



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 showbiz clichés.  
J Kingston Platt is the doyen 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.  
**SAT 11:00 Young Coleridge (b00828lq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SAT 12:30 Fresh Air Fiend by Paul Theroux (Omnibus)**

(m000v6zk)  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SAT 13:45 Inner Voices (m0026mcn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**SAT 14:00 Mr Willow's Wife (m000pmdt)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**SAT 14:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0kz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**SAT 15:00 Growing Pains (m0008y79)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SAT 16:00 The Inn by Guy de Maupassant (b09rbpy5)**  
It begins with the first stirrings of a love affair.  
It ends in mystery and mayhem.  
A young mountain guide finds himself in sole charge of a remote Alpine hotel in the Swiss Alps.  
Starring Robin Laing and Gareth Thomas.  
Published in 1886, Guy de Maupassant's haunting short story is a wintry, snowbound tale of loneliness and dark imaginings.  
Dramatised by Sue Glover.  
Ulrich ..... Robin Laing  
Gaspard ..... Gareth Thomas  
Louise Hauser ..... Vicki Liddelle  
Jeanne Hauser ..... Kirstin Murray  
Jean Hauser ..... John Shedden  
Aunt Berthe ..... Tamara Kennedy  
Uncle Maurice ..... Sandy Neilson  
Director: David Jackson Young  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2006.  
**SAT 17:00 Young Coleridge (b00828lq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**SAT 18:30 Fresh Air Fiend by Paul Theroux (Omnibus) (m000v6zk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SAT 19:45 Inner Voices (m0026mcn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**SAT 20:00 Mr Willow's Wife (m000pmdt)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]  
**SAT 20:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0kz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]  
**SAT 21:00 Growing Pains (m0008y79)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SAT 22:00 Welcome to Wherever You Are (m00070jt)**  
Series 2  
Episode 2  
Andrew Maxwell hosts a truly global stand-up show, in which comedians perform from wherever on the planet they happen to be, to an audience in the BBC Radio Theatre, London.  
With:  
\* Nikola Silic  
\* Carl Joshua Neube  
\* Maysoon Zayid  
Nikola Silic from Belgrade is a big name on the comedy scene in the Balkans.  
Carl Joshua Neube performs whilst metres from the Victoria Falls.  
Maysoon Zayid is one of America's first Muslim women comedians and widely believed to be the first person to perform stand-up in Palestine and Jordan.  
Producer: Richard Morris.  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2019.  
**SAT 22:30 Rob Newman (b0bh5hp2)**  
Rob Newman's Total Eclipse of Descartes  
The Inheritance  
One of Britain's finest comedians Rob Newman sets his sights on the world of philosophy.  
He's unpicking 3000 years of good and bad ideas to discover how we got into this mess.  
In a world gone mad - can philosophy provide the answer?  
In this opening episode, Rob turns the spotlight onto the philosophy of education.  
Written and performed by Rob Newman.  
Edited by John Whitehall  
Producer: Jon Harvey  
Executive Producer: Richard Wilson  
A Hat Trick production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2018.  
**SAT 23:00 My Teenage Diary (b07gfjhm)**  
Series 7  
Sara Pascoe  
Comedian Sara Pascoe joins Rufus Hound and reads from her teenage diaries.  
We hear how she works at the Millennium Dome, gets a new boyfriend, starts university and takes her dog along for company.  
What could possibly go wrong?  
Producer: Harriet Jaime  
Executive Producer: Aled Evans  
A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in June 2016.  
**SAT 23:30 The Remains of Foley and McColl (b007k4p6)**  
Cutting Edge  
Sean and Hamish board Boris' Disco Ship to convert offshore ravers into fresh, young listeners.  
Surreal comedy starring award-winning double act Sean Foley and Hamish McColl, the Right Size.  
With:

Rose English  
Count Arthur Strong  
Chris Lerner  
Mark Stevens  
Producer: Lissa Evans  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2000.

