

SATURDAY 20 MARCH 2021

SAT 00:00 The Spaceship (b007jvq8)

5. Enemies

The crew at last make contact with another race, but not before a minor rebellion on board.

Conclusion of the sci-fi comedy starring James Fleet.

Written by Paul Barnhill and Neil Warhurst.

In the year 2104, a fleet of research cruisers were launched into space, with every moment aboard the Really Invincible III, Macclesfield Division preserved by wall-to-wall monitoring, and transmitted back to Earth.

What you hear took place live, four years ago, 70,000 light years from home.

Captain Gordon Taylor James Fleet

Melissa Patterson Emily Joyce

Karen Rose Cavaliero

Stuart Paul Barnhill

Clive Neil Warhurst

Ion Jason Chan

The King of the Dwapeye Stephen Hogan

Narrator Nicholas Boulton

Director: Sally Avens

Made for BBC 7 and first broadcast in June 2005.

SAT 00:30 Off the Page (b0015mhs)

Vegas

Dominic Arkwright, Joe Queenan, Karen Marchbank and Michael Simkins debate the excesses and quirks of Las Vegas. From June 2009.

SAT 01:00 Paul Temple (b007w39F)

Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

8. Introducing Alex

The suave sleuth invites the key players to his home, but has he finally managed to identify the blackmailing murderer?

Francis Durbridge's thriller stars Peter Coke as Paul Temple and Marjorie Westbury as Steve in the conclusion of another intriguing case for BBC radio's smoothest investigator and his glamorous wife.

Paul Temple Peter Coke

Steve Marjorie Westbury

Sir Graham Forbes James Thomason

Inspector Crane Haydn Jones

Leo Brent Dennis Hawthorne

Wilfred Davis Basil Jones

Ricky Frank Henderson

Dr Kohima Roy Lefebvre

Mrs Trevelyan Barbara Mitchell

Carl Lathom Simon Lack

Producer: Martin C Webster

First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in March 1968.

SAT 01:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr6j)

Episode 10

The fugitive is pursued through the countryside by the clever strategies of his sinister nemesis - Major Quive-Smith. Geoffrey Household's classic British thriller was first published shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939.

Read by Michael Jayston.

Producer: David Jackson Young.

Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.

SAT 02:00 Fingers in the Sparkle Jar by Chris Packham (b079rd1y)

Episode 5

Chris Packham concludes his painfully honest memoir. He is a confirmed outsider - almost overwhelmed - but determined to do things his way, on his terms.

Chris is a naturalist, nature photographer and author, best known for his BBC TV work.

Chris brings to life his childhood in the 1970s, moving back and forth through time, to capture recent, more exposing recollections from adulthood.

Read by Chris Packham and Rachel Atkins.

Abridged by Jo Coombs

Producer: Pippa Vaughan

A Loftus Media production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in May 2016.

SAT 02:15 44 Scotland Street: Edinburgh for Pretenders (b07cyvjm)

Episode 5

Will Irene receive a warm welcome on her return to Edinburgh? And what of Big Lou and her political boyfriend?

Portrait painter, Angus Lordie, observes the goings on of his neighbours and friends in and around 44 Scotland Street.

Alexander McCall Smith dramatises stories from his bestselling series, 44 Scotland Street, which continues to delight readers around the world.

Angus Lordie Crawford Logan

Domenica Carol Ann Crawford

Irene Emma Currie

Bertie Simon Kerr

Olive Sophie Lawrence

Big Lou Anita Vettesse

Alec Simon Donaldson

The New Pretender David Jackson Young

Director: David Ian Neville

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2016.

SAT 02:30 Just Like That - Tommy Cooper (m000t756)

Just like that! Milton Jones celebrates the comic genius of Tommy Cooper.

The "unattractive young man" who went on to become the

nation's favourite clown, despite early rejection by the BBC for his "poor diction and unpleasant manner."

Fans, friends and family also help recall the magical mayhem of Tommy Cooper.

Featuring: Michael Parkinson, Barry Cryer and Tom O'Connor.

Producer: Geoff Ballinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2002.

SAT 03:00 Martyn Wade - Stepniak (b00sfby9)

The bitter-sweet real-life love story of Olive Garnett (sister of the famous Russian Translator, Constance) who meets and falls for a Russian expatriate whose charms hide a secret and rather sinister past...

Written by Martyn Wade.

Olive Garnett Justine Waddell

Stepniak David Horovitch

Connie Garnett Jennie Stoller

Fanny Stepniak Elizabeth Bell

Olive Rossetti Jasmine Hyde

Edward Garnett Charles Simpson

Director: Cherry Cookson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2001.

SAT 04:00 It's Not What You Know (b01ckr46)

Series 1

Episode 2

"The Thick Of It" star, Rebecca Front, Fast Show actor and comedian, Simon Day, and award-winning Geordie comic, Jason Cook nominate one of their intimate circle to answer questions about their relationship, to try and prove how well they know them.

With Miles Jupp chairing - if the panel can predict the responses their nominees gave, they get points.

Rebecca thinks she knows her father, Charles Front, a retired illustrator and calligrapher, pretty well. Simon examines his relationship with best friend, Conrad Butlin, a stylist from Notting Hill in London. And Jason plumps for his mother, Pat, a recruitment consultant from Hebburn in Newcastle - and, it turns out, something of a Loose Women fan...

Producer: Sam Michell.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2012.

SAT 04:30 Fat Chance (b019fwg)

Weigh in with Wendy

Graham joins the members of a slimming club run by Wendy Bottomley.

Jenny McDade's high-fat bittersweet five-part comedy - for those believing there's a thin person inside them begging to get out.

Graham Pitscottie Gareth Corke

Wendy Bottomley Janine Duvitski

Clive Bottomley Michael Troughton

Soo Pitscottie Anne Reid

Tina Tattersall Julia Deakin

Kelly Chambers Tilly Gaunt

Lee Dubs Harry Myers

Mrs Enright Frances Jeater

Producer: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 1999.

SAT 05:00 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

Dotty Alison Belbin

Geoff Sean Baker

Producer: Alexandra Smith

A BBC Studios production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in November 2016.

SAT 05:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000t4ky)

Borderline: A postcard from the edge of the Union
Want to know what's really happening in a post Brexit Northern Ireland? Join comedian and presenter Patrick Kielty as he talks to the nation from his hometown of Dundrum, County Down, near the land border with the EU and overlooking the new 'Irish Sea Border'.

From pre ceasefire to post Brexit, Paddy shares his Northern Ireland experiences and is joined by a (virtual) Northern Irish audience, who have lived through the same, as he sends a

postcard from the edge of the Union.
Recorded remotely in front of a virtual, Northern Irish audience.

Written and performed by Patrick Kielty.
Additional material by Lee Stuart Evans and Jon Hunter.
Produced by Claire Jones.

Executive Producer: Stephen Stewart.
Production Coordinator: Tamara Shilham.
Sound Designer: David Thomas.
A Green Inc production for BBC Radio 4

SAT 06:00 The Inspector Alleyn Mysteries (b00wwbcl)
Death and the Dancing Footman
Jonathan Royal is a man rich enough to indulge his somewhat extravagant sense of the theatrical.
But when he bizarrely throws a weekend party for guests with good reasons to loathe one another, his malicious comedy quickly turns to tragedy - leaving Chief Inspector Roderick Alleyn investigating murder...

Dame Ngaio Marsh's detective thriller stars Nigel Graham. Dramatised by Alan Downer.

