

Sam Peakes Yasmine Akram
 Tom Shriver MP Charlie Higson
 Mia Phillips Ciarad Lloyd
 Gideon Burnside Dan Tetsell
 Nathan Edmonds Daniel Lawrence Taylor
 Written by Jon Harvey, Christopher Davies and Sarah Dempster.
 Producer: Jon Harvey
 A Naked production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2019.
SUN 23:30 Rigor Mortis (b007qw7n)
 Series 2
 Episode 4
 Dr Webster meets his doppelganger - entomologist Dr Betsy, whilst Gordon hears voices.
 Starring Peter Davison.
 Laurence Howarth's black comedy set in the world of the pathology lab.
 Anthony Webster Peter Davison
 Ruth Anderson Matilda Ziegler
 Professor Donaldson Geoffrey Whitehead
 Graham Tom Price
 With:
 Marianne Levy
 Gus Brown
 Alex Lowe
 Music by Paul Mottram and Stephanie Benavente.
 Producer: Dawn Ellis
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2004.

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2025

MON 00:00 Childhood's End by Arthur C Clarke (m002834h)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]
MON 01:00 Pilgrims by Ray Ball (m0028341)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:00 Poetry Extra (m0028343)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Sunday]
MON 02:30 Dithering Heights by Ken Whitmore (m0028345)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Sunday]
MON 03:45 I'm Ken, He's Bill (m0028347)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 on Sunday]
MON 04:15 The Adventures of PC 49 (m002834b)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:15 on Sunday]
MON 04:45 Lake Wobegon Days by Garrison Keillor (m002834f)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Sunday]
MON 05:00 Spoonface Steinberg by Lee Hall (b007jnsq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
MON 06:00 The Women in His Life by Barbara Taylor Bradford (m00282yz)
 8. Destiny
 A brush with death causes Maximilian to re-evaluate his life, and his true destiny.
 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.
 Stars Robin Ellis.
 Dramatised in eight parts by Bert Coules.
 Maximilian West Robin Ellis
 Alan Trenton Simon Williams
 Anastasia Alexandra Bastedo
 Teddy Emma Fielding
 Sister Constanza Sian Phillips
 Princess Irina Dorothy Tutin
 Alix West Elaine Pyke
 Michael West Nicholas Fletcher
 Adrianna Joanna Monro
 Blair Alice Arnold
 The Doctor Ioan Meredith
 The Policeman Sean Baker
 Elias Ed Bishop
 Pianist: Michael Haslam
 Director: Enyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1996.
MON 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jpp2)
 Miss Marple - The Murder at the Vicarage
 1. The Body
 Even the vicar of St Mary Mead detests a certain member of his flock.
 But murder seems to be carrying things a bit far?
 Starring June Whitfield as Miss Marple.
 Agatha Christie's whodunnit, first published in 1930.
 Dramatised in five parts by Michael Bakewell.
 Miss Marple June Whitfield
 Rev Leonard Clement Francis Matthews
 Griselda Clement Imelda Staunton
 Dr Haydock Nigel Davenport
 Dennis Nicholas Boulton
 Lettice Protheroe Rachel Atkins
 Miss Wetherby Joan Matheson
 Mrs Price-Ridley Margot Boyd
 Mrs Lestrangle Jilly Meers

Lawrence Redding James Telfer
 Anne Protheroe Frances Jeater
 Colonel Protheroe James Greene
 Mary Alice Arnold
 Inspector Slack John Baddeley
 Director: Enyd Williams
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.
MON 07:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00c6vrj)
 Series 3
 Episode 2
 Sheila raises Tommy's suspicions and blood pressure, but there's method in her madness.
 Sweethearts Tommy Franklin and Sheila Parr won the 1962 Eurovision Song Contest, but now they're back in the big time.
 The problem is, they can't stand each other...
 June Whitfield and Roy Hudd star in Mike Coleman's sitcom.
 Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd
 Sheila Parr June Whitfield
 Hetty Stark Pat Coombes
 Murray Franklin Julian Eardley
 Louis Elstein Edward Halsted
 Jack Dunne William Franklyn
 Music by Frido Ruth.
 Producer: Steve Doherty
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2001.
MON 07:30 The Likely Lads (m00282z1)
 Series 1
 5. Baby, It's Cold Outside
 Terry and Bob meet a couple of nurses and plan a double date.
 When they have nowhere to take them, they offer to babysit for colleague Jack, to take advantage of his flat.
 Starring James Bolam and Rodney Bewes.
 Created and written for BBC TV by Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais.
 Adapted for BBC Radio by James Bolam.
 Bob Ferris Rodney Bewes
 Terry Collier James Bolam
 Audrey Sheila Fearn
 Jack Donald McKillop
 Margaret Dorothy White
 Rose Kate Story
 June Janet Kelly
 Jane Shirley Jaffe
 Producer: John Brownell
 First broadcast on BBC Light Programme in September 1967
MON 08:00 North by Northamptonshire (b03s6mf2)
 Series 3
 Episode 6
 A funeral focuses everyone's mind in Wadenbrook.
 Sheila Hancock narrates the bittersweet adventures of the residents of a small town in Northamptonshire.
 Written by Katherine Jakeways.
 As is well-known: Yorkshiremen wear flat caps and Essex girls wear short skirts; Liverpudlians are scallies and Cockneys are wideboys. Northamptonians gaze wistfully at these stereotypes and wish for an identity of any kind and a label less ridiculous than Northamptonians. Northamptonshire, let us be clear, is neither north, nor south nor in the Midlands. It floats somewhere between the three eyeing up the distinctiveness of each enviously.
 Katherine Jakeways gives Northamptonshire an identity. And she waits, eagerly, for her home-county to thank her. And possibly make her some kind of Mayor.
 Narrator Sheila Hancock
 Rod Tim Key
 Mary Penelope Wilton
 Jonathan Kevin Eldon
 Keith John Biggins
 Esther Katherine Jakeways
 Norman Geoffrey Palmer
 Orson Nathaniel Parker
 Alistair Michael Bentshaw
 Jan Felicity Montagu
 Producer: Steven Canny
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.
MON 08:30 Twenty Years A-Growing by Maurice O'Sullivan (m00282z3)
 6. Shipwrecks
 **** This programme was suggested by Paul Buttle as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****
 The outbreak of war brings prosperity and change for the islanders with shipwrecks, foreign sailors and the threat of conscription.
 Memoirs and reminiscences of life growing up on The Basket Islands off Ireland's Dingle Peninsula. The Islands were evacuated after World War II, but prior to that 150 inhabitants lived a traditional, rural life.
 Maurice O'Sullivan was born on the Islands in 1904, before being fostered in Dingle and then returning to his family home on the Irish speaking Island.
 It captures a young boy's growth to early manhood on the great Basket, "a truly Gaelic island which lies north-west off the coast of Kerry". With stories of his friends, family, father and grandfather.
 "Did you ever hear how the life of man is divided?" says Maurice's grandfather, 'twenty years a-growing, twenty years in blossom, twenty years a-stopping, and twenty years declining.'
 Written by Maurice O'Sullivan and abridged by Ann Rees-Jones
 The story continues from the first Omnibus episode featured in

4 Extra's ALL REQUEST WEEKEND.
 Read by PG Stephens
 Producer: Maurice Leitch
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1977.
 **** To nominate a programme from the archive that you would like to hear again, please email radio4extra@bbc.co.uk ****
MON 08:45 Marcovaldo by Italo Calvino (m000v1n5)
 Mushrooms in the City
 Marcovaldo finds mushrooms growing by the tram stop.
 But he's dismayed to discover that he isn't the only one who's spotted them.
 The first of Italo Calvino's enchanting collection of five short stories.
 Dramatised by Toby Jones from a translation by William Weaver.
