



Read by Robin Bailey, as the acerbic Brigadier.  
Abridged for radio by the author.  
Producer: Tony Cliff  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1982.  
**SAT 09:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jplx)**  
The Whitehall Castaways  
The bureaucratic bunglers are in a flap over a bird and a special tree in a London park.  
A weekly tribute to all those who work in government departments.  
Written by Edward Taylor and John Graham.  
Lennox-Brown ..... Deryck Guyler  
Lamb ..... Richard Murdoch  
Mildred/Miss Winterbottom ..... Norma Ronald  
Sir Gregory Pitkin/Good ..... Ronald Baddiley  
Wilkins/Gold ..... John Graham  
News Reader ..... Bryan Martin  
The 'Men from the Ministry' ran for 14 series between 1962 and 1977. Deryck Guyler replaced Wilfrid Hyde-White from 1966  
Producer: Edward Taylor  
First broadcast on the BBC Radio 4 in July 1976.  
**SAT 09:30 Beyond Our Ken (b0bxcng)**  
From 26/3/1959  
Kenneth Horne is off to the pictures, plus wartime drama in Colditz, and 'Homerama' on TV.  
The second series of sketches and songs written by Eric Merriman and Barry Took  
Starring:  
Kenneth Horne  
Kenneth Williams  
Hugh Paddick  
Betty Marsden  
Welcome to newcomer, Bill Pertwee, who replaces Ron Moody.  
Music from Pat Lancaster, the Fraser Hayes Four and the BBC Variety Orchestra conducted by Paul Fenoulhet.  
Announcer: Douglas Smith  
Beyond Our Ken hit the airwaves in 1958 and ran to 1964 – featuring regulars like Arthur Fallowfield, Cecil Snaith and Rodney and Charles.  
The precursor to 'Round The Horne' – sadly only 15 shows survive from the original run of 21 episodes in Series 2.  
Audio restored using both home and overseas (BBC Transcription Service) recordings.  
Producer: Jacques Brown  
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in March 1959.  
**SAT 10:00 Isy Suttie's Guide to the Family (m00083sk)**  
3. Kids! Who'd 'ave 'em?  
Isy Suttie is back in Derbyshire, the home of her teenage years as she continues ambling through the radio archives to celebrate family life and growing up.  
On her travels we hear contributions from her close friends along with some classic BBC comedy.  
In the last of three programmes, Isy features:  
'OLD DOG AND PARTRIDGE'  
1990s sitcom about landlord Jack who runs a pub with his, until recently, estranged daughter.  
In this episode: When old chum Ralph arrives with his trophy wife, Jack invents a fiancée.  
Starring Michael Williams, Lisa Coleman and John Duttine.  
'NOT IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN'  
Echo of the Past  
1960s family sitcom.  
Jen gets jealous when she sees Henry talking to an old girlfriend.  
Starring Wendy Craig and Francis Matthews.  
Producer: Stephen Garner.  
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra and first broadcast in 2015.  
**SAT 11:00 Charlie Muffin (m0027sw3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**SAT 12:30 The Adventures of Miss Barbara Pym (Omnibus) (m0027sw5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**SAT 13:45 More Tales From a Long Room by Peter Tinniswood (m0027sw7)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**SAT 14:00 The Men from the Ministry (b007jplx)**  
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**SAT 14:30 Beyond Our Ken (b0bxcng)**  
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**SAT 15:00 Isy Suttie's Guide to the Family (m00083sk)**  
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**SAT 16:00 Utopia by Thomas More (b06y9b6t)**  
Thomas More's classic work of speculative fiction 'Utopia' has entered the culture so deeply that the name of his fictional island is the accepted term for our hopes and dreams of a better society.  
Poet Michael Symmons Roberts dramatisation brings More's strange and enchanting island to life, told through the memoirs of Raphael Hythloday.  
More goes on a diplomatic trip to Antwerp, to sort out a dispute in the commercial wool trade between Britain and the Netherlands. While he is there he meets an old man who is clearly widely travelled.  
More complains about the petty politics of the trade dispute, and the old stranger bemoans the state of contemporary society. There is a better way, he says, and I have seen it.  
The stranger introduces himself as the explorer and adventurer Raphael Hythloday, who at the height of his career of was sent