#### SUNDAY 05 JANUARY 2025

**SUN 00:00 The Inn by Guy de Maupassant (b09rbpy5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 01:00 Young Coleridge (b00828lq)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 02:30 Fresh Air Fiend by Paul Theroux (Omnibus) (m000v6zk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Saturday]  
**SUN 03:45 Inner Voices (m0026mcn)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Saturday]  
**SUN 04:00 Mr Willow's Wife (m000pmdt)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 04:30 J Kingston Platt's Showbiz Handbook (b007k0kz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Saturday]  
**SUN 05:00 Growing Pains (m0008y79)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Saturday]  
**SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0026mbr)**  
Children's Authors  
Frank Cottrell Boyce  
Writer Frank Cottrell Boyce is castaway by Kirsty Young.  
His film credits include Hilary and Jackie, Welcome to Sarajevo and 24 Hour Party People. He's also written TV soaps, radio and stage plays and children's novels.  
These days children are his main audience and, as a father of seven himself, he should know what they want. He not only tests his ideas on them, but they keep him focused:  
"I need them in the house to make sure I'm not watching telly, or having a four hour bath - the fact that they're there makes me work."  
DISC ONE: Harry Christophers with the Sixteen - Allegri's Miserere  
DISC TWO: Oliver Postgate - Noggin the Nog  
DISC THREE: The Undertones - My Perfect Cousin  
DISC FOUR: Big Country - In a Big Country  
DISC FIVE: Children (recorded in Dublin in the 1960's) - The Story of John the Baptist  
DISC SIX: David Bowie - Golden Years  
DISC SEVEN: The Bothy Band - Butterfly  
DISC EIGHT: The Beach Boys - God Only Knows  
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Harry Christophers with the Sixteen - Allegri's Miserere  
BOOK CHOICE: The Voyage of the Beagle - Charles Darwin  
LUXURY CHOICE: A ferris wheel  
Producer: Leanne Buckle  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.  
**SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b0106x58)**  
Series 2  
Identities  
You get a very different insight into the natural world when you have the opportunity to study the behaviour of individual animals.  
Sir David Attenborough recalls with sumptuous delight spotting a blackbird in his garden with a white feather - "whitey" - giving him a window into the life of blackbirds and what's more, that individual. And, he says, he saw what blackbirds get up to!  
David remembers filming spiders and chimpanzees, both of which benefited from someone knowing about the individuals - and whether you're a spider or a chimpanzee, you have a personality all of your own.  
Written and presented by David Attenborough  
Producer: Julian Hector  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.  
**SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m0026mbt)**  
Macavity's Not There - TS Eliot in the 21st Century  
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and, to mark 60 years since the death of TS Eliot, he selects Macavity's Not There.  
At one time TS Eliot was one of Britain's most important cultural figures: but Britain has changed out of all recognition since then.  
How does a new edition of Eliot's writings affect his reputation: and how much significance do his poems really have in 21st century Britain?  
Critic Michael Alexander explores Eliot's legacy, with the help of Eliot scholar Sir Christopher Ricks, and the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams.  
Producer: Paul Bajoria  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.  
\*\*\*\* And Daljit reads from his Poetry Extra Book of the Month for January: Oi You Lot - a debut collection by Kareem Parkins-Brown.  
**SUN 07:30 Attention All Shipping: A Journey Around The Shipping Forecast (Omnibus) (m0026mbw)**  
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 as to where they are or what they contain.  
Charlie Connelly sets off on a journey into the forecast to find



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)**  
 Prudigal 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 Serafinowicz  
 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 (m0026mb)**  
 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 Awake.  
 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 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  
 John Jasper ..... Joel McCormack  
 Rosa Bud ..... Isabella Inghald  
 Reverend Crisparkle ..... Damian Lynch  
 Neville Landless ..... Maanuv Thirai  
 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.  
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**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 (b0952b9y)**  
 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.

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 Astons, 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 (b007jym7)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**MON 11:30 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j35p)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
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**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 (b00r0qw3)**  
 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  
 Bryn ..... Paul Barnhill  
 Ricky ..... Phillip Fox  
 Becca ..... Emerald O'hanrahan  
 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 Manoeuvr  
 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.