Chief Detective Inspector Roderick Alleyn ... Nigel Graham
Jonathan Royal ... Laurence Payne
Aubrey Mandrake ... Steven Pacey
Sandra Compline ... Avril Clark
William Compline ... Stuart Organ
Nicholas Compline ... Stephen Hattersley
Chloris Wynne ... Jane Leonard
Dr Francis Hart ... Alan Downer
Mme Elise Lisse ... Natasha Pyne
Lady Hersey Ambledon ... Margaret Ward
Troy Alleyn ... Elaine Claxton
James Bewling ... Peter Tudennham
Reverend Copeland ... Shaun Prendergast
Detective Inspector Fox ... Brian Hewlett
Director: David Johnston
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 1986.

SAT 07:30 Great Lives (b07cvlmd)
Series 39
Frank Turner on Joseph Grimaldi
Frank Turner chooses Joseph Grimaldi, the first celebrity to
Pantomime who changed the face of Clowning forever.
Matthew Parris presents, and Mattie Faint is the expert.
Grimaldi was born into a theatrical family, making his stage
debut aged two dressed as a monkey and being flung around the
stage on the end of a chain by his tyrannical father. The chain
snapped but Grimaldi survived, making the papers and turning
Grimaldi into a little celebrity. His performances as 'Clown',
combining acrobatics, satire and music, made him a big draw
for the crowds, and his role in 'Mother Goose' turned him into a
huge star.
He developed the make-up we now associate with clowns but
behind this iconic look was a man suffering from depression,
extreme physical disintegration and a series of personal
tragedies.
Frank Turner, former punk and now folk singer-songwriter,
sees himself primarily as an entertainer and has developed an
interest in Pantomime and Music Hall. For him, Grimaldi gave
everything to his audiences and physically destroyed himself in
the process - something he sees as honourable. He describes
Grimaldi's farewell speech as one of the most beautiful eulogies
to the business of being a performer.
Producer: Toby Field
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.

SAT 08:00 Heresy (b07cx3b9)
Series 10
Episode 3
Victoria Coren Mitchell presents another edition of the show
which dares to commit heresy.
With Lee Mack, Konnie Huq and Dave Gorman.
Together they talk about CGI, Air BnB and Rupert Murdoch's
marriage.
An Avalon production for BBC Radio 4 and first broadcast in
June 2016.
SAT 08:30 Beachcomber... By the Way (b0085j96)
Series 1
Episode 6
The First Attempt To Reach The Moon - and a slice of
Edwardian life.
Richard Ingrams, John Wells, John Sessions and Patricia
Routledge recreate the world of the JB Morton.
Running in the Daily Express from 1924 to 1975 - JB Morton's
surreally comic 'Beachcomber' column paved the way for a
great deal of modern humour.
Adapted by Michael Barfield with Richard Ingrams.
Announcer: Brian Perkins
Producer: Harry Thompson
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 1989.
SAT 09:00 Steve Punt's Hancock Cuttings (b04n61gw)
Tony Hancock fan Steve Punt presents oddities and rarities
featuring the lad himself:
* BBC TV's Face To Face interview (1960)
Episode from the TV series in which John Freeman cross-
examined leading personalities of the day. Here he interviews
the radio and TV comedian, Tony Hancock.
* 'Ancock's Anthology - the BBC Light Programme's
Christmas Day miscellany of the comic's favourite music,
readings and an interview with Stirling Moss (25/12/1964)
* The Missing Page - the Pye Records re-recording of the TV
episode (1965) On a visit to Cheam Library, the lad is appalled

Chris begins his recollections as an introverted, unusual young boy, isolated by his obsessions and a loner at school.
This unconventional and uncompromising memoir moves back and forth through time, capturing a child's view of the 60s and 70s – the music, the clothes, the cars – alongside recent, more exposing recollections from adulthood.
Produced by Pippa Vaughan for Loftus Media
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2016.
SUN 07:10 Inheritance Tracks (b07wzr9y)
Judy Tzuke
English singer-songwriter Judy Tzuke chooses 'My Funny Valentine' sung by Chet Baker and 'Blue' by Joni Mitchell.
SUN 07:20 AM Smith - 44 Scotland Street (b07dq6y)
Edinburgh for Pretenders (Omnibus)
Portrait painter, Angus Lordie, observes the goings on of his neighbours and friends in and around 44 Scotland Street. Seven year-old Bertie Pollok has 'issues' when his domineering mother Irene organises his social life. And Irene has issues when her husband Stuart offers to take Bertie to Glasgow of all places. Local café owner Big Lou has a new love in her life whose politics hark back to the Jacobite days. And then there's Domenica – an anthropologist - trying to write a report on her most recent adventure exploring the lives of modern day pirates. An encounter with a gangster, a suspected kidnapping and the possibility of a new political leader ensure life for Scotland Street's residents is never uneventful.
Alexander McCall Smith dramatises stories from his bestselling series, 44 Scotland Street, which continues to delight readers around the world.
Angus Lordie Crawford Logan
Domenica Carol Ann Crawford
Irene Emma Currie
Bertie Simon Kerr
Stuart David Jackson Young
Big Lou Anita Vettesse
Producer/director: David Ian Neville
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.
SUN 08:30 Meet the Huggetts (b00p1huz)
'Ail and Hearty
The family worries when Joe Huggett is seen calling in at the doctor's surgery.
Stars Jack Warner as Joe, Kathleen Harrison as Ethel, Malcolm Ranson as Bobby, Alanna Boyce as Jane and Charles Leno as Fred Stebbings.
With Bill Pertwee and Ralph Hallett.
Popular working-class family, the Huggetts first hit the cinema screen with a series of Gainsborough films between 1947 and 1949. Their subsequent BBC radio series ran from 1953 to 1962.
Scripted by Eddie Maguire.
Producer: Jacques Brown
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in June 1961.
SUN 09:00 Drop Me Here, Darling (m000tfcm)
A Plonking Success
Caroline confides in Leslie about a secret business deal.
'Drop Me Here, Darling' ran from December 1982 to February 1983. It starred Leslie Phillips and Jill Bennett as a recently divorced couple, Leslie and Caroline Duggan. He was a successful businessman but has fallen on hard times - following the '80s property crash - and now earns a living by chauffeur-ing his wealthy ex, who runs the successful Quantum mail order company. Despite being divorced, their lives are interwoven and they keep a close, envious eye on each other's love lives, divulging an enduring mutual fondness.
CAST:
Leslie Duggan Leslie Phillips
Caroline Duggan Jill Bennett
Claire Norma Ronald
Mr Crabbe Kenneth Connor
Alan Archer John Kane
Written by Andrew Palmer.
Producer: Edward Taylor
First broadcast on BBC Radio 2 in December 1982.
SUN 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00k40f0)
Series 3
The Dig
Curmudgeonly hack Ed finds rich pickings - and a hint of romance - in the world of archaeology.
The comical world of Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive e-mail. Christopher Douglas stars as Ed Reardon.
Written by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds.
Featuring:
John Fortune
Stephanie Cole
Geoffrey Whitehead
Rita May
Simon Greenall
Sally Hawkins
Eve Dallas
Laura Solon
Mark Watson
Philip Jackson
David Cann
Miranda Keeling
Producer: Simon Nicholls
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.
SUN 10:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000tppw)
Children's Writers