 Narrator Toby Jones
 Marcovaldo Mackenzie Crook
 Amadigi Lloyd Hutchinson
 Isolina Isla Johnston
 Michelino Aaron Gelkoff
 Pietruccio Tyler Howitt
 Director: Nadia Molinari
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2021.
MON 09:00 Just a Minute (m002716x)
 Series 94
 4. Does the second turning of the tide amount to repetition?
 Sue Perkins challenges Tony Hawks, Ian Smith, Zoe Lyons and Charlotte Ritchie to speak for 60 seconds without repetition, deviation or hesitation. Subjects include Preferred Socks, Hayfever, and Getting It Started On The Dancefloor.
 Production Coordinator: Sarah Nicholls
 Sound Editor: Marc Willcox
 Producer: Rajiv Karia
 An EcoAudio certified production.
 A BBC Studios Audio Production for Radio 4
MON 09:30 Key Matters (b00tt535)
 Series 2
 A Major
 Ivan Hewett returns to explore the question of why certain musical keys have become associated with particular moods.
 For starters, Ivan meets pianist and conductor Jonathan Cohen to discuss the open optimism of A major.
 The music ranges from Mozart to Abba with some Carol King and Dvorak along the way.
 Producer: Rosie Boulton
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.
MON 09:45 Daily Service (m00282z5)
 Proverbs - Guard your heart
 A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
 Theme: Proverbs - Guard your heart
 Presenter: Angela Tilby
 Reading: Proverbs 4:20-27
 Music:
 Come down O love divine - Guildford Cathedral Choir
 Upon your heart - St Martin's Voices
 To thee my heart I offer - BBC Young Choristers 2024
MON 10:00 Comic to Comic (b007xxzn)
 Series 2
 Andy Parsons
 Comedian and TV panellist Andy Parsons chats to Bruce Morton about his career, Glaswegian shipyards and New Zealand sausage ads.
 Series in which Bruce Morton talks to top stand-up comedians about life, the universe and comedy.
 Producer: Carol Purcell
 First broadcast on BBC Radio Scotland in January 2006.
MON 10:30 Fabulous Flops (b012wz90)
 Series 1
 4. Droppings
 Take a seat for the gruesome finale - featuring.....
 Out of the Blue - a musical about the bombing of Nagasaki, nicknamed 'Into The Red'
 Fields of Ambrosia, about the dropping of heads, an "hilarious" tale of a travelling executioner - affectionately referred to as 'Fields of Amnesia' by the poor cast members desperately trying to forget they were in it
 Plus, the sad story of Leonardo, a musical in which the great artist gets off with Mona Lisa. A production funded by the tiny island of Nauru, whose entire economy is based on the guano industry - fossilized bird droppings
 Producer: Elizabeth Freestone
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2004.
MON 11:00 The Women in His Life by Barbara Taylor Bradford (m00282yz)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jpp2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 12:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00c6vrj)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 12:30 The Likely Lads (m00282z1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 13:00 North by Northamptonshire (b03s6mf2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 13:30 Twenty Years A-Growing by Maurice O'Sullivan (m00282z3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

MON 13:45 Marcovaldo by Italo Calvino (m000v1n5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 14:00 The Rest is History (b078wsdl)
Series 2
Episode 5
Frank Skinner loves history, but just doesn't know much of it. So he's devised a comedy discussion show in order to find out more about it.
Along with his historian in residence, Professor Kate Williams, Frank is joined by Miles Jupp and Zoe Lyons.
Up for discussion: King Arthur, Ivan the Terrible, Napoleon and Josephine, and Sir Walter Raleigh.
Producers: Mark Augustyn and Justin Pollard
An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2016.
MON 14:30 Smelling of Roses (b007k22c)
Series 2
Bill Of Fare
Rosie and her team are asked to organise a food fair by the formidable Lord Pickton.
But they don't realise the event is a setup to promote Hinchliff Manor - rather than the stallholders...
Prunella Scales stars in Simon Brett's sitcom.
The trials and tribulations of Rosie Burns and her event management company, based in Brighton.
