalls the classical French Love song which went on to inspire a 1960s hit record by Elvis Presley. 'Plaisir d'Amour' somehow found its way through 18th century orchestration (Hector Berlioz) and 1960's folk revival, to an unexpected re-invention as Elvis's 'I Can't' Help Falling in Love with You'. Written in 1784 by Jean-Paul-Égide Martini, the song muses on the pleasures and pains of love and was inspired by a poem in

FRI 13:00 Prepper (m0002b8v) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] FRI 13:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j9k3) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today] FRI 13:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qnjd) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today] FRI 14:00 The Motion Show (b0075rb9) Series 1 Episode 2 The merits of moving to America - and being famous. Dr Phil Hammond watches over proceedings in the quirky debating game. With Steve Punt John O'Farrell Derek Draper Rhona Cameron Producer: Helen Williams First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998. FRI 14:30 1834 (b011db7v) The Time Machine Jason decides the invention of the toasted sandwich maker will sort out his new 19th-century life. 21st-century teacher, Jason Slater, is coming to terms with waking up in 19th-century Macclesfield. He's now Tarquin, the third son of Lord Belport with his faithful valet, Ned. Jim Poyser's riotous comedy of transportation and delight. Jason Slater Michael Beglev Ned Joe Caffrey Hoskins Kenneth Alan Taylor Lord Belport Mark Chatterton Stubbs Glenn Cunningham Millicent Julia Rounthwaite Directed at BBC Manchester by Polly Thomas. First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2003. FRI 15:00 Ice Blonde by Nancy Crane (m0026mrh) A woman's place in crime fiction is between hard covers, and Eunice Parker's big break comes when The Writer chooses her as the Private Eye to track down his tough-guy Detective. Stepping into the wise-cracking, hard-slapping role of Eunice, Juliet Aubrey sets out in search of the iconic PI played by David Soul but there are a dozen twists and a dangerous temptress before her task is complete. Written by Nancy Crane. The Detective David Soul Eunice Parker Juliet Aubrev Vera di Nova Alexa Hamilton The Wife Nancy Crane Captain Boote/Tiny Glenn Conroy Sonny Bob Sherman Eddie Nomura/ Chou Yi/Bongo Teacher Adam Sims Piano and Bongos played by Neil Brand. Director: Ned Chaillet First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2002. FRI 16:00 Soul Music (b04p845x) Jean-Pierre Claris de Florian's novel 'Célestine'. Supported by bbc.co.uk/programmes/

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[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]	Wellness	
<i>FRI</i> 18:30 Doctor in the House (b007m680) [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]	After months of not seeing each other, the Wilsons are getting a socially distanced visit from Grandma and Pop-pops.	
FRI 19:00 Prepper (m0002b8v)	Jennifer has spent lockdown learning about inner peace and the	
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today] FRI 19:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j9k3)	use of products from a company called Awww Well. Although Jennifer has never met her rep Amanda, she feels	
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]	invigorated by the SPF1 suntan lotion, bath vinegar and the	
<i>FRI</i> 19:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qnjd) [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]	'healing' whatsapp group. Mike is suspicious. Grandma Pauline has been building her well being empire and	
FRI 20:00 The Motion Show (b0075rh9)	is running the operation from department store Wi-Fi. What	
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today] FRI 20:30 1834 (b011db7v)	could go wrong? Sitcom about trying to live ethically and do the right thing.	
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]	Written by Marcus Brigstocke and Sarah Morgan.	
<i>FRI</i> 21:00 Ice Blonde by Nancy Crane (m0026mrh) [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]	Mike Marcus Brigstocke Max Kerry Godliman	
FRI 22:00 What? Seriously?? (m0026mrk)	Cat Aine McNamara	
Suits, Shells, and Survival In this episode, Dara and Isy are joined by the astronaut Helen	Lola Jasmine Sakyiama Jennifer Vicki Pepperdine	
Sharman to learn about how humans learned to survive in space	Phillip Rupert Vansittart	
- with some diverting conversations about glitter, cat statues, hibernation, and shell suits.	Pauline Liza Tarbuck Producer: Suzy Grant	
What? Seriously?? is a new podcast which combines comedy	A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in	
with quirky history, hosted by Dara Ó Briain and Isy Suttie, who will unravel an extraordinary real-life tale each week with	November 2020.	
the help of a celebrity guest		
Dara and Isy unearth stories that are definitely true, but also kind of unbelievable at the same time - the sort of stories that		
make you go 'What? Seriously??' when you hear them, but you		
resolve to tell them in the pub the first chance you get. The twist is that Dara and Isy have absolutely no idea how these		
strange-but-true tales will unfold and we'll all be trying to figure		
it out together – or Dara and Isy will just go off on funny flights of fancy that are tangentially related to the story. They will be		
drip-fed the nuggets of narrative by a special guest expert who		
might just know something about the subject. Across the series they will be joined by I'm A Celeb winner		
Georgia Toffolo, the Aussie comedian Rhys Nicholson, the		
broadcaster Stuart Maconie, Master Chef star Louisa Ellis, Miles from The Traitors, the comedian Richard Herring, the		
astronaut Helen Sharman, and Slow Horses star Chris Chung. 'What? Seriously??' with Dara Ó Briain and Isy Suttie and		
special guest Helen Sharman.		
Story compiled by Gareth Edwards and Dan Page. Producer: Laura Grimshaw		
Executive Producer: Jon Holmes		
An unusual production for BBC Radio 4 FRI 22:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b00s782k)		
Series 2		
Gateshead 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. Mark travels to Gateshead to perform to locals who under no		
circumstances want their town to be confused with Newcastle.		
Whilst up there Mark enjoys a memorable night out in a local pub; a telling-off in the Baltic Art Gallery, a visit to the Angel		
of The North and an ugly car park that some people want to preserve because of its role in a grisly murder.		
Written by Mark Steel.		
With additional material by Pete Sinclair. Producer: Julia McKenzie.		
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2010.		
FRI 23:00 Meet David Sedaris (b08x9f9t) Series 6		
Of Mice and Men; A Can of Worms The globetrotting, trash-picking, aisle-rolling storyteller shares		
more words of wit and wisdom:		
* Urban myths, the truth and what it means to be called a liar in Of Mice and Men.		
* A Can of Worms, a story about overheard conversations and		
the right way to eat pie. With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris		
has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers. The		
great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that he is a master of satire and		
one of the most observant writers addressing the human		
condition today. David Sedaris's first book, Barrel Fever (1994), which included		
The SantaLand Diaries. was a critical and commercial success, as were his follow-up efforts, Naked (1997), Holidays on Ice		
(1997) and Me Talk Pretty One Day (2000). He became known		
for his bitingly funny recollections of his youth, family life and travels, making semi-celebrities out of his parents and siblings.		
David Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards		
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