Jacqueline Wilson
Sue Lawley's castaway this week is the former Children's Laureate Jacqueline Wilson. She's won just about every award going for children's fiction and, in a career spanning more than 30 years, has written more than 80 books. Even as a child she knew she wanted to write but, after an inauspicious time at school, she reluctantly trained to be a secretary instead. Then she began to pitch ideas for a new teen magazine, Jackie, her stories were bought and she quickly became a staff writer. But she was 50 before she devised her most famous creation, Tracy Beaker. Tracy is a streetwise, feisty girl growing up in the competitive world of a children's home, who never loses the hope that one day her mum will come back for her. The book was a breakthrough for Jacqueline and its subsequent television adaptation introduced her to a mass audience. In 2002 she was awarded an OBE for services to literacy.
Favourite track: Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No 5 in E flat by Ludwig van Beethoven
Book: The collected works by Katherine Mansfield
Luxury: A fairground carousel
Produced by Cathy Drysdale.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2005.
SUN 10:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yrg3g)
Series 2
Kiwi
New Zealand had several species of flightless bird living across the islands, all of which are now extinct, bar one. The Kiwi has become one of those species iconic of the country, like the Koala to Australia, the Giraffe to Africa and the Alpaca to South America. Historically, New Zealand didn't have ground predators such as wild cats and stoats - which allowed birds to exploit living on the ground. Being flightless in New Zealand was a good way to be a bird.
Having filmed Kiwis, Sir David Attenborough muses on the niche the Kiwi occupies on the ground. He argues the Kiwi behaves more like a mammal than a bird, but what mammal do you think, in Attenborough's view, the Kiwi most resembles?
Producer: Julian Hector
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2011.
SUN 11:00 Radiolab (m000tppy)
Series 7
The Cataclysm Sentence
Radiolab is a Peabody-award winning show about curiosity. Where sound illuminates ideas, and the boundaries blur between science, philosophy, and the human experience.
One day in 1961, the famous physicist Richard Feynman stepped in front of a Caltech lecture hall and posed this question to a group of undergraduate students: "If, in some cataclysm, all of scientific knowledge were to be destroyed, and only one sentence was passed on to the next generation of creatures, what statement would contain the most information in the fewest words?"
Radiolab explores, when in peril, what's the one sentence you would want to pass on to the next generation?
Jad Abumrad and the Radiolab team investigate a strange world.
From WNYC. First broadcast on public radio in the USA in 2020.
SUN 11:55 Inheritance Tracks (b07wzr9y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]
SUN 12:00 Poetry Extra (m000fcp)
Walker of the Downs
Daljit Nagra visits the BBC's poetry archive and selects Walker of the Downs featuring the Sussex Downs- the inspiration for the 1960s poet Ted Walker.
Martin Sorrell walks the Sussex Downs which, in the 1960s, provided nature poet Ted Walker with inspiration for some of his best work. He is joined by Mike Russell from the Sussex Wildlife Trust, who helps to evoke the essence of the land that Walker loved. Plus Patrick Romer reads a selection of Walker's poems.
Producer - Sara Davies
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.
SUN 12:30 Polyoaks (b078z6sd)
Series 4
Losing Patients
Nigel Planer and returns in the Health Service satire by Dr Phil Hammond and David Spicer. The Polyoaks surgery is plagued by strikes, endless new management initiatives, staff shortages, militant patients, eight day weeks, privatisation – and all these things are entirely their fault, apparently.
The dysfunctional Bristol surgery run by warring doctors, brothers Roy and Hugh Thornton (Nigel Planer and Simon Greenall), alternates between embracing and collapsing under reforms. They're a nurse down, they've got to slash their budget and there's a new Head of the local Clinical Commissioning Group who eats GPs for breakfast (Margaret Cabourn-Smith). The practice's calamitous 'celebrity' Dr Jeremy (David Westhead), who doesn't know what a Clinical Commissioning Group is, continues to dodge alimony payments, malpractice suits and the new practice Nurse Monica (Polly Frame). Nurse Monica is on exchange from NHS Scotland and is fuelled by a borderline psychotic contempt for patients and colleagues alike. In this first episode of the series, the staff of Polyoaks are roped into spearheading a new anti-obesity campaign to save lives, self respect and money.
Roy.....Nigel Planer
Hugh.....Simon Greenall
Jeremy.....David Westhead

Monica.....Polly Frame
Stephanie Simons.....Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Patients.....Kate O'Sullivan and Duncan Wisbey
Written by Dr Phil Hammond and Mr David Spicer
Directed by Frank Stirling
A Unique production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2016.
SUN 13:00 Kazuo Ishiguro - Never Let Me Go (Omnibus) (b07g78zh)
Episode 2
Kazuo Ishiguro's haunting novel of love, friendship and loss. Kathy, Tommy and Ruth have only ever known the sheltered world of Hailsham, a secluded country boarding school. As they grow up, they begin to understand the true purpose of their isolated upbringing and the fate that lies in store for them. Ishiguro's brilliant alternative vision of 1990s England is a disquieting exploration of what makes us human and how we each find meaning in our lives.
This Book at Bedtime is an abridged version of the full text of the novel.
Written by Kazuo Ishiguro
Read by Rachel Shelley
Abridged by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths
Produced by Mair Bosworth.
First broadcast in 2016.
SUN 14:10 Inheritance Tracks (b04prn2x)
Rebecca Front
The Thick of It actress shares her love of 'They All Laughed at Christopher Columbus' and why she will pass on Bach's concerto.
SUN 14:20 Incredible Women (b08074pw)
Series 5 (Omnibus)
Rebecca Front and Jeremy Front introduce us to an uncannily realistic robot, Astrid. Can they distinguish her from a real woman?
SUN 15:30 Just Like That - Tommy Cooper (m000t756)
[Repeat of broadcast at 02:30 on Saturday]
SUN 16:00 Mike Walker - Games (b0bl584z)
The editor of a 'Lad's Mag' proposes a bet to prevent a talented and attractive woman journalist leaving for a better job. The editor then throws her into situations to ensure he wins. Against a backdrop of "Cosi Fan Tutte", Mozart's opera about the perils of love and gambling, a young woman learns about malice and manipulation.
Written by Mike Walker.
CAST:
Helena Angelina Ball
Gracie Geraldine James
Peter David Thorpe
Don Michael Troughton
Man Kenny Blyth
Producer: Rachel Horan
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2001.
SUN 17:00 Poetry Extra (m000fcp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 today]
SUN 17:30 Polyoaks (b078z6sd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]
SUN 18:00 Katie Hims - Listening to the Dead (b03mjb9)
5. Tuesday's Child
Tuesday grows up assuming her mother abandoned her, despite the voices in her dreams that try to tell her otherwise
Tuesday Jeany Spark
Tuesday 11 Rose Hilton Hille
Tuesday 3 Rosa Yevtushenko
Frank David Seddon
Peggy Lisa Stevenson
Maggie Carolyn Pickles
Ruby Ami Metcalf
Nish Paul Bazely
Oliver 20 Joel MacCormack
Oliver 55 Michael Bertenshaw
Dan Harry Jardine
Melinda Georgie Fuller
Boss Sean Murray
by Katie Hims,
Directed by Jessica Dromgoole
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2014.
SUN 18:45 Charles Dickens (b0729gyg)
Tales of the Supernatural
The Queer Chair
Too many glasses of punch and Tom feels the queer chair in the room of his inn turn on him. Read by Adrian Scarborough.
Extracted from 'The Pickwick Papers', the first of Dickens major novels, written in 1836 when he was just 24.
The last of a series of five tales of the supernatural by Charles Dickens.
Made for BBC Radio 4 Extra by Pier Productions.
SUN 19:00 Radiolab (m000tppy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
SUN 19:55 Inheritance Tracks (b07wzr9y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:10 today]
SUN 20:00 Mike Walker - Games (b0bl584z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 today]
SUN 21:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000tppw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
SUN 21:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yrg3g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]
SUN 22:00 Polyoaks (b078z6sd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:30 today]