out from Antwerp to explore an unmapped and remote part of the ocean. After months of sailing, he chanced upon an island society unlike any he had seen before. The island was called 'Utopia'.  
Utopia fleshes out the story of Raphael's visit to the island, giving us vivid descriptions of the place and its society, its laws and social patterns and customs.  
All the bearings for this new drama are taken from the rules and descriptions of the island in More's book, and the clues he gives about Raphael's visit.  
Raphael Hythloday ..... Raad Rawi  
Young Raphael ..... Nacho Aldeguer  
Thomas More / Achorion ..... Michael Peavoy  
Peter Giles ..... Cameron Blakeley  
Abraxa ..... Emily Pithon  
Barzanes ..... Jonathan Keeble  
Macaria ..... Fiona Clarke  
Directed at BBC Salford by Susan Roberts.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016 to mark the 500th anniversary of More's work.  
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**SAT 21:00 Isy Suttie's Guide to the Family (m00083sk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**SAT 22:00 The Shuttleworths (b01mxc7)**  
Series 4  
A Moving Story  
It's a new era for The Shuttleworths as son Darren leaves home to share a bedsit with his friend Plonker.  
John is sad to see him go, especially as his contribution to the household budget will be missed.  
Help may be at hand though, when a sudden change in next door neighbour (and sole agent) Ken Worthington's domestic situation, leads him to John's front door.  
Written and performed by Graham Fellows  
Producer: Dawn Ellis  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2003.  
**SAT 22:15 Tim Key's Poetry Programme (b03qf2rn)**  
Series 2  
Medicine  
Tim Key grapples with the concept of medicine by telling poems.  
He also attempts to cure his guitarist, Tom Basden, of an ailment.  
Written and presented by Tim Key.  
With Tom Basden.  
Producer: James Robinson.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.  
**SAT 22:30 Mitch Benn's Crimes Against Music (b0076ytw)**  
Series 3  
Episode 2  
How do you get to Aberystwyth?  
Mitch Benn is on tour and is stranded in Central Wales, going round in circles.  
Trapped with him in a car that's far too small is the whimsical music buff Robin Ince. They decide to gig in the first town they find, LLanfyl but manage to antagonise the locals.  
It's an anarchic mix of music, Welsh pride and a miserable local radio DJ.  
Musical highlights are down in the countryside, which shows the rural idyll isn't quite paradise and the road to Aberystwyth - a chronicle of his failed journey to that mid-Wales coastal university town.  
More music and comedy starring Mitch Benn and Robin Ince.  
With:  
Kirsty Newton  
Tom Price  
Lloyd Langford  
Tasha Baylis  
Producer: Adam Bromley  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2006.  
**SAT 23:00 My Teenage Diary (b07j4qx6)**  
Series 7  
Chris Packham  
Naturalist Chris Packham reads from the nature diaries he kept as a teenager.  
He discusses his formative years with Rufus Hound. These were mostly spent up trees, looking for birds.  
Producer: Harriet Jaime  
A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2016.  
**SAT 23:30 Chain Reaction (b0011pzf)**  
Series 1  
Matt Lucas Interviews Johnny Vegas  
'Little Britain' funny man, Matt Lucas interviews up front comic, Johnny Vegas.  
This is the tag talk show series where the guest turns interviewer in the next show.  
Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.  
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**SUN 06:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m0027tb3)**  
Brit Award Winners  
Neil Tennant  
Singer and songwriter Neil Tennant is castaway by Kirsty Young.  
Neil is best known as one half of The Pet Shop Boys which, over the past 20 years, has been one of Britain's most successful and popular bands, noted for combining dance music with witty lyrics and delivering them in a uniquely English style.  
As a teenager growing up in Newcastle upon Tyne, he felt himself to be an outsider at school, but found friends in an amateur theatre company. Yet he always felt his life would be different to theirs and used to tell them that he would become a celebrated pop star.  
But Neil was 30 when he finally left his day job as a writer for Smash Hits magazine to pursue the musical interests that had dominated his life since he was a teenager. By that time, he was anxious that he had missed the boat.  
Now, as well as continuing to release records with The Pet Shop Boys, he has branched out into other forms of composition.. He's written a live score for the film Battleship Potemkin, a West End musical and has collaborated with Robbie Williams and the Scissor Sisters, amongst many others.  
DISC ONE: Rex Harrison - Why Can't the English?  
DISC TWO: The Beatles - She Loves You  
DISC THREE: Sinfonia of London Orchestra, conducted by Sir John Barbirolli - Ralph Vaughan Williams's Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis  
DISC FOUR: David Bowie - Changes  
DISC FIVE: Shannon - Give Me Tonight  
DISC SIX: Billie Holiday - Good Morning, Heartache  
DISC SEVEN: Dusty Springfield - I Don't Want to Hear It Anymore  
DISC EIGHT: New York Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Leonard Bernstein - Dmitri Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5 in D minor (1st movement)  
CASTAWAY'S FAVOURITE: Dusty Springfield - I Don't Want to Hear It Anymore  
BOOK CHOICE: The Human Comedy - Honore de Balzac  
LUXURY CHOICE: DVD projector and DVDs  
Producer: Leanne Buckle  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2007.  
**SUN 06:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b010fd8x)**  
Series 2  
Rats  
It might be surprising to hear, but Sir David Attenborough has made it known over the years that rats are not his favourite animal.  
In this piece, dedicated to his nemesis, with great wit and skill, the naturalist tells us of the living nightmare he endured whilst on location in a place infested with them.  
If that wasn't enough, whilst making Life of Mammals, he devoted a whole programme to them - and to balance his own personal view went to an Indian temple where the rat is revered and even encouraged to swarm in vast numbers.  
But in a clever twist of the story, as is the hallmark of David Attenborough, in no uncertain way he tells us why they should be respected.  
Written and presented by David Attenborough.  
Producer: Julian Hector  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2011.  
**SUN 07:00 Poetry Extra (m0027tb5)**  
Tell Me the Truth About Love 1-2/5  
Poet Daljit Nagra revisits the BBC's poetry archive and celebrates Valentine's Day by selecting Tell Me the Truth About Love eps 1 to 2 of 5.  
Former Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy celebrates the tradition of love poetry, from first flush to final parting.  
She argues that love poems are the poems that continue to have the most profound and lasting impact on the general reader, and examines enduring images and themes across ages and cultures.  
In conversation with other love poets, Carol Ann celebrates the great poets of love and explores poets' responses to love's mysteries.  
Each programme in this series looks at a different stage in the development of a relationship.  
The opening episode focuses on the excitement of a first meeting and the headiness of early infatuation and the second









conducted by Levon Parikian.  
Producers: Neil Pearson and Ed Morrish  
The original version of 'The Newspaper' was broadcast in February 1956.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.  
**WED 08:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b07qb5tb)**  
Series 4  
Big Tom and the Hendersons  
Dad tries to fight off an unwanted invasion while Granny turns to smuggling.  
Listen in on Tom's weekly phone calls home to his Mum, Dad and Gran in Sheffield and get a glimpse into the triumphs and tribulations of the Wrigglesworth clan in all its dysfunctional glory.  
Tom ..... Tom Wrigglesworth  
Dad ..... Paul Copley  
Mum ..... Kate Anthony  
Granny ..... Elizabeth Bennett  
Cafe owner ..... Ed Kear  
Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle.  
With additional material by Miles Jupp  
Producer: Richard Morris  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2016.  
**WED 08:30 Burning the Books by Richard Ovenden (m000m5kz)**  
3. Keep or Cull?  
Decisions of what to keep and what to cull.  
A 3000 year journey through the destruction of knowledge and the fight against all the odds to preserve it.  
Richard Ovenden, director of the Bodleian Library, explains how attacks on libraries and archives have been a feature of history since ancient times, but have increased in frequency and intensity during the modern era.  
Libraries are far more than stores of literature, through preserving the legal documents such as Magna Carta and records of citizenship they also support the rule of law and the rights of citizens.  
The knowledge they hold on behalf of society is under attack as never before.  
At once a powerful history of civilisation and a manifesto for the vital importance of physical libraries in our increasingly digital age, Burning the Books is also a very human story animated by an unlikely cast of adventurers, self-taught archaeologists, poets, freedom-fighters - and, of course, librarians and the heroic lengths they will go to preserve and rescue knowledge.  
Richard Ovenden demonstrates fundamentally how knowledge of the past still has so many valuable lessons to teach us and we ignore it at our peril.  
Written by Richard Ovenden  
Read by Anthony Head  
Abridged by Siân Preece  
Produced by Jill Waters  
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2020.  
**WED 08:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w5jbt)**  
3. Charlotte  
It's Clementine's turn to create a chocolate delight for the club and Charlotte tells the tale of her terrible chocolate cravings during pregnancy...  
At the Muchly Bottom village chocolate lovers' club five women take turns in creating a chocolate delight and tell a chocolate-related tale while eating it.  
Moya O'Shea's delicious drama.  
Charlotte ..... Carolyn Pickles  
Mrs Drexel ..... Sylvia Sims  
Clementine ..... Paula Wilcox  
Rosie ..... Helena Breck  
Sarah ..... Eleanor Bron  
Hot Shot ..... Carl Prekoppp  
Luke ..... Peter Darney  
Director: Tracey Neale  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.  
**WED 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0027skh)**  
The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.  
**WED 09:30 A Guide to Woodland Birds (b00bydgm)**  
3. The Oakwood Trio  
Brett Westwood presents the guide to help identify your local woodland birds.  
Do you know a wood warbler from a redstart?  
Brett does and joins birdwatcher Stephen Moss and wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson in the Forest of Dean to identify them.  
Producer: Sarah Blunt  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.  
**WED 09:45 Daily Service (m0027skk)**  
Presenter led spiritual reflection and prayers with BBC originated music  
**WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (b06vg1ph)**  
Utopias  
First published in 1516, Michael Symmons Roberts examines the intellectual legacy of Thomas More's celebrated book, 'Utopia'.  
It is a book that generated an idea that has been hotly contested throughout the hundreds of years since its release.  
More had been on a trade mission to Antwerp, and spent much of his time talking to fellow humanist scholars like Erasmus