**WED 04:30 Cabin Pressure (b00cb5k4)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Tuesday]  
**WED 05:00 Wives and Daughters by Elizabeth Gaskell (b007jxsh)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Tuesday]  
**WED 06:00 The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler (m0026mmm)**  
1. The General  
California 1939: private detective Philip Marlowe is hired by wealthy General Sternwood to help in a family matter. 'I was neat, clean-shaved and sober. I was everything a well-dressed private detective ought to be. I was calling on four million dollars.'  
Raymond Chandler's classic of hardboiled crime fiction, introducing the world to Philip Marlowe, published in 1939.  
Philip Marlowe .... Ed Bishop  
General Sternwood .... Robert Beatty  
Carmen Sternwood .... Liza Ross  
Vivian Regan .... Diana Olsson  
Agnes .... Nicolette McKenzie  
Bernie Ohls .... Harry Towb  
Eddie Mars .... Paul Maxwell  
Carl Lundgren .... Weston Gavin  
Butler .... Malcolm Gerard  
Musical research Adrian Williams.  
Dramatised in three parts by Bill Morrison.  
Director: John Tydeman  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1977.  
**WED 06:30 Len Deighton - XPD (m000j3k1)**  
8. Expedient Demise  
Stein and Colonel Pitman are making their getaway with the Hitler papers when Pitman is struck down - and a Swiss agent picks them up.  
Can Boyd Stuart get to Switzerland in time to collect them...?  
Conclusion of Len Deighton's riveting thriller.  
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.  
Boyd Stuart ..... Trevor Nichols  
Charles Stein: ..... Bruce Boa  
Max Breslow: ..... Bernard Hepton  
Willi Kleiber: ..... Clifford Rose  
Shumuk: ..... George Coulouris  
Ivan: ..... David Garth  
Koch: ..... Garard Green  
Case officer: ..... Alan Thompson  
Mary Breslow: ..... Helena Breck  
Parker: ..... Colin Starkey  
Billy Stein: ..... Ian Tyler  
Kalkhoven: ..... Stuart Milligan  
Jennifer: ..... Jenny Funnell  
Producer: Peter King  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1985.  
**WED 07:00 Radio Cars (m0026mmp)**  
Series 2  
2. An Equal Match  
Eddie challenges arch-rival Terry and his cab drivers to a football match.  
But there's no such thing as fair play of course and Nicco intends to turn things in Eddie's favour with "spiked" half-time orange slices.  
Second series of Jennifer Phillips's six-part comedy set in the offices of a disreputable London cab company.  
Eddie .... Gary Waldhorn  
Angela .... Harriet Walter  
Slippy .... Norman Jones  
Nicco .... Neil Dudgeon  
Frenchie .... Terence Edmond  
Gringo .... Paul Gregory  
Mohammed .... Stefan Kalipha  
Nellie .... Eva Stuart  
Liam .... Gerard O'Hare  
Terry .... Peter Jonfield  
Director: Richard Wortley  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.  
**WED 07:30 The Missing Hancock's (m000cp2n)**  
Series 4  
The Counterfeiter  
Hancock's fed up with Bill Kerr spending all day in bed, and decides to find him a job. But with Sid James involved, things were always going to get complicated.  
The script for 'The Counterfeiter' was shelved in the 1950s and only recorded first the first time seven decades later by the cast and crew of 'The Missing Hancock's'.  
The Lad Himself .... Kevin McNally  
Bill Kerr .... Kevin Eldon  
Sid James .... Simon Greenall  
Kenneth Williams .... Robin Sebastian  
Andree Melly .... Susy Kane  
The first modern sitcom, Hancock's Half Hour made stars of Tony Hancock, Sid James and Kenneth Williams, and launched writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson as one of the most successful comedy-writing partnerships in history.  
Original scores re-recorded by the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Levon Parikian.  
Producers: Neil Pearson and Hayley Sterling  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2020.  
**WED 08:00 Women Talking About Cars (b083pchj)**  
Series 1  
Dawn French  
Victoria Coren Mitchell interviews Dawn French about cars.

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 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.  
**WED 08:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qlzp)**  
8. Delirium  
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.  
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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 ..... Will 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 (m0026mnr)**  
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 Saggars, 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  
Music:  
Be thou my guardian and my guide - Cantus Choro  
Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God - St Martin's Voices  
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry - Choir of St Edmundsbury

Cathedral  
**WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m0001cwc)**  
Elvis Presley Comeback Special  
Paul Morley tells a parallel story of Elvis and America, from the vantage point of the King's finest hour in 1968.  
"I've got to do this sooner or later," Elvis says sheepishly, "so I may as well do it now."  
And so the 1968 Comeback Special begins: his quiff defying gravity and his leather jumpsuit chafing, as he bursts into an 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 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.  
So by 1968, after his stint in the army, the uninspired films and the years of absence from the stage, the Comeback Special was an opportunity to resuscitate Elvis's career, to claw back his status as a powerful, credible force.  
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 King was fragile.  
He was 33, a new father, and he would never be this good again.  
Paul Morley believes the '68 Comeback Special shows us Elvis 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 Hancock's (m000cp2n)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**WED 13:00 Women Talking About Cars (b083pchj)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]  
**WED 13:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j94r)**  
[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 Queen Elizabeth, Captain Asem 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 Q1 & 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 (b007jxsh)**  
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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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.