her brother Gus made for her, and considers their power both to hurt and to heal since his premature death in an accident. When she was growing up in Oxford, the young composer and musician Emily Levy learned much about music from her adored older brother, Gus. He would make her compilation tapes which brought together his passionate and eclectic taste. When he went off to university, the tape-making continued and soon they were also attending gigs and festivals together. Then Gus died in an accident. Five years on, Emily has begun to listen back to the mix-tapes. She speaks with some of Gus's closest friends about his passion for music and his particular talent at bringing together surprising genres and artists - not to mention his love of juggling to music. She finds solace in the discovery that sharing Gus' music tastes with others bestows on him a kind of immortality. And she reflect on how, in our era of musical choices made by computer algorithm, the death of someone dear to us represents the loss of a unique, human algorithm. Finally, Emily composes a short piece of music to contribute to a programme which is, in itself, her own Mix-Tape for Gus. Producer : Beaty Rubens
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2014.
MON 15:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00y9455)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
MON 16:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b08lqg9j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
MON 16:30 Married (b0084rcr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
MON 17:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09jcd4g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
MON 17:30 Just a Minute (m000t40p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 18:00 Arthur Schnitzler - Dream Story (m000tfd7)
Episode 1
An eight-part telling of Arthur Schnitzler's 'Dream Story', credited as the novella that inspired Stanley Kubrick's last film. Published in 1925/26, the work was alternately titled 'Rhapsody' and, in the original German, 'Traumnovelle'. It tells the tale of a young doctor who finds that he must come to terms with his wife's erotic dreams by embarking on a few escapades of his own – a tale of sexual fantasy, jealousy, obsession and death...
Read by Paul Rhys.
Translated by J.M.Q. Davies.
Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in September 2003.
MON 18:30 A Good Read (b0174gkv)
Nerina Pallot and Peter Molyneux
Harriett Gilbert is joined by award-winning singer-songwriter Nerina Pallot and the computer games industry pioneer Peter Molyneux to discuss their favourite books. Nerina's choice is an elegiac story of loss and life - The Sportsman by Richard Ford. Peter has picked the gripping and intimate Father-Son story - The Road by Cormac McCarthy. Harriett's book is an intriguing and occasionally torrid collection of short stories - The Ballad of the Sad Cafe by Carson McCullers.
Producer: Toby Field
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2011.
MON 19:00 Steptoe and Son (b007jld2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
MON 19:30 Life, Death and Sex with Mike and Sue (b0075p4w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
MON 20:00 Raffles (m0001n5g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
MON 20:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr7j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
MON 21:00 TED Radio Hour (m000tfd3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
MON 21:50 Inheritance Tracks (m000tfd5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:50 today]
MON 22:00 Just a Minute (m000t40p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
MON 22:30 Tom Wrigglesworth's Hang-Ups (b04p85z2)
Series 2
Point of No Return
After a mere 21 years of service the Wrigglesworth dishwasher has finally packed in, so Mr Wrigglesworth is bringing Tom's mum and his gran down to London to have it out with the manufacturers at the Ideal Home Show. A visit which is made inordinately complicated by Mr Wrigglesworth's ambitious travel plans...
With Kate Anthony, Paul Copley and Judy Parfitt.
Written by Tom Wrigglesworth and James Kettle. With Miles Jupp.
Producer: Katie Tyrrell
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2014.
MON 23:00 The Now Show (m000t77q)
Series 58
Episode 4
Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present the week via topical stand-up and sketches in front of a remote audience - and all from their own home!
Joining them from a safe distance is Lucy Porter fighting for our right to protest, Eshaan Akbar analysing our spending habits and a Beyonce inspired song by Jess Robinson and Felix Hagen.

Voice Actors: Jason Forbes and Karen Bartke
Producer: Pete Strauss
Production Co-Ordinator: Carina Andrews
Editor/Engineer: David Thomas
BBC Studios Production
MON 23:30 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.
Stars Mitch Benn and Robin Ince with Kirsty Newton, Tom Price, Lloyd Langford and Tasha Baylis.
Produced by Adam Bromley
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

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TUE 00:00 Arthur Schnitzler - Dream Story (m000tfd7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Monday]
TUE 00:30 A Good Read (b0174gkv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Monday]
TUE 01:00 Raffles (m0001n5g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Monday]
TUE 01:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr7j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Monday]
TUE 02:00 Not Working by Lisa Owens (b078xpfq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Monday]
TUE 02:15 Gudrun (b083mr9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Monday]
TUE 02:30 A Mix-Tape for Gus (b04kbjhs)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Monday]
TUE 03:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00y9455)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b08lqg9j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Monday]
TUE 04:30 Married (b0084rcr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Monday]
TUE 05:00 Cooking in a Bedsitter (b09jcd4g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Monday]
TUE 05:30 Just a Minute (m000t40p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Monday]
TUE 06:00 Raffles (m0001mfp)
Series 2
2. Criminologist's Club
Bunny is appalled to learn that the Criminologists' Club has invited Raffles and Bunny to dinner. But Raffles sees the opportunity to have a little fun...
Starring Jeremy Clyde as AJ Raffles, Michael Cochrane as Bunny, Henry Stammer as Inspector Mackenzie, David March as Lord Thornaby, Michael Tudor Barnes as Kingsmill, Blain Fairman as Parrington, Simon Hewitt as Ernest, Norman Bird as Leggett, Paul Sirt as William and John Samson as the Porter. EW Hornung's Raffles stories about the 'gentleman thief' dramatised by David Buck.
Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.
Director: Gordon House
A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in 1988.
TUE 06:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr7j)
Episode 12
The Major has trapped the fugitive, but can he discover the tragic motive behind his "sporting stalk"?
Geoffrey Household's classic thriller was first published shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939.
Read by Michael Jayston.
Producer: David Jackson Young.
Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.
TUE 07:00 Quanderhorn (b0b91t03)
The Quanderhorn Xperimentations
A Little Thing Like Chocolate Gates Can't Stop Us
It's 1952.
Again.
Professor Quanderhorn (James Fleet) and his crew are besieged by a mob of alien-possessed villagers. Their only hope - a highly-trained spy parrot with a bad attitude (Kevin Eldon) and an irritating gramophone record by the Queen of the Hammond organ.
Having been permanently fitted with a rather dangerous experimental bra, Brian (Ryan Sampson) finally steels himself to face the nightmare horrors of the professor's cellar, unaware that a secret camera is set to expose him.
Meanwhile, Dr Janussen (Cassie Layton) has discovered a message from Virginia (Rachel Atkins) revealing the terrible secret that turned her into a broccoli monster.
As Troy (Freddie Fox) and Guuurk (Kevin Eldon) join the not-quite-romantic pair while fleeing the merciless cellar defences, Troy inadvertently presses the wrong lift button and they find