Rosie Prunella Scales
Kate Arabella Weir
Jo Rebecca Callard
Bob Duncan Preston
Tess Annette Badland
Nigel Mazoni Jon Glover
Lord Pickton Bill Wallis
Vicks Natalie Walter
Rupert Will Ing
Producer: Maria Esposito
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2001.
MON 15:00 The Spy by James Fenimore Cooper (b019rgnv)
1. Trapped
New York State, 1778.
Henry Wharton, a young soldier for the British in the American War of Independence, creeps into no-man's land to spend an evening with his family.
But the happy reunion is cut short when American troops surround the house. Can the mysterious peddler Harvey Birch provide Henry with a means of escape?
Starring Burn Gorman, Rose Leslie and Alex Waldmann.
Published in 1821, James Fenimore Cooper's tale of espionage and divided loyalties during the American War of Independence
The first commercially successful American work of popular fiction. The Spy is also generally regarded as the world's first espionage novel.
Fenimore's double agent Harvey Birch, began the tradition of spy-as-hero, leading to the great genre novels of the late 19th and 20th centuries.
Dramatised in two parts by DJ Britton.
Harvey Birch Burn Gorman
Frances Rose Leslie
Henry Alex Waldmann
Mr Wharton James Lailey
Sarah Francine Chamberlain
Mr Harper Timothy Watson
Caesar Richard Pepple
Peyton Dunwoodie Simon Bubb
Captain Lawton Gerard McDermott
Colonel Wellmere Adam Billington
Isabella Singleton Victoria Inez Hardy
Director: Sasha Yevtushenko
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2012.
MON 16:00 Comic to Comic (b007xxzn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:30 Fabulous Flops (b012wz90)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 today]
MON 17:00 The Women in His Life by Barbara Taylor Bradford (m00282yz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 17:30 Whodunnits (b007jpp2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 18:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00c6vrj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 18:30 The Likely Lads (m00282z1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 19:00 North by Northamptonshire (b03s6mf2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Twenty Years A-Growing by Maurice O'Sullivan (m00282z3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 19:45 Marcovaldo by Italo Calvino (m000v1n5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
MON 20:00 The Rest is History (b078wsdl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 today]
MON 20:30 Smelling of Roses (b007k22c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 today]
MON 21:00 The Spy by James Fenimore Cooper (b019rgnv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 today]
MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m002716x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 22:30 Alexei Sayle's Strangers on a Train (m001pm85)
Series 2

Llandudno to Cardiff
Alexei Sayle takes another train journey and breaks the golden rule of travelling by train in the UK - by actually talking to his fellow passengers.
In this episode, he travels north to south across Wales from Llandudno to Cardiff.
Among his many fellow travellers, he meets:
* Mags, Karen, Anne and Nicky who call themselves the 'cycling widows' and are determined to enjoy themselves while their partners are off on two wheels somewhere
* 16 year-olds Isaac and Finlay are aspiring footballers and share their dreams with Alexei of one day playing in the Premier League and for their country
* Dewi is travelling to a retreat for help with his mental health problems
* Sarah and David surprise Alexei with their tales of long distance rail travel - including a trip on the Trans-Siberian Express fuelled only by pot noodles and vodka and thousands of miles in India in second class carriages meeting some of the 23 million people who take a train there every day.
Producers: Peter Lowe and Nick Symons
A Ride production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2023.
MON 22:55 The Comedy Club Interviews (m0028dm0)
George Fouracres 1/3
From 10pm until midnight, seven days a week, the Comedy Club has two hours of comedy. Plus Athena Kugblenu chats to George Fouracres.
MON 23:00 The News Quiz (m0027v4h)
Series 116
6. Corruption Leagues and Leaked Whatsapps
On The News Quiz this week, Andy Zaltzman is joined by Ria Lina, Lucy Porter, Daniel Finkelstein and Alice Fraser to discuss the many Whatsapp woes of Labour, Kemi Badenoch rallying the Gen-Z's, the UK's ongoing success in the corruption leagues, and the overdue return of the woolly mammoth.