about the notion of an ideal society and what it might look like.  
Out of those conversations came the book, a slippery tale that blurs fact and fiction and which has left readers ever since trying to fathom whether More was indeed presenting his island of Utopia, where equality is paramount and greed attacked, as a model society or as a salutary tale.  
Half a millennium on, Michael Symmons Roberts heads to Antwerp himself to find out more about the actual book, that so many make reference without ever having opened its pages. He finds out that partly for safety's sake (the text being one on level a critique of contemporary England) it was published abroad and in Latin; he also hears about its great popularity, how it led many to try and set up their own perfect communities, and examines the irony that More would rather have seen this book about an equal society burned rather than seeing it translated into the vernacular and therefore made available to all.  
Along the way, Michael also eavesdrops on figures from the BBC archives describing what their personal Utopias might look like - including Tony Benn, Jeanette Winterson, Aldous Huxley, Nawal El Saadawi and Ian Banks.  
Presenter: Michael Symmons Roberts  
Producer: Geoff Bird  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2016.  
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**WED 14:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b08dnkh0)**  
Series 10  
Episode 6  
Professor of Ignorance John Lloyd and his curator Jo Brand welcome:  
\* American comedian, Michelle Wolf  
\* Food writer, Bee Wilson  
\* Writer, Henry Eliot  
The Museum considers a 24-hour news channel, a 1,000 year long piece of music and the smell of fresh coffee.  
Researched by Anne Miller of QI and Mike Turner.  
Producers: Richard Turner and James Harkin.  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2017.  
**WED 14:30 Millport (b008gh00)**  
Series 1  
Arduour  
The Minister reveals to Irene his secret yearning for Moira. After the initial shock, she realises this unlikely romance could prove advantageous...  
Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson.  
Barmid Irene Bruce is 30-something and hankering after a better life on the mainland.  
Irene ..... Lynn Ferguson  
Moira/Agnes ..... Janet Brown  
Alberto/Robert/Derek/Bob ..... Lewis McLeod  
Ena/Bunty ..... Gabriel Quigley  
Doogie ..... Matt Costello  
Minister ..... Robert Paterson  
Producer: Lucy Bacon  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.  
**WED 15:00 Lucinda Brayford by Martin Boyd (b0076py9)**  
2. Arrival  
After her society marriage, Lucinda arrives in England from Australia, but all is not as she expected.  
Martin Boyd's novel about the challenges for wealthy Australian Lucinda Brayford who marries into English aristocracy.  
Starring Juliet Aubrey.  
Dramatised by Elspeth Sandys.  
Lucinda ..... Juliet Aubrey  
Hugo ..... Jonathan Firth  
Julie ..... Angela Peaseance  
Marian ..... Penelope Wilton  
Paul Brayford ..... Paul Rhys  
Susannah Brayford ..... Pamela Wise  
Arthur ..... Michael Cochrane  
Pat Lanfranc ..... Mark Straker  
Tony Duff ..... Matt Day  
Watteau ..... Miranda Barber  
Bill Vane ..... Nick Boulton  
Mrs. Greene-James ..... Joanna McCallum  
Mrs. Galway ..... Ndidel Del Fatti  
Driver ..... Jason Chan  
Director: Janet Whitaker  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.  
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**WED 22:00 Reincarnate Nathan (m001g9j0)**  
Series 3  
Snowshoe Hare  
Nathan Blakely was a popstar. But he was useless, died, and was reincarnated. The comedy about Nathan's adventures in the afterlife returns for a third series, starring Daniel Rigby, Ashley McGuire and guest-starring Elis James as Gary Grape.  
In the season finale, Nathan is brought back to life as a Snowshoe Hare in the Rocky Mountains. And this time he's got a friend - a hare called Gary Grape, a reincarnation of Nathan's arch nemesis from his human days. Can Nathan get Gary to forgive him for being such a terrible human being and finally get to Elysium? Will he ever learn to do the right thing and make it back to human again?  
Cast:  
Ashley McGuire - Carol  
Daniel Rigby - Nathan  
Elis James - Gary Grape  
Writers: Tom Craine and Henry Paker  
Producer: Harriet Jaïne  
Sound: Jerry Peal  
Music Composed by: Phil Lephord  
A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4  
**WED 22:30 The Lawrence Sweeney Mix (b00klk4r)**  
Series 1  
Episode 3  
Understanding phones - and what women never do...or do they?  
Josie Lawrence and Jim Sweeney make it up as they go along!  
Faced with a live studio audience and a couple of microphones - the masters of improv create sketches from shouted out suggestions.  
Producer: Dawn Ellis  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2007.  
**WED 23:00 The Skivers (b007tceph)**  
Series 1  
Ken Campbell  
Action from Ancient Greece to 221B Baker Street.  
Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh's skilful sketch show.  
Special guest Ken Campbell  
Written and performed by Nick Golson and Tim de Jongh.  
With:  
Mel Giedroyc  
Peter Bradshaw  
Producer: Jon Naismith  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1994.  
**WED 23:30 This Is Craig Brown (b00f41tk)**  
Travel  
The Pedants' Association are off to the seaside, whilst the Good Hotel Guide recommends the Bates Motel as a holiday destination.  
The series mixing satire, social observation and nonsense turns the spotlight on the world of Travel.  
Written and introduced by Craig Brown.  
With:  
Edward Fox  
Rory Bremner  
Harry Enfield  
Mel Hudson  
Hugh Massingbird  
Geoffrey McGivern  
Felicity Montagu  
Hugo Weaving  
Script Editor Simon Littlefield  
Produced by Simon Nicholls  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.  
**WED 23:45 Twenty Players (b06rp9g4)**  
Series 2  
'Ample' Arthur Cartwright  
John Motson tells the story of the football tactician and part-time archaeologist, 'Ample' Arthur Cartwright.  
One of a series of features on fictional sporting heroes.  
Producer: Richard Wilson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1997.  
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 6. Beautiful Dreamer  
 Can Maximilian and Anastasia's marriage survive his business career and attraction to other women?  
 A beautiful piece of music stirs a mega-tycoon to remember the women who have influenced and shaped his life.  
 Barbara Taylor Bradford's 1990 novel follows the turbulent life of Maximilian West, from a German-Jewish childhood in 1938 Berlin, to becoming a successful businessman haunted by his past.  
 Dramatised by Bert Coules.  
 Maximilian West .... Robin Ellis  
 Camilla Galland .... Nicola Pagett  
 Anastasia .... Alexandra Bastedo  
 Alan Trenton .... Simon Williams  
 Theodora .... Emma Fielding  
 Margot Derevenko .... Pauline Jameson  
 Alix west .... Elaine Pyke  
 Michael West .... Nicholas Fletcher  
 Alison .... Janet Maw  
 Stallholder / Humphrey / Tony .... Chris Pavlo.  
 Pianist: Michael Haslam  
 Director: Enyd Williams  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 1996.  
**THU 06:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b008x7tk)**  
 Series 1  
 5. Offer  
 Following the attempted poisoning of Zoe, Simon steps up his search for the killer.  
 Meanwhile, the fellows must cope with "ghastly" TV people crawling over the college while filming a tribute to murder victim, Peter Devanti.  
 And the Bursar is trying to create a fellowship in business studies...  
 Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Samuel West.  
 Mark Tavener's comedy thriller set in a small Cambridge college.  
 Gilbert .... Geoffrey Palmer  
 Simon .... Samuel West  
 Zoe .... Sharon Small  
 Patricia .... Rebecca Front  
 Bernard .... Jonathan Coy  
 Dean .... Michael Maloney  
 Caroline .... Emily Wachter  
 John/Peter .... Nicholas Boulton  
 Mark .... Laurence Howarth  
 Joe .... Martin Hyder  
 Script Editor: Paul Schlesinger  
 Producer: Dawn Ellis  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2005.  
**THU 07:00 Jeeves and the Feudal Spirit (m0027v5w)**  
 The New Moustache  
 Bertie Wooster is under attack. Jeeves disapproves of his new moustache, but Florence rather likes it, setting off Stilton Cheesewright's envious temper.  
 PG Wodehouse's romp starring Michael Hordern and Richard Briers.  
 Adapted in six parts by Richard Osborne.  
 Jeeves ..... Michael Hordern  
 Bertie Wooster ..... Richard Briers  
 Stilton Cheesewright ..... James Villiers  
 Florence Craye .... Liza Goddard  
 Salesman ..... David Tate  
 Producer: David Hatch  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1979.  
**THU 07:30 Parsley Sidings (b008s3d0)**  
 Series 1  
 Goodbye Parsley Sidings  
 Station Master Horace Hepplewhite takes on the bolshie staff in the buffet.  
 Starring Arthur Lowe and Ian Lavender.  
 Jim Eldridge's eponymous series is set in a sleepy railway station.  
 Horace .... Arthur Lowe