themselves heading pell mell...for the Moon.
The Quanderhorn Xperimentations - an adventure beyond human understanding.
Cast:
Professor Quanderhorn- James Fleet
Brian Nylon- Ryan Sampson
Dr Gemini Janussen- Cassie Layton
Guuurk- Kevin Eldon
Troy Quanderhorn- Freddie Fox
Winston Churchill/Jenkins- John Sessions
Synthetic Voice Rachel Atkins
Created and written by Rob Grant and Andrew Marshall
Directed by Andrew Marshall
Music by Peter Brewis
Engineered, Edited and Sound designed by Alistair McGregor
Production Manager: Sarah Tombling
Produced by Rob Grant and Gordon Kennedy
Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in July 2018.
TUE 07:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m000t4vx)
Series 4
Episode 3: At Your Side
It's Teddy's (Rasmus Hardiker) birthday, and Joe (Mathew Baynton) has pulled out all the stops to celebrate - even roping an unwilling Amanda (Josie Lawrence) and Hardacre (Nigel Havers) into the festivities.
The celebrations are interrupted by Teddy's brother Frederick (Kieran Hodgson), who is determined the time has come for Teddy to make something of his life. But Teddy is more concerned about keeping a promise to Mr Hardacre, in an adventure with cowboys, spies, rock stars, and Milk Tray men.
Cast:
Nigel Havers - Hardacre
Mathew Baynton - Joe
Josie Lawrence - Amanda
Rasmus Hardiker - Teddy
Kieran Hodgson - Frederick
Written by Edward Rowett
Directed by Alan Nixon
Script edited by Mark Evans
Edited and Engineered by Jerry Peal
Production Manager: Sarah Tombling
Based on an original idea by Edward Rowett and Robert Frimstone
Recorded at The Soundhouse Studios, London
Produced by Gordon Kennedy
An Absolutely production for BBC Radio 4
TUE 08:00 The Goon Show (b007jv86)
The White Neddie Trade
Fearless Neddie launches a career as a nude piano dancer with a difference. Starring Spike Milligan. From February 1958.
TUE 08:30 Rent (b065k7zn)
Series 4
Episode 4
Maria and Richard's lives are now being ruled by Eva, the nanny, while Paul and Ruby have to contend with his disreputable cousin, Dave.
Lucy Flannery's award-winning sitcom about Maria and Richard Reynolds and their lodgers.
Stars Barbara Flynn as Maria, Patrick Barlow as Richard, Vivienne Rochester as Ruby and Dave Lamb as Paul. With Sarah Parkinson and Toby Longworth.
Producer: Liz Anstee
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 1998.
TUE 09:00 The Now Show (m000t77q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 on Monday]
TUE 09:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00cvjvf)
Series 4
Episode 5
Will singers Tommy and Sheila finally achieve the recognition they deserve - a Golden Gobel?
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...
Fourth series of Mike Coleman's six-part sitcom.
CAST:
Tommy Franklin Roy Hudd
Sheila Parr June Whitfield
Hetty Stark Pat Coombes
Murray Julian Eardley
Louis Elstein Edward Halsted
Laura Chapel Nicola Blake
Music by Frido Ruth.
Producer: Steve Doherty
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2002.
TUE 10:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00yb1sd)
Episode 2
While Alyosha attends the bedside of the dying Elder, relations between Dmitry and his father become ever more dangerous. Russian author Fyodor Dostoyevsky's final novel published in 1880.
Dramatised by Melissa Murray.
Fyodor Karamazov Roy Marsden
Dmitry Paul Hilton
Ivan Nicholas Boulton
Alyosha Carl Prekopp
The Elder Sam Dale

Mrs Khokhlakova Rachel Atkins
 Lise Emma Noakes
 Katerina Juliet Aubrey
 Grushenka Katy Cavanagh
 Smerdyakov Joseph Kloska
 Grigory Desmond McNamara
 The Monk Paul Richard Biggin
 Father Paisy Philip Fox
 Monks Saikat Ahamed
 Original music by David Pickavance.
 Directors: Marc Beeby and Colin Guthrie
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.
TUE 11:00 Archive on 4 (b0930m3j)
 Uses of Literacy Now
 The writer and critic DJ Taylor assesses Richard Hoggart's masterpiece *The Uses of Literacy*, a colossal book that inspired a slew of post-war histories, as well as Coronation Street and the poet Tony Harrison's 'Them and Uz'. It was the book that inspired Alan Bennett to write. Hoggart was born into great poverty in Leeds and wrote movingly about this early life and the people - mainly women - who inspired him. A scholarship boy, he wrote about the emotional consequences of moving from one class to another. He also offered a searing critique of the burgeoning mass media, expressing his concerns that the new literacy was in danger of being swamped by a popular press that carefully suppressed anything liable to encourage readers to think about the environment they inhabit, rather than simply wallow in its material comforts.
 Contributors include the author of *Estates and Respectable*, Lynsey Hanley, the historian David Kynaston, the novelist David Lodge and the playwright Alan Bennett.
 Producer: Nicola Swords.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2017.
TUE 12:00 The Goon Show (b007jr86)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 12:30 Rent (b065k7zn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 13:00 Raffles (m0001mfp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 13:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr7y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 14:00 Not Working by Lisa Owens (b0790pyv)
 Episode 2
 Claire's job hunt falters as she becomes distracted by family responsibilities and a growing concern about her relationship with Luke.
 The comic debut novel by Lisa Owens, depicting a life unravelling in minute and spectacular ways - and voicing the questions we've all asked ourselves but never dared to say out loud.
 Thirtysomething Claire Flannery has quit her job to discover her true vocation, only to realise that she has no idea how to go about finding it. In her muddled but somehow impeccable logic she discovers that, 'the more time you have, the less time you have'. As the weeks stretch into months with nothing to show but an overflowing internet search history and a growing rift with her mother, Claire finds herself sinking under the pressure. The author Lisa Owens was born in 1985 and grew up in Glasgow and Hertfordshire. After graduating, she spent six years working in publishing before leaving to complete an MA in Creative Writing at the University of East Anglia. *Not Working* is her first novel.
 Read by Emily Bruni.
 Written by Lisa Owens.
 Abridged by Robin Brooks.
 Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.
TUE 14:15 Gudrun (b0844cp8)
 Series 1
 Episode 2
 Gudrun, a young woman in 11th century Iceland, must forge her path through a world of unearthly beauty yet uncompromising harshness. Modern re-telling of classic Icelanders' saga. Married off to a much older man, Gudrun is now isolated in a remote part of the country. Will she fly or fight?
 Gudrun Kate Phillips
 Freija Samantha Dakin
 Osvis John Dougall
 Thorvald Nicholas Murchie
 Hallbjorn Finlay Robertson
 Volva Karen Bartke
 By Lucy Catherine
 Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2016.
TUE 14:30 Sir John Soane At Home (b0075g7y)
 Rosemary Hill uncovers the hidden history of Sir John Soane's museum in London detailed in personal diaries. From January 1999.
TUE 15:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00yblsd)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
TUE 16:00 The 3rd Degree (b079nfk8)
 Series 6
 The University of York
 A funny and dynamic quiz show hosted by Steve Punt - this week from the University of York, with specialist subjects including History of Art, Theatre, TV and Film Studies and Physics, and questions ranging from Bartok to La Belle Et La Bête via David Bowie and the Chinese Renmimbi.