Written by Andy Zaltzman.
With additional material by: Tasha Dhanraj, Cameron Loxdale, Ralph Jones and Christina Riggs.
Producer: Rajiv Karia
Executive Producer: Richard Morris
Production Coordinator: Jodie Charman
Sound Editor: Marc Willcox
A BBC Studios Audio Production for Radio 4
An Eco-Audio certified Production
MON 23:30 Absolute Power (b018jp4b)
Series 4
Episode 1
The Machiavellian masters of spin get a lucrative contract to represent BBC television.
Stephen Fry and John Bird star in Mark Tavener's biting satire.
Charles Prentiss and Martin McCabe are spin masters in the world of government and media relations.
Charles Prentiss Stephen Fry
Martin McCabe John Bird
Archie Alex Lowe
Clive Tom George
Morganna Rachel Atkins
Debbie Jalml Barbakoff
Headmaster Kim Wall
Producer: Dawn Ellis
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2004.

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2025

TUE 00:00 Comic to Comic (b007xxzn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 Fabulous Flops (b012wz90)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 The Women in His Life by Barbara Taylor Bradford (m00282yz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 Whodunnits (b007jpp2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00c6vrj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 The Likely Lads (m00282z1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 North by Northamptonshire (b03s6mf2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 on Monday]
TUE 03:30 Twenty Years A-Growing by Maurice O'Sullivan (m00282z3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 on Monday]
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TUE 04:00 The Rest is History (b078wsdl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:30 Smelling of Roses (b007k22c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 The Spy by James Fenimore Cooper (b019rgnv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:00 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Falco (b007wfp1)
The Silver Pigs
1. Illegal Trade
Rome, AD 70: Roman sleuth Marcus Didius Falco chances upon an illegal trade in precious metal (the silver pigs) after mounting a rescue from a kidnap gang.
Anton Lesser stars as Ancient Rome's favourite detective.
Lindsey Davis's gripping, historical mystery.
Dramatised in four parts by Mary Cutler.
Falco Anton Lesser
Sosia Felicity Jones
Lenia Gillian Goodman
Petronius Ben Crowe
Decimus Robert Lister
Publius Richard Derrington
Pertinax/Julius Sean Connolly
Falco's Mother Frances Jeater
Marcia Helen Monks
Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.
TUE 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jppk)
Miss Marple - The Murder at the Vicarage
2. Whodunnit?
Much to the Vicar's embarrassment, a murder has been committed in his study.
But who killed Colonel Protheroe?
Miss Marple is on the case....
Starring June Whitfield.
Agatha Christie's whodunnit dramatised by Michael Bakewell.
Miss Marple June Whitfield
Rev Leonard Clement Francis Matthews
Griselda Clement Imelda Staunton
Dr Haydock Nigel Davenport
Lettice Protheroe Rachel Atkins
Mary Alice Arnold
Colonel Melchett Richard Todd
Constable Malcolm Ward
Butler Lewis Jones
Anne Protheroe Frances Jeater
Lawrence Redding James Telfer
Inspector Slack John Baddeley
Gladys Crum Oona Beeson
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.
TUE 07:00 Spangles 'n' Tights (b04pcv9j)
A Folk Song for Europe
The Dublin theatrical costumiers get embroiled in rivalry between two Lancashire clog troupes.
Christopher Fitz-Simon's five-part comedy.
Dessie Doyle David Kelly
Violet Doyle Pauline McLynn
Antony Gogan Eugene O'Brien
Mr McNamara Frank Kelly
Mona Scrummitt Noreen Kershaw
Mr Witherspoon Dave Hill
Belfast Woman Maureen Dow
Music played by John Trotter.
Directed at BBC Belfast by Roland Jaquarello.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 1998.
TUE 07:30 The Goon Show (b007jtj9)
Series 7
The Sleeping Prince
When Neddie Seagoon is made president of Yakabakoo, he tries to quell a revolution.
