

Still small voice - Be still and know
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Still small voice - Be still and know
Presenter: Harry Baker
Reading: Psalm 46
Music:
Be Still - Wes Davis
Benedictus - Karl Jenkins
Be still for the presence of the Lord - Jonathan Veira
TUE 10:00 A Good Read (b09wsg1y)
Phill Jupitus and Robin Ince
Comedians Phill Jupitus and Robin Ince join Harriett Gilbert to discuss their favourite books by Hans Richter, Arkady & Strugatsky and Bill Beverly.
Dada: Art and Anti-Art by Hans Richter
Publisher: Thames and Hudson
Roadside Picnic by Arkady & Boris Strugatsky
Publisher: Gollancz
Dodgers by Bill Beverly
Publisher: No Exit Press
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2018.
TUE 10:30 Songs for the Dead (b07npx1f)
Keeners were the women of rural Ireland who were traditionally paid to cry, wail and sing over the bodies of the dead at funerals and wakes.
Their role was to help channel the grief of the bereaved and they had an elevated, almost mythical status among their communities. The custom of keening had all but vanished by the 1950s as people began to view it as primitive, old-fashioned and uncivilised.
Now - with emotions raw from her own recent experience of grief - broadcaster Marie-Louise Muir sets out to ask what's been lost with the passing of the keeners.
She travels to Inis Mor, a remote island off the west coast of Ireland, where one of Ireland's last professional keeners - Brigid Mullin - was recorded by the song collector and archivist Sidney Robertson Cowell in the 1950s. Brigid's crackling, eerie evocation of sorrow echoes down the years to capture a tradition in its dying days - a ghostly remnant of another world.
Dr Deirdre Ni Chonghaile is a native of Inis Mor and thinks modern funerals have taken on an almost Victorian dignity in a society that in general has become far less tolerant of extravagant displays of grief.
Deirdre believes it was this very extravagance that helped lead to keening's demise. Its emphasis on the body and human mortality was in direct conflict with the notion of a Christian afterlife and the influential role of the keening women may even have been regarded as a threat to the patriarchy of the Church.
As the story of the keeners blends with the waves and winds of Ireland's west coast, Marie-Louise reflects on the passing of this one rich tradition.
Producer: Conor McKay
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2016.
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TUE 14:00 Act Your Age (b00q3gig)
Series 2
Episode 2
Comedy show that pits the comic generations against each other to find out which is the funniest.
Hosted by Simon Mayo.
With Team Captains:
Jon Richardson
Lucy Porter
Adrian Walsh
Guest Comics:
Jack Whitehall
Sarah Kendall
Ronnie Golden
Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.
TUE 14:30 Cabin Pressure (b00chy5c)
Series 1
Cremona
Arthur is struck dumb when a film star joins the flight, and Douglas has to disguise 30 knights of Camelot in a hurry.
Starring Stephanie Cole, Benedict Cumberbatch and Roger Allam
John Finnemore's sitcom about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no job is too small, but many, many jobs are too difficult.
Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole
1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam
Captain Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch

Arthur Shappay John Finnemore
Hester Macaulay Helen Baxendale
Percival Rufus Jones
Gawain Robert Harley
Lancelot Ali Amadi
Producer: David Tyler
A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2008.
TUE 15:00 The Guide by RK Narayan (b007jyp4)
Railway Raju is famous for helping tourists above and beyond the call of duty – until Rosie arrives.
Starring Nitin Ganatra.
RK Narayan's novel, first published in 1958.
Dramatised by Rukhsana Ahmad.
Raju Nitin Ganatra
Uncle Saeed Jaffrey
Rosie Shaheen Khan
Marco Polo Sam Dastor
Velan Vincent Ebrahim
Mother Leena Dingra
Gaffur Shiv Grewal
Other parts played by the cast.
Director: David Hutchinson
First broadcast on the BBC World Service in August 2003
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TUE 22:00 Ahir Shah's Seven Blunders of the World (m0026v68)
Episode 3
Inspired by an email from his 74-year-old father, comedian Ahir Shah concludes his exploration of 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.

100 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 wraps up his journey through these seven blunders using his trademark combination of philosophical inquiry, political vigour, and sweet gags.