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Kate Dickens ..... Pippa Nixon  
 Rosa Bud ..... Isabella Inchbald  
 Neville Landless ..... Maanuvi Thiara  
 Helena Landless ..... Halema Hussain  
 Reverend Crisparkle ..... Damian Lynch  
 Hiram Grewgious ..... Peter Davison  
 Princess Puffer ..... Rachel Atkins  
 Deputy Winks ..... Aaron Gelfokf  
 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.  
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 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 (b01nxx1h)**  
 [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 (m000qmmq)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**THU 14:00 Who Goes There? (b00lbnxy)**  
 Series 2  
 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 Whéen and Fred Housego.  
 With guests:  
 Carmen Callil  
 Victoria Glendinning  
 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  
 Roger.....Jonathan Coy  
 Nick.....Kieran Hill  
 Paddy.....Bill Wallis  
 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 (b007jsxz)**  
 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 (b01nxx1h)**  
 [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 (m000qmmq)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**THU 20:00 Who Goes There? (b00lbnxy)**  
 [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 one.  
 Writer, Performer and Co-Editor: Michael Spicer  
 Composer and Sound Designer: Augustin Bousfield  
 Producer: Matt Tiller  
 A Tillervision production for BBC Radio 4  
**THU 22:30 Big Town All Stars (m001lr7c)**

Series 1  
 The Perfect Man  
 You can join a band for a lot of reasons - fame, sex, money. Yet Kenny sees it as his only chance of giving up teaching geography.  
 Bozo's boxing break means a rock 'n' roll replacement is needed for the struggling a cappella group.  
 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 Firmam  
 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 Olunga 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 eyes - its overheated houses, its disappointing church services and its over-fondness for cauliflower cheese.  
 In this opening episode, Beauty discovers the glories of Weston-super-Mare's charity shops and experiences the disappointment of her first British funeral.  
 Starring Jocelyn 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.

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**FRI 00:00 Great Lives (b007vzrt)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 01:00 The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler (m0026mmd)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 01:30 Whodunnits (b007jp1b)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:00 Heated Rollers (b007qg19)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 02:30 Parsley Sidings (b01p47pg)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 03:00 55 and Over (b01nxx1h)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 03:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j8qy)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 03:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qmmq)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]  
**FRI 04:00 Who Goes There? (b00lbnxy)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 04:30 No Commitments (b037wxhs)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]  
**FRI 05:00 Wives and Daughters by Elizabeth Gaskell (b007jsxz)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 06:00 The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler (m0026mrc)**  
 3. What Did It Matter?  
 California 1939: can private detective Philip Marlowe survive trying to protect Sternwood's reckless daughters?  
 'What did it matter here you lay once you were dead? You just slept the big sleep, not caring about the nastiness of how you died or where you fell.'  
 Raymond Chandler's classic of hardboiled crime fiction, introducing the world to Philip Marlowe, published in 1939.  
 Philip Marlowe .... Ed Bishop  
 General Sternwood .... Robert Beatty  
 Carmen Sternwood .... Liza Ross  
 Vivian Regan .... Diana Olsson

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  
 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 .... Geoffrey 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 (m0002b8b)**  
 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 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 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  
 Sylvia ..... Sue Johnston

Rachel ..... Pearl Mackie  
 Calhoun ..... Simon Holland Roberts  
 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.  
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 Read by Lloyd Hutchinson  
 Produced by Celia de Wolff  
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**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 ..... Maanav Thiara  
 Helena Landless ..... Haleema Hussain  
 Reverend Crisparkle ..... Damian Lynch  
 Deputy Winks ..... Aaron Gekoff  
 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 1960s 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 Jean-Pierre Claris de Florian's novel 'Célestine'.