Bert .... Ian Lavender  
 Gloria .... Liz Fraser  
 Valentine/Bradshaw/Clara .... Kenneth Connor  
 Trimwick .... Bill Pertwee  
 Burke .... John Graham  
 Producer: Edward Taylor  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in February 1972.  
**THU 08:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b08md98w)**  
 Series 2  
 3: Give a Man a Fish  
 The worst advertising agency team in London are on the lookout for a charity prepared to accept their work.  
 While Joe is determined to do some good in the world, Amanda and Hardacre are more interested in winning prestige and awards with a buzzy new charity campaign.  
 As Joe and Teddy head out into the streets and soup kitchens of London, looking for the ground level stories that make a good campaign, Amanda and Hardacre spend an evening at a fundraiser organised by Hardacre's old brother in arms Bill Lessing.  
 But where's he been for the last ten years? And what exactly does his charity do?  
 Edward Rowett's award-winning sitcom.  
 Rupert Hardacre ..... Nigel Havers  
 Joe ..... Mathew Baynton  
 Amanda ..... Josie Lawrence  
 Jordan ..... Richard Goulding  
 Teddy ..... Kieran Hodgson  
 Bill Lessing ..... Mark Evans  
 An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2017.  
**THU 08:30 Burning the Books by Richard Ovenden (m000m4pl)**  
 4. Theft of Knowledge  
 Aspects of the theft of knowledge.  
 A 3000 year journey through the destruction of knowledge and the fight against all the odds to preserve it.  
 Richard Ovenden, director of the Bodleian Library, explains how attacks on libraries and archives have been a feature of history since ancient times, but have increased in frequency and intensity during the modern era.  
 Libraries are far more than stores of literature, through preserving the legal documents such as Magna Carta and records of citizenship they also support the rule of law and the rights of citizens.  
 Today, the knowledge they hold on behalf of society is under attack as never before.  
 At once a powerful history of civilisation and a manifesto for the vital importance of physical libraries in our increasingly digital age, Burning the Books is also a very human story animated by an unlikely cast of adventurers, self-taught archaeologists, poets, freedom-fighters - and, of course, librarians and the heroic lengths they will go to preserve and rescue knowledge.  
 Richard Ovenden demonstrates fundamentally how knowledge of the past still has so many valuable lessons to teach us and we ignore it at our peril.  
 Written by Richard Ovenden  
 Read by Anthony Head  
 Abridged by Siân Preece  
 Produced by Jill Waters  
 A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2020.  
**THU 08:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w5rkw)**  
 4. Clementine  
 Rosie delivers her creation to the club. Meanwhile, Clementine tells the tale of how she came to own a chocolate shop in the village.  
 At the Muchly Bottom village chocolate lovers' club five women take turns in creating a chocolate delight and tell a chocolate-related tale while eating it.  
 Moya O'Shea's delicious drama.  
 Clementine ..... Paula Wilcox  
 Mrs Drexel ..... Sylvia Sims  
 Rosie ..... Helena Breck  
 Sarah ..... Eleanor Bron  
 Charlotte ..... Carolyn Pickles  
 Hot Shot ..... Carl Prekopp  
 Luke ..... Peter Darney  
 Director: Tracey Neale  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.  
**THU 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0027v5z)**  
 The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.  
**THU 09:30 A Guide to Woodland Birds (b00c0fb6)**  
 4. Conifer Specialists  
 Brett Westwood, Stephen Moss and wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson identify birds that live on conifers, such as the siskin, goldcrest, coal tit and crossbill.  
 Produced by Sarah Blunt.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.  
**THU 09:45 Daily Service (m0027v61)**  
 Love - Perfect Love  
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
 Theme: Love - Perfect Love  
 Presenter: Michaela Youngson  
 Reading: 1 Corinthians 13 1-7  
**THU 10:00 Great Lives (b0901fqr)**