Created and Performed by Ahir Shah
Starring Meera Syal and Vikram Shah
Additional Material - Glenn Moore
Producers – Daisy Knight and Jules Lom
An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 22:30 Sarah Kendall: Australian Trilogy (b0bgrsr7)
Series 2
Seventy-Five Years
Multi-award winning storyteller Sarah Kendal returns with more hilarious, gripping and moving stories.
This second volume of Sarah Kendall's Australian Trilogy, is one show in three parts. A collection of seemingly unconnected stories and memories, which, together, form a meditation on luck, survival and hindsight.
Scrolling backwards and forwards in time to different moments in her life, over the three parts Sarah creates an intricate montage, demonstrating the interconnectedness of life.
In this final part, Sarah tells of her grandparents lives, past and present, stabbings, alien abductions and dementia wards.
We find out why Halley's Comet meant so much to Sarah's dad and we conclude with a story about an astronaut's final trip.
Written by Sarah Kendall and Carl Cooper.
Producer: Carl Cooper
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2018.
TUE 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00277rv)

Celya AB 2/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Arthur Smith talks to Celya AB.
TUE 23:00 Clare in the Community (b082hg9n)
Series 11
Fight Them on the Beaches
Clare is in charge of a day at the seaside for some elderly residents of the estate.
They turn out to be a bit more feisty than the Sparrowhawk team were expecting, which makes it tricky for Clare to impress her new student, Cilla.
Back at home, Brian is coaching Nali for a musical audition. Sally Phillips is Clare Barker the social worker who has all the right jargon but never a practical solution.
A control freak, Clare likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her thirties, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.
Clare continues her struggle to control both her professional and private life. In today's Big Society there are plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.
Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden
Clare Sally Phillips
Brian Alex Lowe
Nali Nina Conti
Ray Richard Lumsden
Libby Sarah Kendall
Joan Sarah Thom
Mrs Singh Nina Wadia
Cilla Gbemisola Ikumelo
Pauline Clare Perkins
Doty Alison Belbin
Geoff Sean Baker
Producer: Alexandra Smith
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2016.
TUE 23:30 The Curried Goat Show (b007k41B)
Episode 1
Cake night - and an odd flat-share.
Sketch-bonanza written by and starring:
Dan Gaster
Will Ing
Ben Silburn
Special guest, Gary Olsen.
Music by The Big Buzzard Boogie Band.
Producer: Maria Esposito
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in January 1998.

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WED 06:00 Whodunnits (b0102h2y)
Miss Marple - Nemesis
3. Suspicions
The potential witness has a suspicious 'accident', so amateur sleuth Jane Marple widens the net.
Starring June Whitfield.
Agatha Christie's whodunnit.
Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Miss Marple June Whitfield
Joanna Crawford Molly Gaisford
Miss Temple Jill Balcon
Professor Wanstead David Swift
Lavinia Glynne Louie Ramsay
Clotilde Bradbury-Scott Mary Wimbush
Anthea Bradbury-Scott Thelma Barlow
Mrs Merryitt Kathleen Helme
The Postmistress Patricia Scott
Emyln Price Roger Moss
The Coroner Colin Pinney
Producer: Enyd Williams.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1998.
WED 06:30 Bright Day by JB Priestley (m00274g2)

3. Anxiety and Optimism
The arrival of Malcolm Nixey at Hawes and Company leaves Ackworth and Gregory anxious for the future. But everyone is enjoying the last summer before 1914. JB Priestley's novel dramatised by Eric Pringle. Older Gregory David Hargreaves Young Gregory Peter Kenny Elizabeth Earl Frances Jeater Ackworth Steve Hodson Mr Alington Gareth Armstrong Joan Elaine Claxton Eva Tara Dominck Bridget Teresa Gallagher Oliver Paul Panting David Richard Pearce Mrs Alington Tina Gray Malcolm Nixey David Jarvis Eleanor Nixey Susannah Corbett Lady Hamdean Margaret John Stanley Mervin Gavin Muir Croxton Peter Whitman Ben Kerry Dominic Letts Jock Barniston Malcolm Ward Herbert Leaton Tom Bevan James Taylor Driver Music played by Les Brown, Laurence Rossi and Tony Gamage. Director: Adrian Bean First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1984.