The programme is recorded on location at a different University each week, and it pits three Undergraduates against three of their Professors in an original and fresh take on an academic quiz.
 The rounds vary between Specialist Subjects and General Knowledge, quickfire bell-and-buzzer rounds and the Highbrow and Lowbrow round cunningly devised to test not only the students' knowledge of current affairs, history, languages and science, but also their Professors' awareness of television, sport, and quite possibly Justin Bieber. In addition, the Head-to-Head rounds see students take on their Professors in their own subjects, offering plenty of scope for mild embarrassment on both sides.
 Other Universities featured in this series include Gloucestershire, Chester, Birmingham City, Bath and Glasgow.
 Produced by David Tyler.
 A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in May 2016.
TUE 16:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00cqvfv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]
TUE 17:00 Quanderhorn (b0b91i03)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]
TUE 17:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m000t4vx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 18:00 Arthur Schnitzler - Dream Story (m000t4vx)
 Episode 2
 Fridolin, disturbed by the revelation of his wife's fantasy, sets out into the Viennese night to explore his own desires. An eight-part of Arthur Schnitzler's 'Dream Story', credited as the novella that inspired Stanley Kubrick's last film. Published in 1925/26, the work was alternately titled 'Rhapsody' and, in the original German, 'Traumnovelle'. It tells the tale of a young doctor who finds that he must come to terms with his wife's erotic dreams by embarking on a few escapades of his own - a tale of sexual fantasy, jealousy, obsession and death...
 Read by Paul Rhys.
 Translated by J.M.Q. Davies.
 Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in September 2003.
TUE 18:30 Soul Music (b00t5t5s)
 Series 10
 Faure Requiem
 "He wanted it to be something that's consoling and helpful. It's the end of their lives where they can rest in peace".
 World renowned choral conductor Sir David Willcocks, shares his personal reflections on the Faure Requiem alongside those for whom the music has comforted and inspired. Known for its peaceful and hopeful nature the Faure Requiem has been called 'The lullaby of death'. Whilst Gabriel Faure himself never spoke directly about what inspired his interpretation of the Requiem, author and biographer Jessica Duchen has speculated that it may have been born out of his experience as a soldier during the Franco-Prussian war. In this edition of Soul music, personal stories of conflict and deliverance are shared from across the decades. Reaching from the beaches of Normandy to the plains of Afghanistan and into the skies of Salisbury.
 Faure composed the first version of the work, which he called "un petit Requiem" with five movements, of which the Pie Jesu and In Paradisum have become arguably the most popular.
 "Everything I managed to entertain by way of religious illusion I put into my Requiem, which moreover is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest."
 Contributors
 David Willcocks
 Jessica Duchen
 Christina Schmid
 Paul Hawkins
 Ross Mallock
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.
TUE 19:00 The Goon Show (b007jr86)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
TUE 19:30 Rent (b065k7zn)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
TUE 20:00 Raffles (m0001mfp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
TUE 20:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr7y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
TUE 21:00 Archive on 4 (b0930m3j)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]
TUE 22:00 Reluctant Persuaders (m000t4vx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]
TUE 22:30 Revolting People (b007jzgg)
 Series 1
 A Helluva Lot of Storm Clouds
 Cora learns she is pregnant, but her marriage isn't consummated.
 Historical sitcom set in Boston in 1770, written by Andy Hamilton and Jay Tarses.
 CAST:
 Samuel Oliphant Jay Tarses
 Sergeant McGurk Andy Hamilton
 Mary Oliphant Sophie Thompson
 Captain Brimshaw James Fleet
 Ezekiel Spriggs Hugh Dennis
 Cora Oliphant Felicity Montagu
 Joshua Oliphant Tony Maudsley
 Doctor Rutledge Philip Pope
 Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2000.
TUE 23:00 Bussmann and Quantick Kingsize (b044vhlq)
 Episode 3
 A fraudulently fat sack of sketches, monologues and weird soup, featuring a puritan vet who dishes out tough love to poorly pets.
 Originally broadcast live from London's exclusive Imperial Rooms, Mayfair.
 Written and performed by Jane Bussmann and David Quantick.
 Also featuring Peter Serafinowicz, Emma Clarke and Steve Brody.
 Producer: Phil Bowker
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.
TUE 23:30 The Masterson Inheritance (b007jr62)
 Series 3
 The St Valentine's Day Mastersons
 Budding starlette Genevieve hits seedy 1920s Hollywood. Improvised historical family saga with Paul Merton. From August 1995.

WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH 2021

WED 00:00 Arthur Schnitzler - Dream Story (m000t4vx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Tuesday]
WED 00:30 Soul Music (b00t5t5s)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Tuesday]
WED 01:00 Raffles (m0001mfp)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Tuesday]
WED 01:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr7y)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Tuesday]
WED 02:00 Not Working by Lisa Owens (b0790pyv)
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Tuesday]
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 [Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]
WED 04:30 Like They've Never Been Gone (b00cqvfv)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
WED 05:00 Quanderhorn (b0b91i03)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Tuesday]
WED 05:30 Reluctant Persuaders (m000t4vx)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Tuesday]
WED 06:00 Raffles (m0001mfp)
 Series 2
 3. The Field of Philippi
 Making a nostalgic return to their school, Raffles and Bunny meet old enemy, 'Soapy' Sudborough, who owns the local bank with his father.
 Raffles, like Caesar at the field of Philippi, is not one to leave old scores unsettled...
 EW Hornung's Raffles stories about the 'gentleman thief' dramatised by David Buck.
 Starring Jeremy Clyde as AJ Raffles, Michael Cochrane as Bunny, Bernard Brown as Sudborough, Steve Hodson as Calthorpe, Adrian Egan as Bodley, John Baddeley as Lapwing, Michael Deacon as McNamara and James Dykes as Young Bunny.
 Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.
 Director: Gordon House
 A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in 1988.
WED 06:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr8d)
 Episode 13
 The Major tries to persuade his prisoner to sign a confession - but will he admit his intentions?
 Geoffrey Household's classic British thriller was first published shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939.
 Read by Michael Jayston.
 Producer: David Jackson Young.
 Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.
WED 07:00 Tickets Please (b00n6vnh)
 Episode 1
 A wedding party en route to Exeter is delayed by a car on the track.
 Railway-based sitcom by comic Mark Maier.
 CAST:
 Robin Jeremy Swift
 Nadine Alex Kelly
 Peter Malcolm Tierney
 Diana Melissa Advani
 Linda/Lady Kate Layden
 Keith Stephen Hogan
 Carol Tessa Nicholson
 Man One Philip Fox
 Man Two/William Joseph Cohen-Cole
 Producer: Peter Kavanagh
 First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.
WED 07:30 Gossip and Goddesses with Granny Kumar (m000t495)
 Episode 6
 Granny Kumar is back! Meera Sval's glorious comedy creation returns, with her great granddaughter Maya (Ambreen Razia) and arch nemesis "frenemy" Geeta (Harvey Virdi) to chat with the sisters.

Series 3
Euroshow
Britain's first national local radio station goes continental with reporters in Berlin, Paris and Madrid. Stars Angus Deayton. Let's go Eurowide with a great big Eurowelcome in Germany, France and Italy for the first ever Euroshow. Broadcasting to over 12,000,000 Eurohomes in unforgettable Eurosound. Starring Helen Atkinson-Wood, Angus Deayton, Geoffrey Perkins, Philip Pope and Michael Fenton-Stevens. Written by Angus Deayton and Geoffrey Perkins. With Jon Canter, Moray Hunter and John Docherty.
Producer: Jamie Rix
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 1983.
WED 23:30 Weak at the Top (b00tgh7)
Series 2
Booty
John Weak reveals the feminist metatext of a chocolate bar ad that features a bikini-clad model with lips that could suck the hair shirt off a Benedictine monk at 50 yards.
Randy, devious, sexist and workshy, John Weak puts the man into management – in Guy Browning's sitcom.
Starring Alexander Armstrong as marketing maestro and "totty" magnet John Weak.
Hayley Clare Perkins
Sir Marcus Geoffrey Whitehead
Bill Peters Ron Cook
Sasha Tracy Wiles
Tibet Adjoa Andoh
Ski Guy Kim Wall
Producer: Jonquil Panting
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2006.

THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2021

THU 00:00 Arthur Schnitzler - Dream Story (m000t7g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:00 on Wednesday]
THU 00:30 Short Cuts (m0001mf1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]
THU 01:00 Raffles (m0001ngh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 on Wednesday]
THU 01:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr8d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 on Wednesday]
THU 02:00 Not Working by Lisa Owens (b0790q5c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Wednesday]
THU 02:15 Gudrun (b0844s1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:15 on Wednesday]
THU 02:30 Sex and the Single Girl (b018f1pg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:30 on Wednesday]
THU 03:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00yb5ch)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:00 Heresy (b07dm2pn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 on Wednesday]
THU 04:30 Snap (b00td5sb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 on Wednesday]
THU 05:00 Tickets Please (b00nv6nh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 on Wednesday]
THU 05:30 Gossip and Goddesses with Granny Kumar (m000i495)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 on Wednesday]
THU 06:00 Raffles (m0001p33)
Series 2
4. A Bad Night
Raffles' plans to avenge a friend by robbing a private house in Hampton Court are thwarted by a prior engagement at Old Trafford, to play in the second test cricket match against Australia.
Bunny, however, nobly steps into the breach...
Starring Jeremy Clyde as AJ Raffles, Michael Cochrane as Bunny Manders, Anton Lesser as Medlicott and John Baddeley as the Police Officer.
EW Hornung's Raffles stories about the 'gentleman thief' dramatised by David Buck.
Signature tune composed by Jim Parker.
Director: Gordon House
A BBC Radio 4/ BBC World Service production first broadcast in 1988.
THU 06:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr8w)
Episode 14
With only a crudely made weapon, can the fugitive escape his underground dugout and elude his captors?
Geoffrey Household's classic British thriller was first published shortly before the outbreak of war in 1939.
Read by Michael Jayston.
Producer: David Jackson Young.
Made for BBC 7 by BBC Scotland and first broadcast in 2004.
THU 07:00 Rob Newman (b0bk1llx)
Rob Newman's Total Eclipse of Descartes
If a Tree Falls in a Forest...
One of Britain's finest comedians Rob Newman sets his sights on the world of philosophy, unpicking 3000 years of good and bad ideas to discover how we got into this mess. In a world gone mad can philosophy provide the answer?
In episode two, Rob does battle with Jean-Paul Sartre and the existentialists.
Written and performed by Rob Newman
Edited by John Whitehall
Produced by Jon Harvey