Stephen Fry on PG Wodehouse  
 Stephen Fry nominates his hero PG Wodehouse, a writer who he says simply cheers him up like no one else.  
 Fry wrote to his hero when he was a schoolboy and his most treasured possession is a signed photograph which reads: "To Stephen Fry, All the best, PG Wodehouse."  
 PG Wodehouse was a self-made man, he began as a bank clerk, married a chorus girl and was interned by the Nazis. He wrote some of the most entertaining novels, stories, plays and lyrics of the 20th century and created enduring characters; the most popular being Reginald Jeeves and Bertie Wooster.  
 Stephen makes the case for why PG Wodehouse is a great life. To help him he is joined by Dr Sophie Ratcliffe Associate Professor in English, University of Oxford and author of 'PG Wodehouse - A life in Letters'.  
 Presented by Matthew Parris.  
 Producer: Perminder Khatkar  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2017.  
**THU 10:30 Laughter Close To Tears (b008s5hf)**  
 Even the most repressive regimes produce humour - sometimes laughter can be the only freedom left.  
 From Burma to Zimbabwe, Michael Rosen hears contemporary jokes from the oppressed across the globe.  
 One secret policeman asks another: "So, what do you think of the Government?" His colleague looks around before replying: "The same as you, comrade." The first policeman swiftly declares: "In that case, it's my duty to arrest you."  
 There are plenty more gags like this one as Michael uncovers the vital role humour has to play in the most bleak of global economic and social conditions - including the most dangerous joke ever told.  
 Producer: Mark Burman.  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2008.  
**THU 11:00 The Women in His Life by Barbara Taylor Bradford (m0027v5t)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**THU 11:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b008x7tk)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
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**THU 13:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b08md98w)**  
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**THU 13:30 Burning the Books by Richard Ovenden (m000m4pl)**  
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**THU 13:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w5rkw)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**THU 14:00 The 3rd Degree (m001p7ck)**  
 Series 13  
 King's College London  
 Steve Punt hosts the battle of wits as three students from King's College London take on their professors.  
 A funny and dynamic general knowledge quiz show with specialist subjects including law, cosmology and culture, media and creative industries.  
 There are questions about a giant spider, a silver hammer and why it's no longer illegal to commit champerty. Also, there are not one but two questions about Audrey Hepburn and stamps.  
 How can you resist?  
 Producer: David Tyler  
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2023.  
**THU 14:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0088zqz)**  
 Series 2  
 Take the High Road  
 Robin is driving to Glasgow, but Wendy lets the train take the strain.  
 Sitcom about a couple, Robin and Wendy, and their friends and neighbours  
 Written by and starring Kay Stonham and Simon Greenall.  
 Robin ..... Simon Greenall  
 Wendy ..... Kay Stonham  
 Maureen ..... Amelia Bullmore  
 Derek ..... Martin Trenaman  
 Toby .... James Corden  
 With Ewan Bailey and Paul Putner.  
 Producer: Mario Stylianides  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2003.  
**THU 15:00 Lucinda Brayford by Martin Boyd (b0076q1g)**  
 3. Expectations  
 Badly injured Hugo has refused to divorce Lucinda.  
 This has left her torn between what society expects of her - and what her heart desires...  
 Conclusion of Martin Boyd's novel about the battles between wealthy Australian Lucinda and the English aristocracy.  
 Starring Juliet Aubrey.  
 Dramatised by Elspeth Sandys.  
 Lucinda ..... Juliet Aubrey  
 Hugo ..... Jonathan Firth  
 Paul ..... Paul Rhys  
 Pat ..... Mark Straker  
 Marian ..... Penelope Wilton  
 Arthur ..... Michael Cochrane  
 Lydia ..... Abigail McKern  
 Fred ..... James Launson  
 Julie ..... Angela Pleasence