WED 07:00 Radio Cars (m00274g4)
Series 2
4. A Toy Boy
Further jealousies in the sex war as Eddie's cab drivers gossip about Aussie newcomer, Johnnie, and his friendship with Angela. Second series of Jennifer Phillips's six-part comedy set in the offices of a disreputable London cab company. Starring Gary Waldhorn as Eddie and Harriet Walter as Angela. Eddie Gary Waldhorn Angela Harriet Walter Slippery Norman Jones Nicco Neil Dudgeon Frenchie Terence Edmond Gringo Paul Gregory Nellie Eva Stuart Johnnie James Telfer Director: Richard Wortley First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 1993.

WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b0013tj)
Series 3
The Student Prince
The Lad is lured to Moravia as an unknowing decoy for the endangered Crown Prince. Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Alloysius St John Hancock. Starring Tony Hancock. With: Bill Kerr Sidney James Kenneth Williams Andree Melly Theme and incidental music written by Wally Stott. Music recorded by the BBC Augmented Revue Orchestra conducted by Harry Rabinowitz. Producer: Dennis Main Wilson First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in January 1956.

WED 08:00 Women Talking About Cars (b084xr59)
Series 1
Sarah Millican
Victoria Coren Mitchell interviews Sarah Millican about cars. Sarah reminisces about her Dad's long lost Granada and describes a traffic jam that led to some desperate measures... 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. With car descriptions read by Josette Simon. Producer: Gareth Edwards A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2016.

WED 08:30 Flush by Virginia Woolf (b00yqvk8)
3. Dog Snatchers
Virginia Woolf's biography of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's devoted spaniel, Flush, is read by Jenny Coverack. Miss Browning's constant companion Flush has been stolen by a gang of dog snatchers who hold their canine victims to ransom - and exact a fearful retribution if the price is not paid. Flush finds himself imprisoned in dreadful conditions in Whitechapel, while Miss Barrett becomes increasingly anxious in Wimpole Street. When her father tries to prevent her securing Flush's return, and even dear Mr Browning advises her against giving in to blackmail, she leaves her sickroom and takes matters into her own hands. Written by Virginia Woolf Read by Jenny Coverack Abridged and produced by Sara Davies First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.

WED 08:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson (m000n4w7)
8. Suspicion
Suspicion begins to fall on one of Anna and John's closest

friends. Four years ago, Anna and John's marriage was flourishing. To make matters worse, John began a disastrous affair with their couples counsellor, which he later regretted. Now, to escape the past, they've started over in rural Southern France - a place they once visited on holiday, but don't know very well at all. It's an act of folly, maybe, but necessary for their survival - or so it seemed at the time. But their dream of a new life in France is shattered when their 16 year old son disappears and they find that they, and each of their house guests, are suspects in what the gendarmes have decided is a possible murder enquiry. Written by Shelagh Stephenson. Anna Rosie Cavaliero John Ewan Bailey Jess Macy Nyman Dorothy Linda Bassett Duncan Rufus Wright Rob John McAndrew Melanie Jane Slavin Berengere Kate Duchéne Director: Eoin O'Callaghan A Big Fish Radio production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in October 2020.

WED 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m00274g6)
The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

WED 09:30 Agatha Christie (b0076m6c)
The 8.55 to Baghdad
3. A Steam Bath
In the third of five readings from his book retracing Christie's steps, Andrew Eames visits The Cilician Gates and travels by sleeping car to Damascus, Syria. In Damascus, Syria, Christie spent some time shopping before heading off to Baghdad and a steam bath. In 1928, crime writer Agatha Christie made a spur-of-the-moment decision to go on holiday, alone, to Iraq. Then in her late thirties she was already a popular and successful novelist, but her 14 year marriage to Archie Christie had recently ended and her comfortable life at Sunningdale had become oppressive. Written and read by Andrew Eames Abridged in five parts by Laurence Wareing Producer: David Jackson Young First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2004.