Executive Producer: Richard Wilson
A Hat Trick production
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2018.
THU 07:30 Meet David Sedaris (m000t61t)
Series 8
Instalment 1
What with the whole world grinding to a viral halt and everything, this special series of essays and diary entries is recorded at the Sussex home of the world-renowned storyteller. In 2021, it's 25 years since David Sedaris first shared his very particular world view with the listeners to BBC Radio 4, having brought us The SantaLand Diaries back in 1996. In this eighth series of Meet David Sedaris, he continues to entertain with sardonic wit and incisive social critiques.
David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humour writers and, in 2019, was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that he's a master of satire and one of the most observant writers addressing the human condition today.
Sedaris's first book, Barrel Fever (1994), which included The SantaLand Diaries, was a critical and commercial success, as were his follow-up efforts, Naked (1997), Holidays on Ice (1997) and Me Talk Pretty One Day (2000). He became known for his bitingly funny recollections of his youth, family life and travels, making semi-celebrities out of his parents and siblings. David Sedaris has been nominated for three Grammy Awards for Best Spoken Word and Best Comedy Album. His latest international best-selling books include a collection of stories entitled Calypso, an edited selection of diary entries Theft By Finding, and a 'greatest hits' selection called The Best Of Me.
Producer: Steve Doherty
A Giddy Goat production for BBC Radio 4
THU 08:00 Round the Horne (b00hzphb)
Series 1
Episode 11
Kenneth Horne, Master Spy battles for Britain - and Bona Homes with Julian and Sandy.
With Kenneth Williams, Hugh Paddick, Betty Marsden and Bill Pertwee.
Recorded at the BBC's Paris Studio in Lower Regent Street, London. Announcer: Douglas Smith
Round The Horne was born out of the demise of BBC radio comedy Beyond Our Ken, after the end of writer Eric Merriman's involvement. Using the same cast and producer, Barry Took and Marty Feldman were persuaded to write the scripts - which led to four series that ran between 1965 and 1968 - packed full of parodies, recurring characters, catchphrases and double-entendres.
Music by Edwin Braden and the Hornblowers and The Fraser Hayes Four.
Producer: John Simmonds
First broadcast on the BBC Light Programme in May 1965.
THU 08:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b013plyd)
Freedom Is Choice
Sub-Officer Edward Wilson probes a mysterious incident in Cumbria. Orwellian sitcom starring Robert Lindsay. From March 1985.
THU 09:00 Genius (b0082b9x)
Series 3
Gyles Brandreth
A conveyor duvet for quibbling couples? Loaning out our royals abroad?
Dave Gorman asks author and broadcaster Gyles Brandreth to select the country's best loopy idea.
Award-winning comedian Dave Gorman and a celebrity guest chew over the ridiculous, unworkable but sometimes genius inventions, schemes and policies of the public.
Producer: Simon Nicholls
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.
THU 09:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00k89mr)
Series 3
Murder Most Rewritten
After sending abusive emails, the hack vents his spleen corporate script writing.
Stars Christopher Douglas.
Produced by Simon Nicholls.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2007.
THU 10:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00ybxz9)
Episode 4
As Dmitry goes on trial for the murder of his father, Alyosha desperately seeks proof of his innocence.
Russian author Fyodor Dostoyevsky's final novel published in 1880.
Dramatised by Melissa Murray.
Dmitry Paul Hilton
Ivan Nicholas Boulton
Alyosha Carl Prekopp
Mrs Khokhlakova Rachel Atkins
Katerina Juliet Aubrey
Grushenka Katy Cavanagh
Smerdyakov Joseph Kloska
Grigory Desmond McNamara
Judge Ian Masters
Prosecutor Philip Fox
Fetyokovich Mark Straker
Devil Sam Dale
Spectators Paul Richard Biggin/ Saikat Ahamed/ Bethan

Walker/ Miranda Keeling
Original music by David Pickavance.
Directors: Marc Beeby and Colin Guthrie
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2006.
THU 11:00 Desert Island Discs Revisited (m000tppw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 on Sunday]
THU 11:45 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00yrg3g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 on Sunday]
THU 12:00 Round the Horne (b00hzphb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]
THU 12:30 Nineteen Ninety-Four (b013plyd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]
THU 13:00 Raffles (m0001p33)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]
THU 13:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr8w)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]
THU 14:00 Not Working by Lisa Owens (b0790q5c)
Episode 4
Claire's mother is still not speaking to her, despite her father's best efforts to bring the two together.
Thirtysomething Claire Flannery is no closer to finding her true vocation. It doesn't help that she's increasingly distracted from her job search by the growing (and hurtful) rift with her mother – following Claire's revelation that her grandfather exposed himself to her when she was little. As weeks stretch into months, she has little to show but an overflowing internet search history and the prospect of spending her first Christmas without her family.
Read by Emily Bruni.
Written by Lisa Owens.
Abridged by Robin Brooks.
Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.
THU 14:15 Gudrun (b0844f6g)
Series 1
Episode 4
Gudrun, a young woman in 11th century Iceland, must forge her path through a world of unearthy beauty yet uncompromising harshness. Modern re-telling of classic Icelanders' saga.
Now twice a widow, Gudrun is under threat when her uncles begin to eye her large estate. A husband would ward them off.
Gudrun Kate Phillips
Freija Samantha Dakin
Bolli Gavi Singh Chera
Thordis Alison Belbin
Olaf John Bowler
Hakkan David Sterne
Sigrid Rosa Yevtushenko
By Lucy Catherine
Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.
THU 14:30 Motown - Speaking In The Streets (b03nt8wt)
In 1970, Berry Gordy, the founder of Motown, set up a Motown spoken word label. It was called Black Forum and recorded poetry, civil rights speeches, African-American soldiers in Vietnam and more. The label closed in 1973 after eight releases. Those releases have started to attract interest with some reissued. They stand as a powerful testament to the African-American experience at a turbulent time in America. The financial educator and spoken word record collector Alvin Hall listens to the recordings and talks to those involved in their creation.
Programme Contributors:
Theatre Director and Producer Woodie King Jr., Producer of "Black Spirits: Festival of New Poets in America", and "It's Nation Time: African Visionary Music"
Professor Suzanne E Smith, author of "Dancing in the Street: Motown and the Cultural Politics of Detroit"
Pat Thomas, author of "Listen Whitey: The Sights and Sounds of Black Power 1965 – 1975"
Elaine Brown, singer/songwriter of the album "Elaine Brown" and former leader of the Black Panthers
Suzanne de Passe, former Creative Director and President of Motown
Amiri Baraka, star of "Black Spirits: Festival of New Poets in America", "It's Nation Time: African Visionary Music" and civil rights activist, poet, and writer
Black Forum releases:
Dr Martin Luther King Jr. – Why I Oppose The War In Vietnam
Stokely Carmichael – Free Huey
Langston Hughes and Margaret Danner – Writers Of The Revolution
Guess Who's Coming Home – Black Fighting Men Recorded Live In Vietnam
Ossie Davis and Bill Cosby – Address The Congressional Black Caucus
Black Spirits - Festival of New Black Poets in America
Imamu Amiri Baraka – It's Nation Time
Elaine Brown – Elaine Brown
Producer Ekene Akalawu
First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2014.
THU 15:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov (b00ybxz9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]
THU 16:00 Genius (b0082b9x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]
THU 16:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00k89mr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

Podcasts To Play Along With

Laura Grimshaw and Chris Pearson pick out the best podcasts you can play along with, chock full of quizzes, panel shows and trivia. With special guests Ed Gamble from the Taskmaster podcast, husband-and-wife-quizzers Lucy Porter and Justin Edwards from Plenty Questions, and we go behind the scenes of Radio 2's Popmaster.