Bill ..... Nick Boulton  
 Tony ..... Matt Day  
 Watteau ..... Miranda Barber  
 Mrs. Greene-James ..... Joanna McCallum  
 Lord Fitzmaurice ..... Stephen Hogan  
 Stephen ..... Robert Hastie  
 Muriel ..... Helen Longworth  
 Heather ..... Alex Tregear  
 Mrs. Galway ..... Nididi Del Fatti  
 Stephen ..... Pax Baldwin  
 Commanding Officer ..... Hugh Dickson  
 Director: Janet Whitaker  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2005.  
**THU 16:00 Great Lives (b0901fqr)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]  
**THU 16:30 Laughter Close To Tears (b0085hf)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]  
**THU 17:00 The Women in His Life by Barbara Taylor Bradford (m0027v5t)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]  
**THU 17:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b008x7tk)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]  
**THU 18:00 Jeeves and the Feudal Spirit (m0027v5w)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]  
**THU 18:30 Parsley Sidings (b008s3d0)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]  
**THU 19:00 Reluctant Persuaders (b08md98w)**  
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**THU 19:30 Burning the Books by Richard Ovenden (m000m4pl)**  
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**THU 19:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w5rkw)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]  
**THU 20:00 The 3rd Degree (m001p7ck)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]  
**THU 20:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0088zqz)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]  
**THU 21:00 Lucinda Brayford by Martin Boyd (b0076q1g)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]  
**THU 22:00 P.O.V. (m0027jyg)**  
 Series 1  
 A Guy Who Decides... Decides  
 The internet's best comedy creators bring you a sketch show that features drunk people using their inside voices, Christmas getting cancelled, teachers getting decoded, and A Guy Who Decides... deciding.  
 Written and performed by Davina Bentley, Jake Bhardwaj, Emma Doran, Daniel Foxx, Ms. Frazzled, Rosie Holt, Kathy Maniura, Jimmy Rees, Leah Rudick, Will Sebag-Montefiore and Ali Woods.  
 Recorded in London, Dublin, Los Angeles, and Sydney.  
 Edited by Rich Evans at Synbox Post  
 Produced by Ed Morrish  
 A Lead Mojo production for BBC Radio 4  
**THU 22:30 Eamon, Older Brother of Jesus (m0027v63)**  
 Episode 3  
 Now in his 40s, Eamon is still living at home with his parents. He has the perfect younger brother and his mother is a saint. Life is not easy for Eamon...  
 Can Eamon negotiate a tricky visit by his relatives...?  
 Michael Redmond writes and stars in a six-part comedy series.  
 Eamon ... Michael Redmond  
 Joseph .... Harry Towb  
 Mary .... Stella McCusker  
 With  
 Peter Caffrey  
 Clare Cathcart  
 Moira Buffini  
 Producer: Phil Clarke  
 Made for BBC Radio 4 in 1996. A decision was taken not broadcast at the time. This is the first time it has been broadcast on BBC Radio.  
**THU 22:45 2000 Years of Radio (b069npj8)**  
 Series 2  
 Tempest FM  
 It's 23rd April 1616 (approximately) - the day William Shakespeare died. Follow events as they unfold, as the nation mourns the playwright.  
 DJ Suzanne Canker talks to and annoys his widow Ann Hathaway.  
 Bard-Beard' sales rocket, Grayson Spey tries his hand at that sonnet-writing thing, plus more easy listening with mad Bessie, psycho Bob and pervert Archie.  
 Series tapping into the radio archive of a bygone age.  
 Written and performed by:  
 Claire Downes  
 Hazel Grian  
 Al Holloway  
 Ben Kozo  
 Stuart Lane  
 Patrick McNamara  
 Producer: Sean Grundy  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.  
**THU 23:00 The Million Pound Radio Show (b009m51j)**  
 Series 3  
 Episode 1  
 Irangate surprise - and ethical robbers.  
 Sharp-edged topical humour in the most expensive show on

radio.  
 Written by and starring Andy Hamilton and Nick Revell.  
 With:  
 Harry Enfield  
 Felicity Montagu  
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1987.  
**THU 23:30 Beauty of Britain (b00npr8g)**  
 Series 1  
 Beauty and the Beast  
 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.  
 Beauty is looking after the elderly Mr Easterby, who has a new girlfriend and is behaving like a lovestruck teenager.  
 She is also trying to get to the Aspire to Dream retreat.  
 Meanwhile Anil is on a big cat stakeout, as several have been spotted in the region.  
 Starring Jocelyn Jee Esien.  
 Comedy written by Christopher Douglas and Nicola Sanderson.  
 Beauty ..... Jocelyn Jee Esien  
 Sally ..... Felicity Montagu  
 Karen ..... Nicola Sanderson  
 Mrs Gupte ..... Indira Joshi  
 Anil ..... Paul Sharma  
 Mr Easterby ..... Leslie Phillips  
 Mrs Mason ..... Liz Fraser  
 Kevin/Cab Man/Steve ..... Christopher Douglas  
 Girl on Stretcher ..... Nicola Sanderson  
 Music by The West End Gospel Choir.  
 Producer: Tilusha Ghelani  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

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**FRI 04:00 The 3rd Degree (m001p7ck)**  
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**FRI 04:30 Robin and Wendy's Wet Weekends (b0088zqz)**  
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**FRI 05:00 Lucinda Brayford by Martin Boyd (b0076q1g)**  
 [Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Thursday]  
**FRI 06:00 The Women in His Life by Barbara Taylor Bradford (m0027vqx)**  
 7. Loss  
 Tragedy is visited upon Maximilian's life - and he begins to make some bad mistakes.  
 A beautiful piece of music stirs a mega-tycoon to remember the women who have influenced and shaped his life.  
 Barbara Taylor Bradford's 1990 novel follows the turbulent life of Maximilian West, from a German-Jewish childhood in 1938 Berlin, to becoming a successful businessman haunted by his past.  
 Dramatised by Bert Coules.  
 Maximilian West .... Robin Ellis  
 Adriana Macklin .... Joanna Monro  
 Blair Martin .... Alice Arnold  
 Alexandra Bastedo .... Nicola Pagett  
 Camilla Galland .... Nicola Pagett  
 Theodora .... Emma Fielding  
 Alix West .... Elaine Pyke  
 Michael West .... Nicholas Fletcher  
 Graham .... Becky Hindley  
 Geraldine .... Amanda Gordon  
 Dougie .... Mark Bonnar  
 Newsreader .... Peter Donaldson.  
 Pianist: Michael Haslam  
 Director: Enyd Williams  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1996.  
**FRI 06:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b008y4fg)**  
 Series 1  
 6. Ruse  
 Exams loom large but it's not only the students who are under pressure.  
 It becomes increasingly clear that each of the fellows had a very good reason to kill celebrity historian Peter Devanti.  
 But can Simon unveil the real killer?  
 Starring Geoffrey Palmer and Samuel West.