WED 09:45 Daily Service (m00274g8)
Still small voice - Be still, my soul
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music. Theme: Still small voice - Be still, my soul Presenter: Tim Gee Reading: Psalm 131 Music: Be Still My Soul - The Priests How can I keep from singing - Libera The Lord's my Shepherd - The Daily Service Singers

WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m000g520)
Call Up: The Story of National Service
60 years after the last conscripts arrived at their barracks and queued for their kit, historian Richard Vinet uncovers stories of the two million young men who went through National Service. While some embraced the discipline, camaraderie and opportunities that National Service offered, others endured misery. Most never left the country, but some fought in Korea or the Malayan jungle, or found themselves in Kenya, Suez or Cyprus. As well as memories of parade grounds and patriotism, brief moments of terror and long months of tedium, Richard considers the absurdities of army life and post-war ideas of class and masculinity. And in an era when war with the Soviet Union seemed likely, Richard unpicks the politics of National Service from the late 1940s to the early 1960s, asking why post-war Britain needed its young conscripts and whether conscription changed Britain. Producer: Julia Johnson A TBI Media production, first broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2020.

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WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b08b7122)
Series 10
Episode 3
Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Jo Brand welcome: * A fashion historian with a taste for nautical chic, Amber Butchart * A quizzer with a business head and 57 trillion entries in his address book, Jack Waley-Cohen;

* A comedian who's as big Down Under as he is internationally. Jimeoin.
The Museum's Guest Committee investigate a failed cure for malaria that made the world go crazy for mauve; an inventive use of adverbs that will oblige inventive punsters; and a new unit of velocity for compressed curd. Researched by Anne Miller of Q1 and 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! (b012n3rs)
Series 1
What Price Utopia
The government tries to use the programme for a very dark purpose. It's 1961. BBC producer Hugo Kellerman is struggling to make a radio soap set in the unimaginable world of 2006. Starring Peter Bowles, Joseph Kloska and Leslie Phillips. Futuristic sitcom by Christopher William Hill. Nigel ... Peter Bowles Hugo ... Joseph Kloska Sylvia ... Cheryl Campbell Douglas ... Jon Glover Godfrey ... John Fortune Colin Paul ... Richard Biggin Producer ... Miranda Keeling Sir Angus ... Gary Waldhorn Rex, the Pianist ... Marc Wilcox Producer: Liz Webb First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2006.

WED 15:00 The Cornish Trilogy by Robertson Davies (m00274gb)
1. The Death Card
Francis Cornish looks down from Limbo, nervously awaiting whatever fate has in store for his not entirely spotless soul. His family and colleagues in Toronto begin to oversee the disposal of his vast, priceless, but perhaps slightly dubious art collection. Robertson Davies's celebrated trilogy on the life and death of Francis Cornish, international art expert and mysterious millionaire philanthropist. Starring William Hope. Dramatised in three parts by Roger Danes. Francis Cornish William Hope Simon Darcourt Matt Zimmerman Mamusia Elaine Claxton Mary-Jim Buffy Davis Maria Theotoky Barbara Barnes Senator McRory Nigel Anthony Urquhart McVarish David Holt Arthur Cornish John Guerrasio Zadok Hoyle Gavin Muir All other parts played by members of the cast. Music composed by David Dorward. Director: Patrick Rayner First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.

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WED 22:00 ReincarNathan (m001fmbw)
Series 3
Bonobo
Nathan Blakely was a popstar. But he was useless, died, and was reincarnated. The comedy about Nathan's adventures in the afterlife continues, starring Daniel Rigby, Ashley McGuire and guest-starring Amy-Beth Hayes and Mike Wozniak. In episode 3, Nathan is brought back to life as a lovesick Bonobo Ape, who's escaped from Whipsnood Zoo and made it to Paris on the Eurostar. There, his plan is to sabotage the wedding of his human girlfriend, Susan. Cast: Ashley McGuire - Carol Daniel Rigby - Nathan Tom Craine - Deliveroo Driver, Banana, Pigeon Amy-Beth Hayes - Dr Germentrude Henry Paker - Phil Freya Parker - Susan Mike Wozniak - Norman Borman