For 17 year old Marianne Faithfull it was a song of innocence, recorded in a tiny booth in London's old Decca studios whilst happily pregnant with her first child.  
 Meanwhile, author Julia Donaldson and husband Malcolm busked it on the streets of Paris. This was in the summer of 1969 and police hid in alleyways, still fearful of students following the 1968 riots.  
 Inspired by Elvis, West Point Military Academy Freshman Andrew Scott learnt to pick the tune on guitar - helping him win the heart of his wife.  
 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'.  
 Producer: Nicola Humphries  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.  
**FRI 10:30 Ravi Shankar: Sitar Hero (b00rmrpt)**  
 Nitin Sawhney explores the life of the Indian musician Ravi Shankar.  
 Ravi Shankar is one of the greatest musicians the world has ever seen. In the West his outstanding career has sometimes been overshadowed by his brief association with the Beatles but he has been performing and composing at the highest level for over 70 years.  
 The man who first brought Indian classical music to an international audience was once compared to Mozart by the great violinist Yehudi Menuhin. But it wasn't an easy journey to success - it took an arduous process of study and practice.  
 Fellow musician and fan Nitin Sawhney meets his hero to discuss how he did it.  
 With contributions from: Ravi Shankar's daughter Anoushka, one of India's biggest music stars Zakir Hussain, George Harrison's wife Olivia, The Who's Pete Townshend and music historian Ken Hunt.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2010.  
**FRI 11:00 The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler (m0026mrc)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**FRI 11:30 Whodunnits (b00y25xk)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**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 07:30 today]  
**FRI 13:00 Prepper (m0002b8b)**  
 [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 (b0075rh9)**  
 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 Belpert with his faithful valet, Ned.  
 Jim Poyser's riotous comedy of transportation and delight.  
 Jason Slater ..... Michael Begley  
 Ned ..... Joe Caffrey  
 Hoskins ..... Kenneth Alan Taylor  
 Lord Belpert ..... 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 Aubrey  
 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)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**FRI 16:30 Ravi Shankar: Sitar Hero (b00mrpt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**FRI 17:00 The Big Sleep by Raymond Chandler (m0026mrc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 17:30 Whodunnits (b00y25xk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 18:00 Up the Garden Path (b0085k01)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 18:30 Doctor in the House (b007m680)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 19:00 Prepper (m0002b8v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 Amongst Women by John McGahern (m000j9k3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 19:45 The Mystery of Edwin Drood (m000qnjd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 20:00 The Motion Show (b0075rh9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 1834 (b011db7v)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 Ice Blonde by Nancy Crane (m0026mrh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**FRI 22:00 What? Seriously?? (m0026mrk)**

Suits, Shells, and Survival

In this episode, Dara and Isy are joined by the astronaut Helen Sharman to learn about how humans learned to survive in space - with some diverting conversations about glitter, cat statues, hibernation, and shell suits.

What? Seriously?? is a new podcast which combines comedy with quirky history, hosted by Dara Ó Briain and Isy Suttie, who will unravel an extraordinary real-life tale each week with 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 quiriness 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

for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. A feature film adaptation of his story C.O.G. was released after a premier at the Sundance Film Festival (2013). He has been a contributor to BBC Radio 4 since 1996.

Producer: Steve Doherty

A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2017.

**FRI 23:30 The Wilsons Save the World (m000p1h5)**

Series 3

Wellness

After months of not seeing each other, the Wilsons are getting a socially distanced visit from Grandma and Pop-pops.

Jennifer has spent lockdown learning about inner peace and the use of products from a company called Awww Well.

Although Jennifer has never met her rep Amanda, she feels invigorated by the SPF1 suntan lotion, bath vinegar and the 'healing' whatsapp group. Mike is suspicious.

Grandma Pauline has been building her well being empire and is running the operation from department store Wi-Fi. What could go wrong?

Sitcom about trying to live ethically and do the right thing.

Written by Marcus Brigstocke and Sarah Morgan.

Mike ..... Marcus Brigstocke

Max ..... Kerry Godliman

Cat ..... Aine McNamara

Lola ..... Jasmine Sakiyama

Jennifer ..... Vicki Pepperdine

Phillip ..... Rupert Vansittart

Pauline ..... Liza Tarbuck

Producer: Suzy Grant

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