Mark Tavener's comedy thriller set in a small Cambridge college.  
 Gilbert .... Geoffrey Palmer  
 Simon .... Samuel West  
 Patricia .... Rebecca Front  
 Zoe .... Sharon Small  
 Dean .... Michael Maloney  
 Bernard .... Jonathan Coy  
 Caroline .... Emily Wachter  
 John .... Nicholas Boulton  
 Alice .... Beth Chalmers  
 Script Editor: Paul Schlesinger  
 Producer: Dawn Ellis  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2005.  
**FRI 07:00 Harry Worth (b07v05xf)**  
 Thirty Minutes Worth  
 The Producer  
 The vicar has engaged the services of that well-known thespian, Binky Bottomley to write and produce a pageant for the bicentenary of the village.  
 But then he entrusts Harry with his script...  
 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.  
 Co-starring Jack Douglas as Binky Bottomley.  
 Sitcom written by Vince Powell  
 With:  
 Jacqueline Clarke  
 Charles Collingwood  
 Julie Higginson  
 Su Douglas  
 Producer: Mike Craig  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in October 1988.  
**FRI 07:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00ffj3)**  
 From 15/03/1971  
 A rival to the Bard of Avon, the challenge of buying an antique teaspoon and a sleepless night.  
 A sequential entertainment for radio starring Ronnie Barker.  
 With:  
 Terence Brady  
 Pauline Yates  
 Pianist: Gordon Langford  
 Guitarist: Dick Abell.  
 Written by:  
 Terence Brady, Donald Churchill, David Climie, John Graham, Charles Mackay, Spike Milligan, Peter Spence, Roger Till, Gordon Langford and Gerald Wiley.  
 Producer: John Fawcett-Wilson  
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 1971.  
**FRI 08:00 Sandi Toksvig's Hygge (m000q8zk)**  
 Series 1  
 Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock and Rose & Rosie  
 'Hygge' (pronounced hoo-ga) along with 'tak' (the word for 'thank you' that we learnt from watching Borgen and other Scandi dramas) is one of the few Danish words to have become known to us in the UK.  
 It's a word that means comfort, contentment and cherishing the simple pleasures in life. In lifestyle magazines it's faux fur throws, cups of hot cocoa and scented candles; but to the Danish it has simpler and less commercial roots. As these cold winter nights draw in after a difficult year of scant comfort, it feels like we all need some hygge and legendary Dane, Sandi Toksvig, will do her best to bring it to you.  
 Deep in the Danish countryside in her cosy wood cabin, Sandi will explore the concept of hygge and the Danish way of life and welcomes celebrity guests who join her in front of the open fire to explore what brings them hygge. In this episode BBC Stargazing's Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock helps point out the constellations we can see when there is no light pollution and Youtubers Rose & Rosie try to embrace digital detoxing and the joys of glamping.  
 Additional material from Simon Alcock and Charlie Dinkin.  
 Produced by Julia McKenzie  
 A BBC Studios Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in December 2020.  
**FRI 08:30 Burning the Books by Richard Ovenden (m000m60l)**  
 5. The Future  
 The future and the preservation of information that relates to all of us and the way we live.  
 A 3000 year journey through the destruction of knowledge and the fight against all the odds to preserve it.  
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Concluded by Anthony Head.  
Abridged by Siân Preece.  
Producer: Jill Waters  
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in September 2020.

**FRI 08:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w6f7p)**  
5. Mrs Drexel  
A huge cake box sits on the table, as the mysterious Mrs Drexel tells a tale which surprisingly concerns them all - as she explains how she came to be invited to join the club...

At the Muchly Bottom village chocolate lovers' club five women take turns in creating a chocolate delight and tell a chocolate-related tale while eating it.

Conclusion of Moya O'Shea's delicious five-part drama.  
Mrs Drexel ..... Sylvia Sims  
Clementine ..... Paula Wilcox  
Rosie ..... Helena Breck  
Sarah ..... Eleanor Bron  
Charlotte ..... Carolyn Pickles  
Hot Shot ..... Carl Prekopp  
Luke ..... Peter Darney  
Director: Tracey Neale  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2001.

**FRI 09:00 Yesterday in Parliament (m0027v4n)**  
The latest news from Westminster - and beyond.

**FRI 09:30 A Guide to Woodland Birds (b00c4mf9)**  
5. The Big Stuff  
Brett Westwood, Stephen Moss and Chris Watson identify the sounds of jays, tawny owls, sparrowhawks and other larger woodland birds.  
Producer Sarah Blunt.  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

**FRI 09:45 Daily Service (m0027v4s)**  
Love - Everlasting love  
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.  
Theme: Love - Everlasting love  
Presenter: Angel Morgan  
Reading: 1 Corinthians 13 8-13  
Music:  
Reckless Love - Israel Houghton  
He Is - Volney Morgan & New Ye  
I will sing of your great love - Lou Fellingham

**FRI 10:00 Soul Music (m0002181)**  
Series 27  
Smile  
Charlie Chaplin wrote the music for 'Smile' in 1935 for the film 'Modern Times', but the lyrics were only added nearly 30 years later.

Chris Philips tells the story of how his grandfather was inspired to write the words when he left his father at boarding school.

Gemma Lowery talks about how her son Bradley loved the song; writer Bryony Rheam describes why she associates the song with her grandmother and Marine Lucas remembers flying to Michael Jackson's memorial on hearing the news of his death.

And author Bob Williams remembers after his father died, his mother sitting on the floor listening to the Nat King Cole version and crying when he came home from school.

Series about pieces of music with a powerful emotional impact.  
Producer: Sara Conkey  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2019.

**FRI 10:30 The Wonderful Weightless World of the Flexidisc (b00sgber)**  
Paul Bayley examines history of the flexidisc, a cheap, lo-fi way of releasing a record between the 1950s and 90s.

Long before the invention of the MP3, there was a way of getting hold of music, speech, and other audio sensations, free of charge, in the form of flexidiscs. Originally developed in the 1930s to play at 78rpm, by the 1960s, seven-inch, 45rpm flexidiscs were so cheap to produce, and so light and bendy, that they were often given away free with a magazine. In the Soviet Union, though, where flexidiscs were called roentgenizdat, and were recorded on disused medical x-ray sheets, the audio was usually of an illegal nature, such as jazz music, or, later, punk rock.

In telling the story of the flexidisc, we'll hear plenty of music, some of which is now valuable (such as the Rolling Stones Exit on Mainstreet Blues, given away with New Musical Express in 1972).

In tracking down the story of flexidiscs, presenter Paul Bayley meets collector Jez Randall, journalist Ian Shirley, and the novelist Tim Lott, who co-founded Flexipop magazine in the early 1980s (which gave away a free flexi with every issue).

The programme includes extracts from flexidiscs galore, including several advertisements for products as diverse as crisps, hair pieces and rat poison, music from big band jazz to beat groups to punk rock, and some of the most famous recordings made on flexidisc including Beatles fanclub records.

Private Eye's satirical flexidiscs and the sound of humpback whales, from the world's biggest circulation flexidisc ever.

Presenter: Paul Bayley

Producer: Bob Dickinson  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

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**FRI 13:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w6f7p)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 14:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m00162mw)**  
Series 28  
Episode 1  
David Mitchell hosts the panel game in which four comedians are encouraged to tell lies.  
They compete against one another to see how many items of truth they're able to smuggle past their opponents.  
The panelists are obliged to talk with deliberate inaccuracy on subjects as varied as glasses, squirrels, Alexander the Great and China.