Groundbreaking, surreal BBC radio comedy written by Spike Milligan and Larry Stephens.
Starring:
Peter Sellers
Harry Secombe
Spike Milligan
First billed as Crazy People, ten series of The Goon Show were recorded between 1951 and 1960, but sadly many of the earliest shows weren't kept in the archive.
With the Ray Ellington Quartet and Max Geldray.
Orchestra conducted by Wally Stott.
Announcer: Wallace Greenslade
Producer: Pat Dixon
First broadcast on the BBC Home Service in February 1957.
TUE 08:00 Man at the Helm (b07x5vrg)
Episode 2
Local handyman Charlie Bates is not on the man list for Lizzie's three meddling kids.
But they're prepared to give him a shot when their divorced mum falls for him - because he looks like Frank Sinatra...
Nina Stibbe's comic novel set in 1970s rural Leicestershire.
Adapted by Amanda Whittington.
Lizzie Eloise Webb
Amy Fern Deacon
Little Jack Ben Barker
Elizabeth Amanda Hale
Charlie Bates Andy Nyman
Mr Lomax Jason Barnett
Dad James Lailey
Mrs Bates Elizabeth Bennett
Director: Gemma Jenkins
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2016.
TUE 08:30 Twenty Years A-Growing by Maurice O'Sullivan (m00281rf)
7. Gone Fishing
**** This programme was suggested by Paul Buttle as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****
School is stopped and Maurice goes lobstering with his dad. He could not be happier - until the weather turns.
Memoirs and reminiscences of life growing up on The Blasket Islands off Ireland's Dingle Peninsula. The Islands were evacuated after World War II, but prior to that 150 inhabitants

a murder and - worse still - he's forced to visit a remote and dangerous outpost of the Empire - Britain.
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Petronius Ben Crowe
Decimus Robert Lister
Publius Richard Derrington
Gaius Hilaris Ian Brooker
Helena Fritha Goodey
Aelia Susan Jeffrey
Triferus/Cornix Alex Jones
Directed at BBC Birmingham by Peter Leslie Wild.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2004.
WED 06:30 Whodunnits (b007jpp1)
Miss Marple - The Murder at the Vicarage
3. Confessions
Multiple confessions to the murder of Colonel Protheroe mount up in the village of St Mary Mead.
But who does amateur sleuth Jane Marple believe?
Starring June Whitfield as Miss Marple.
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Mrs LeStrange Jillie Meers
Mary Alice Arnold
Hilda Lisa Howard
Dr Haydock Nigel Davenport
Lawrence Redding James Telfer
Dennis Nicholas Boulton
Hawes David Thorpe
Dr Stone Timothy Alcock
Raymond West Ian Masters
Inspector Slack John Baddeley
Gladys Cram Oona Beeson
Nancy Vivienne Rochester
Director: Enyd Williams
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1993.
WED 07:00 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k0zf)
2. The Mariner
Mr Finchley runs into an ancient mariner who has many tales to tell of his life at sea, each one taller than the last.
Meanwhile, following hot on his tail is Oliver Watt-Anselm, the worst private eye in the world...
Victor Canning's novel about the adventures of a man and his horse-drawn caravan touring the 1930s countryside of Kent.
Mr Finchley Richard Griffiths
Horace Blane John Bird
Bob Trilby Chris Emmett
Oliver Watt-Anselm Jon Glover
Narrated by James Villiers.
Adapted in six parts by Andy and Eric Merriman.
Producer: Gareth Edwards
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in April 1993.
WED 07:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t5xc7)
Series 3
The Greyhound Track
Sid wants the lad evicted, so he reopens a public footpath through his country mansion.
Ray Galton and Alan Simpson's classic comedy about the life and times of Anthony Aloysius 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 February 1956.
WED 08:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b07tc1rm)
Series 4
Construction Time Again
Tom's Dad offers some unwanted assistance.