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THU 14:00 The 3rd Degree (m001nph6)
 Series 13
 University of Strathclyde
 Steve Punt hosts the battle of wits as three students from the University of Strathclyde take on their professors.
 A funny and dynamic general knowledge quiz show with specialist subjects including creative writing, management science and civil and environmental engineering.
 Questions involve words like "babok", "chiasmus" and "vug".
 There's also a chance to find out about the fascinating Mavis Grind.
 Producer: David Tyler
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2023.
THU 14:30 No Commitments (b007jzbF)
 Series 12
 Soft Soap
 Charlotte's acting career looks set to be revived, but can the same be said for Anna's love life?
 Simon Brett's sitcom about the lives and squabbles of three very different sisters.
 Anna Rosemary Leach
 Victoria Angela Thome
 Charlotte Celia Imrie
 Eddie James Greene
 Jeff Stephen Thorne
 Mr Darnley Colin Starkey
 Felicity Susan Jameson
 George Bruce Alexander
 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 The Cornish Trilogy by Robertson Davies (m00274kd)
 2. The Knave of Coins
 A tragic and long-lost brother, a liking for funeral parlours, a beautiful young artist's model - and a period of time spent hidden away in a pre-war German castle.
 The Reverend Darcourt's ferretting into Francis Cornish's past begins to shine light into some very dark corners...
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 Francis Cornish William Hope
 Simon Darcourt Matt Zimmerman
 Mamusia Elaine Claxton
 Mary-Jacobine Buffy Davis
 Maria Theotoky Barbara Barnes
 Ismay Glasson Rachel Atkins
 Saraceni Nigel Anthony
 Prince Max David Holt
 Arthur CornishJohn Guerrasio
 Zadok Hoyle Gavin Muir
 All other parts played by members of the cast.
 Music composed by David Dorward.
 Director: Patrick Rayner
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2001.
THU 16:00 Great Lives (b03zb4bd)
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THU 22:00 Aurie Styla: Tech Talk (Omnibus) (m0026vtb)
 2. Alexa, Make Me A Sandwich
 Stand-up comedian Aurie Styla, a 90s nerd, takes an autobiographical journey through technology history. In this episode, we look at Laurie's life today - a life which is riled by Siri and her various strange sisters.
 Aurie has been a technology lover since he got his first 13-inch television which only worked if asked very nicely, and he re-wired to show all the channels available - in total, four.

Since the days of his first gaming console, the Sega Master System – featuring the often frustrating Alex Kidd In Miracle World – Aurie has seen technology transform in a manner that would have been hard to believe in the 90s.
 This show charts his personal relationship with machines, looking at the past (computer games that you had to load from cassette tapes), the present (houses that are lit and warmed via apps on your phone, cars that drive themselves without you) and the future (AIs that tell you how to dress and what to eat for dinner, and superior intelligences that command your every move whether you want to object or not).
 Technology has moved on rapidly, from being a fun sideshow to the bedrock of our understanding of human life. Aurie guides us through this landscape with infectious wit, taking time to remember the awkward interface of MSN Messenger while also negotiating the modern culture of having to check with a virtual assistant before you turn your lights off. A warm, human show about the way the world has become less and less warm and human, celebrating the march of tech while being appropriately terrified of it.
 An Impatient production for BBC Radio 4
THU 22:30 Big Town All Stars (m001m40z)
 Series 1
 Band Of Gold
 The band are on the road. Up the M1, in fact, to play at a big party, which would be more fun if it wasn't Lorelei's ex's engagement party.
 As they cover the miles the band uncover a lot of old scores.
 Starring Stephen Tompkinson.
 With:
 Nicola Walker
 Clive Rowe
 Bill Dare
 Rachel Preece
 Adrian Scarborough
 Musical Director: David Firman
 Producer: Gareth Edwards
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2000.
THU 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b04yk55d)
 Series 6
 Gyles Brandreth
 Marcus Brigstocke persuades Gyles Brandreth to spend a day doing absolutely nothing.
 And how does he get on writing his first ever pop song?
 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.
 Producer: Bill Dare
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2015.
THU 23:30 Beauty of Britain (b00n7zd1)
 Series 1
 Girl With a Polycotton Tabard
 Beauty wonders why so many British men get stuck in the emotional wilderness and find it hard to communicate with each other - as she deals with an elderly gentleman and his son.
 Beauty's dreams of becoming a model are given a boost when she applies to be the Face of the Social Services.
 Starring Jocelyn Jee Esien.
 Comedy by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson.
 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.
 Beauty Jocelyn Jee Esien
 Mr Clark Geoffrey Palmer
 Julian Christopher Douglas
 Georgie Emma Fryer
 Sally Felicity Montagu
 Karen Nicola Sanderson
 Mrs Gupte Indira Joshi
 Anil Paul Sharma
 Race Commentator Christopher Douglas
 Music by The West End Gospel Choir.
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelani
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2009.

FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2025

FRI 00:00 Great Lives (b03zb4bd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Thursday]
FRI 00:30 Black, White and Beethoven (b071tgbk)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Thursday]
FRI 01:00 Whodunnits (b0102tmh)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Thursday]
FRI 01:30 Bright Day by JB Priestley (m00274k6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Thursday]
FRI 02:00 Heated Rollers (b007r4ys)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Thursday]
FRI 02:30 Parsley Sidings (b01pz6r)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:00 55 and Over (b01p3hnx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Thursday]
FRI 03:30 Flush by Virginia Woolf (b00yrfwp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Thursday]
FRI 03:45 Broken English by Shelagh Stephenson (m000n47k)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Thursday]
FRI 04:00 The 3rd Degree (m001nph6)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Thursday]

FRI 04:30 No Commitments (b007jzbF)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Thursday]
FRI 05:00 The Cornish Trilogy by Robertson Davies (m00274kd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]
FRI 06:00 Whodunnits (b010330g)
 Miss Marple - Nemesiss
 5. Friends
 Amateur sleuth Jane Marple's friends come to her aid, as she battles to finally solve the murder mystery.
 Starring June Whitfield.
 Conclusion of Agatha Christie's whodunnit.
 Dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
 Miss Marple June Whitfield
 Professor Wanstead David Swift
 Lavinia Glynn Louie Ramsay
 Clotilde Bradbury-Scott Mary Wimbush
 Anthea Bradbury-Scott Thelma Barlow
 Miss Cooke Tricia Hitchcock
 Miss Barrow Delia Lindsay
 Michael Rafiel Peter Gunn
 Mr Broadribb Geoffrey Whitehead
 Producer: Enyd Williams.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1998.
FRI 06:30 Bright Day by JB Priestley (m00274m0)
 5. The Picnic
 Ackworth leaves wool company Hawes and Company - while tragedy strikes at Pikeley Scar.
 These two events leave the Alingtons destroyed and Gregory confused.
 JB Priestley's novel dramatised by Eric Pringle
 Gregory Dawson David Hargreaves
 Elizabeth Earl Frances Jeater
 Young Gregory Peter Kenny
 Ackworth Steve Hodson
 Mr Alington Gareth Armstrong
 Bridget Teresa Gallagher
 Joan Elaine Claxton
 Eva Tara Dominick
 Oliver Paul Panting
 Mrs Alington Tina Gray
 Jock Barniston Malcolm Ward
 Croxton/Leo..... Peter Whartman
 George Adony Gavin Muir
 Malcolm Nixey David Jarvis
 Eleanor Nixey Susannah Corbett
 Laura Nina Wadia
 Music played by Les Brown, Laurence Rossi and Tony Gamage
 Director Adrian Bean
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1984.
FRI 07:00 Harry Worth (m000nwdv)
 Thirty Minutes Worth
 The Problem
 Harry's back, confusing everybody as usual - so the last thing he wants is someone knocking on his door with a problem...
 This series was the amiable, woolly-minded bumbler's return to BBC radio, using the title of his first TV series 20 years before with the same writer.
 Starring Harry Worth.
 Sitcom written by Vince Powell
 With:
 Jacqueline Clarke
 Charles Collingwood
 Julie Higginson
 Sandra Dickinson
 Produced at BBC Manchester by Mike Craig.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in September 1988.
FRI 07:30 Doctor in the House (b007jtg8)
 To Pass or Not to Pass
 It's nerves and pints all round, as the St Swithin's medics sit their final exams.
 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 Dennis Cast
 The Dean Dennis Ramsden
 Mrs Clark Irene Handl
 Producer: David Hatch
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 1968.
FRI 08:00 Prepper (m00021td)
 Series 1
 Bugging In
 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

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 (m000pgjh)
Series 3
Arrest
The Wilson household is shaken by two bits of news - Mike has cooked a 12 bean chilli and Cat has been arrested for taking part in a 'climate emergency disruption'.
Mike and Max head to the police station to bail her out and realise it's not quite as straight forward as they first thought.
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 Sakyama
DC Hunter Nimisha Odedra
Producer: Suzy Grant
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in November 2020.