With  
Alan Davies  
Lucy Porter  
Holly Walsh  
Tony Hawks  
Producer Jon Naismith  
A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in April 2022.

**FRI 14:30 Meet Mr Mulliner by PG Wodehouse (m0027v4x)**  
Honeysuckle Cottage  
Mr Mulliner tells the tale of a crime writer who becomes haunted by the spirit of romantic fiction.  
Storyteller Mr Mulliner enlists regular tipplers of the Angler's Rest to tell his tales.  
Richard Griffiths stars as Mr Mulliner, first published in 1927, written by PG Wodehouse.  
Dramatised in six parts by Roger Davenport.  
Mr Mulliner .... Richard Griffiths  
Miss Postlethwaite / Rose .... Matilda Ziegler  
A Port / Dr Brady .... Peter Acre  
The Light Ale / McKinnon .... Martin Hyder  
A Pint of Stout / Colonel Carteret .... David Timson  
A Small Bitter / James .... Tom George  
Dramatised by Roger Davenport.  
Director: Ned Chaillet  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2002.

**FRI 15:00 Say It With Flowers by Kevin Wong (m0027v53)**  
Valentine's Day starts off all wrong for Tommy when his girlfriend tells him that she is leaving him for good.  
Before he has time to pour the milk she's gone. Angry and preoccupied, Tommy, a florist's delivery boy, delivers bouquets to all the wrong people - on a very important day.

CAST:  
Tommy .... Benedict Wong  
Julie .... Sukie Smith  
Frank/Radio Presenter .... Daniel York  
Paul the Florist .... Burt Kwouk  
Aunt Mabel .... Kate Fitzgerald  
Jeff .... Vincenzo Pellegrino  
Written by Kevin Wong  
Director Frances-Anne Solomon  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

**FRI 15:45 The Necklace by Guy de Maupassant (m0009brp)**  
In Paris, a young woman discovers that scaling the social ladder needs a very delicate balance.  
Kathryn Hurlbut reads Guy de Maupassant's classic short story.  
Producer: Rosemary Watts  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 1990.

**FRI 16:00 Soul Music (m0002181)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

**FRI 16:30 The Wonderful Weightless World of the Flexidisc (b00sgber)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]

**FRI 17:00 The Women in His Life by Barbara Taylor Bradford (m0027vqx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

**FRI 17:30 High Table, Lower Orders (b008y4fg)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

**FRI 18:00 Harry Worth (b07v05xf)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

**FRI 18:30 Lines From My Grandfather's Forehead (b00gffj3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

**FRI 19:00 Sandi Toksvig's Hygge (m000q8zk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

**FRI 19:30 Burning the Books by Richard Ovenden (m000m60l)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

**FRI 19:45 Moya O'Shea - The Chocolate Lovers' Club (b00w6f7p)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]

**FRI 20:00 The Unbelievable Truth (m00162mw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]

**FRI 20:30 Meet Mr Mulliner by PG Wodehouse (m0027v4x)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]

**FRI 21:00 Say It With Flowers by Kevin Wong (m0027v53)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]

**FRI 21:45 The Necklace by Guy de Maupassant (m0009brp)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:45 today]

**FRI 22:00 What? Seriously?? (m0027syk)**  
6. Votes, Greed, and Cheese  
In this episode, Dara and Isy are joined by the star of Great British Menu Louisa Ellis, to learn about the the power of cheese - with some diverting conversations about goose trading, feasting, and weaponised dairy.

What? Seriously?? is a new podcast which combines comedy with quirky history, hosted by Dara and Isy who unravel an extraordinary real-life tale each week with the help of a celebrity guest.

The stories 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.

Across the series, Dara and Isy will be joined by I'm A Celeb winner Georgia Tofolo, 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 Louisa Ellis  
Format co-developed by Dan Page. 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 The Jason Byrne Show (b01p9jsb)**  
Series 3  
First I Was a Nurse Then I Became a Roofer  
The hyperactive Irish comedian scrutinises the realm of employment.  
Jason reveals how he drove a former employer to distraction. Amongst the audience he discovers a nurse-turned-roofer-turned-counsellor-turned-wormle: a laundry manager in a private castle and one man who has no idea whatsoever of his job title.

High-energy stand-up comedy and sketch show.  
With:  
Laurence Howarth  
Daisy Haggard  
Producer: Julia McKenzie  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in November 2010.

**FRI 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m00282f9)**  
Amy Annette 3/3  
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, The Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. And tonight, Esyllt Sears talks to Amy Annette.

**FRI 23:00 Mark Steel's in Town (b017wyff)**  
Series 3  
Berwick-Upon-Tweed  
Mark Steel performs for the residents of Berwick-Upon Tweed. He's talking about war with Russia, Scottish rivalries and rather unusual local slang.  
During his visit to the Northumberland town, he investigates the rich tapestry of remarkable events and people.  
Series in which the comedian visits towns across the UK and creates a stand-up show for the locals.  
Written by Mark Steel with additional material by Pete Sinclair.  
Producer: Sam Bryant  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2011.

**FRI 23:30 Life on Egg (m0002hr1)**  
Series 2  
Dragon  
When Governor Harry is accused of not mucking in, he is soon mucking out, bagging up guillemots droppings from The Egg's helipad.  
But when he finds it hard to open one of the waste bags, Prisoner Gyles Brandreth offers a solution - an invention he made in the prison workshop to open them more easily...an invention so good it could make him millions.  
So he and the team set about pitching the bag-opening device to Dragons' Den, in the hope of securing funding from Deborah Meaden.

Will they end up "bagging" an investment, or will their pitch end in a poo-pooing?  
Governor Harry ..... Harry Hill  
Anne ..... Karen Bartke  
Peter ..... Marek Larwood  
Prisoner Gyles Brandreth ..... Gyles Brandreth  
Helicopter Pilot ..... Dan Maier  
Evan Davis as himself  
Written by Dan Maier  
Producer: Sam Michell  
A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in February 2019.

**FRI 23:45 The In Crowd (b0085jgt)**  
Series 1

Episode 2  
Hell's Angels, rice crackers - and how best to name a child.  
Sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store.  
With  
Robin Ince  
Helen Moon  
Smug Roberts  
Kate Ward  
Written by Carl Cooper, Susan Vale, Sandy Gort, Lavinia  
Murray, Stan Vernon and Robin Ince.  
Producer: Graham Frost  
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001