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
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 Twenty Years A-Growing by Maurice O'Sullivan (m002812p)
8. A New Friend
**** This programme was suggested by Paul Buttle as part of BBC Radio 4 Extra's All Request Weekend ****
It's a beautiful day in 1923 and Maurice makes a new friend and helps his father collect sheep on the hillside but it's fraught with danger.

Memoirs and reminiscences of life growing up on The Blasket Islands off Ireland's Dingle Peninsula. The Islands were evacuated after World War II, but prior to that 150 inhabitants lived a traditional, rural life.
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Read by PG Stephens
Written by Maurice O'Sullivan
Abridged in ten episodes by Ann Rees-Jones
Produced by Maurice Leitch
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 1977.
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WED 08:45 Marcovaldo by Italo Calvino (m000v2pw)
The Rain and the Leaves
Marcovaldo's increasing obsession with nurturing the plant at the factory where he works brings surprising results.
Italo Calvino's enchanting short story collection is dramatised for radio by Toby Jones.
From a translation by William Weaver.
Narrator Toby Jones
Marcovaldo Mackenzie Crook
Domitilla/ Receptionist Deborah Mcandrew
Viligelmo Mark Bonnar
Isolina Isla Johnston
Michelino Aaron Gelkoff
Pietruccio Tyler Howitt
Director: Nadia Molinari
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2021.
WED 09:00 ReincarNathan (m0027v0w)
Series 4
1. Rat
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 fourth and final series, starring Daniel Rigby, Ashley McGuire, Freya Parker and Henry Paker.
In this first episode of the final trilogy, Nathan is brought back to life as a rat in a London sewer. As usual, Nathan has a mission to complete - this time he needs to save an abandoned terrapin who's lost in the sewers from the clutches of a disgruntled crocodile. And Nathan also has his own demons to battle - can he come to terms with the failed pop career he had as a human?
Cast:
Ashley McGuire - Carol
Daniel Rigby - Nathan
Henry Paker - Terry the Terrapin
Freya Parker - Crocodile
Tom Crowley - Music Manager
Writers: Tom Craine and Henry Paker
Producer: Harriet Jaime
Sound: Jerry Peal
Music Composed by: Phil Lephert
A Talkback production for BBC Radio 4
WED 09:30 Key Matters (b00t5jf)
Series 2
E Minor
Presenter Ivan Hewett explores the question of why certain musical keys have become associated with particular moods.
For example, why is A major almost always employed by composers to write optimistic, even ecstatic music?
And how has E minor become the key of choice for portraying menace and tragedy?
Cellist and composer Philip Sheppard defines the qualities of E minor with music ranging from Brahms, Elgar and Shostakovich to The Clash.
Produced by Rosie Boulton.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2010.
WED 09:45 Daily Service (m002812r)
Proverbs - The beginning of Wisdom
A space for spiritual reflection with a Bible reading, prayer and a range of Christian music.
Theme: Proverbs - The beginning of Wisdom
Presenter: Stewart Rapley
Reading: Proverbs 1:1-7
Music:
Guide me o thou great redeemer - St Martin's Voices
God be in my head - Tenebrae
The perfect wisdom of our God - Stuart Townend
WED 10:00 Archive on 4 (m0010f16)
The Men in the White Coats
Professor Andrea Sella on the shifting image of the scientist in popular culture, from Victor Frankenstein to Iron Man via victorious post-war boffiny and megalomaniacal Bond villainy.
The monster unleashed by Mary Shelley in her 1818 tale of gruesome gothic horror was in many senses not the creature itself, but the image of its careless creator. The recklessness of the lone scientist whose blind ambition fails to foresee the societal and practical consequences of his discovery or invention.

Throughout the last 150 years, the scientists in our science fictions have embodied the contemporary societal attitudes to science itself, sometimes in celebration, but often as a cartoon of our fears. At the same time professional scientists and science communicators have tried to share their work with wider audiences in an effort to democratise and enliven the endeavour.
However, these two approaches haven't always been in synchrony.
Produced by Alex Mansfield.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2021.