FRI 12:00 Dad's Army (b007j19m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 12:30 The Alan Davies Show (b0089kpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 13:00 Raffles (m0001p3l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 13:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr9c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 14:00 Not Working by Lisa Owens (b0790qlv)

Episode 5

No closer to finding her true vocation, Claire spends a disastrous weekend with Luke and his parents.

Thirtysomething Claire Flannery is no closer to finding her true vocation. It doesn't help that she's increasingly distracted from her job search by a growing (and hurtful) rift with her mother – following Claire's revelation that her grandfather exposed himself to her when she was little. In the hope that a change of scene will help relieve some pressure, she and her partner Luke spend a weekend with his parents.

Read by Emily Bruni.

Written by Lisa Owens.

Abridged by Robin Brooks.

Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2016.

FRI 14:15 Gudrun (b0844vfx)

Series 1

Episode 5

Gudrun, a young woman in 11th century Iceland, must forge her path through a world of unearthly beauty yet uncompromising harshness. Modern re-telling of classic Icelanders' saga.

Gudrun's blissful life is interrupted when her childhood sweetheart returns from abroad, bringing with him a new wife.

Gudrun Kate Phillips

Freija Samantha Dakin

Bolli Gavi Singh Chera

Kjartan Luke MacGregor

Olaf John Bowler

Vigdís Finlay Robertson

Hrefna Natasha Cowley

Sigríð Rosa Yevtushenko

By Lucy Catherine

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2016.

FRI 14:30 Hemingway Days (b013f96m)

Wayne and Gerardine Hemingway, who together launched the Red or Dead label, have long been admirers of Robin and Lucienne Day, a husband and wife design team from another era.

Wayne looks back at the impact of Robin and Lucienne Day on post war Britain and how they emerged from the FOB to spearhead our understanding of modern design.

He talks to colleagues, friends and family about their vision and their drive and explores some of the less well known areas of their personal lives and their creative partnership.

Lucienne was a textile designer. Inspired by abstract art, she pioneered the use of bright, optimistic, abstract patterns.

Robin was a furniture designer best known for his injection moulded polypropylene stacking chair, of which over 20 million have been manufactured.

The Days shared a vision of good, affordable design for all.

Together they established themselves as Britain's most celebrated post-war designer couple, and have often been compared to their US contemporaries, Charles Eames and Ray Eames.

But despite their growing fame in the 50s and 60s they remained uncomfortable with the public attention they received. They shared a passion for nature and spent more and more time outdoors. Lucienne drew much of her inspiration from plants and flowers and Robin was a talented and obsessive mountain climber.

In this programme Wayne reflects on the many layers to Robin and Lucienne and, with his wife Gerardine, he draws on their own experiences of working as a husband and wife creative team.

Producer: Sarah Cuddon

A Whistledown Production for BBC Radio 4, first broadcast in August 2011.

FRI 15:00 Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazov

(b00yc3jw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:00 today]

FRI 16:00 It's Not What You Know (b01cwvbf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

FRI 16:30 Fat Chance (b019m4rs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:30 today]

FRI 17:00 Clare in the Community (b0832f pz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:00 today]

FRI 17:30 Stand-Up Specials (m000tcl3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 18:00 Arthur Schnitzler - Dream Story (m000tg86)

Episode 5

Having infiltrated a secret masked ball where the female revellers are naked, Fridolin is discovered and must face his

hosts.

An eight-part of Arthur Schnitzler's 'Dream Story', credited as the novella that inspired Stanley Kubrick's last film.

Published in 1925/26, the work was alternately titled 'Rhapsody' and, in the original German, 'Traumnovelle'.

It tells the tale of a young doctor who finds that he must come to terms with his wife's erotic dreams by embarking on a few escapades of his own – a tale of sexual fantasy, jealousy, obsession and death...

Read by Paul Rhys.

Translated by J.M.Q. Davies.

Made for BBC7 and first broadcast in September 2003.

FRI 18:30 Off the Page (b00lbt3r)

Falling on Your Sword

Has something happened to the ideas of honour, dignity, duty and virtue? Are people less willing to fall on their swords than they used to do? Is it admirable, anyway, to admit defeat?

Political journalist Anthony Howard, author and broadcaster

Anne Atkins and journalist Toby Young join Dominic

Arkwright to explore the subject through their writing.

Producer: Beatrice Fenton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

FRI 19:00 Dad's Army (b007j19m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:00 today]

FRI 19:30 The Alan Davies Show (b0089kpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:30 today]

FRI 20:00 Raffles (m0001p3l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:00 today]

FRI 20:30 Rogue Male by Geoffrey Household (b007jr9c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:30 today]

FRI 21:00 Podcast Radio Hour (m000tg82)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 today]

FRI 22:00 Stand-Up Specials (m000tcl3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:30 today]

FRI 22:30 Goodness Gracious Me (b01nwbhk)

Series 3

Episode 1

The Kapoor visit a stately home, food for thought from Smeeta Smitten, Showbiz Kitten and why the royal family are Indian...

Stars Sanjeev Bhaskar, Kulvinder Ghir, Meera Syal and Nina Wadia.

Gold Winner of the Sony Radio Academy Awards. The sketch comedy show originally ran on BBC Radio 4 from 1996 to 1998, later transferring to TV on BBC TWO from 1998 to 2001.

Scripted by Richard Pinto, Sharat Sardana, Meera Syal, Sanjeev Bhaskar and Sanjeev Kohli.

Script Editor: Sharat Sardana

Producer: Anil Gupta.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 1998.

FRI 23:00 Old Harry's Game (b00c6jfr)

Series 5

Moral Leadership

Hell is close to bursting, so to stem the flow Satan ponders his entry policy.

The fifth series of Andy Hamilton's comedy series set in Hell.

It's not easy being Satan. Thrown out of heaven by a vengeful, white-haired God merely for daring to voice the concerns of middle management and condemned for all eternity to listen to Edith Piaf and Elvis Presley. Satan may rule the roost, but he's beset by the poor unfortunates condemned to sit out Eternity with him

CAST:

Satan Andy Hamilton

Scumspawn Robert Duncan

Thomas Jimmy Mulville

God David Swift

The Professor James Grout

Other characters played by Philip Pope, Nick Revell and

Michael Fenton Stevens

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2005.

FRI 23:30 I Think I've Got a Problem (b00cm91h)

Series 2

Episode 4

After falling over and knocking himself out, Tom - and the band in his head - awakes to find himself in a strange world where castrati singers are all the rage...

Andrew McGibbon and Nick Romero's everyday story about a man who can't stop himself from breaking into song.

CAST:

Tom Caine Suggs

Dr Boone Bob Monkhouse

Bouche Phil Cornwell

Jake Andrew McGibbon

Monty De Vere Nick Romero

Malc Bill Nighy

Phelia Julia Deakin

Clammy Toby Longworth

Pi Debra Stephenson

Songs: Andrew McGibbon, Nick Romero and Suggs

Producers: Andrew McGibbon and Dawn Ellis.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2003.