WED 11:00 Falco (b007wpz2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 11:30 Whodunnits (b007jpp1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
WED 12:00 Mr Finchley Takes the Road (b007k0zf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
WED 12:30 Hancock's Half Hour (b00t5xc7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
WED 13:00 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b07tc1rm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
WED 13:30 Twenty Years A-Growing by Maurice O'Sullivan (m002812p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
WED 13:45 Marcovaldo by Italo Calvino (m000v2pw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:45 today]
WED 14:00 It's Your Round (b00yjs4p)
Series 1
Episode 1
It's the comedy panel show with no format!
Let battle commence in the games each brought along by the panellists:
Rufus Hound
Miles Jupp
Sara Pascoe
Adam Hills
Stand by for "Them Next Door", "What Does My Dad Know?", "Come To Romford!" and "Newspaper Headline or Cryptic Crossword Clue".
All are untried, untested and unpredictable so it could all end in disaster.
Angus Deayton valiantly tries to keep the show together.
Written by: Angus Deayton, Ged Parsons and Paul Powell
Devised by Benjamin Partridge.
Producer: Sam Michell.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in Freya 2011.
WED 14:30 Millport (b008h51h)
Series 1
Derek Dodds Is Dead
An unexpected death makes all the islanders question their priorities in life in some very surprising ways...
Bittersweet comedy written by and starring Lynn Ferguson.
Barmaid Irene Bruce is 30-something and hankering after a better life on the mainland.
Irene Lynn Ferguson
Moirai/Agnes Janet Brown
Alberto/Robert/Dita/Bob Lewis McLeod
Ena/Bunty/Diane Gabriel Quigley
Doogie Matt Costello
Minister Robert Paterson
Producers: Lucy Bacon and Kathy Smith
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2000.
WED 15:00 Parson Harding's Daughter by Joanna Trollope (m0009swy)
1. What Hope?
Caroline Harding's only suitor disappeared to India without her and forgot that he'd ever planned to marry her.
She was left with few hopes, for what was there for a parson's daughter - of limited means and no looks - to expect in 1775?
Written by Joanna Trollope under her nom de plume, Caroline Harvey.
Starring Rebecca Egan.
Dramatised in three parts by Eric Pringle.
Caroline Harding ... Rebecca Egan
Johnnie Gates ... Charles Simpson
Henry ... Ross Livingstone
Parson Harding ... Geoffrey Whitehead
Eleanor ... Jane Whittenshaw
Robert ... Roger May
Lady Lennox ... Jennifer Hilary
Lord Lennox ... David Collings
Georgiana ... Jilly Bond
Frank Lovell ... Paul Jenkins
Sir Edward Ashton ... Nicholas Le Prevost
Ralph Buxby ... Andrew Wincott
Sircar ... Dhirendra
George Carew ... Stephen Critchlow
Anne Hedges ... Patience Tomlinson
Mary Wells ... Tessa Worsley
Mr Pears ... David Timson
Dramatised by Eric Pringle.
Director: Jane Morgan.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 1995.
WED 16:00 Archive on 4 (m0010f16)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
WED 17:00 Falco (b007wpz2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
WED 17:30 Whodunnits (b007jpp1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

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 (m0002mlv)
Series 2
Brother
A new prisoner on The Egg is known to a warden - could this raise a conflict of interests?
When Peter's brother arrives, there is much consternation when he immediately escapes.
Governor Harry Harry Hill
Anne Karen Bartke
Peter Marek Larwood
The Minister Sukh Ojla
Tim the Helicopter Pilot Daniel Maier
Sebastian Paul Putner
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 (b00890vn)
Series 1
Episode 3
Vegan Frosties, Gravy Inspectors and registered Platitudopaths.
Sketch show from Manchester's Comedy Store.
With
Robin Ince
Helen Moon
Smug Roberts
Kate Ward
Written by Alex Boardman, Carl Cooper, Susan Vale, Stan Vernon, Howard Reed, Steve Cochran and Sue Morris.
Producer: Graham Frost
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2001.