

SATURDAY 03 MAY 2008

SAT 19:00 Meetings with Remarkable Trees (b0074svc)
Series 2

Pitchford Lime

Britain's largest broad-leaf lime tree plays host to a rococo-style tree house, complete with ornate cornice and oak flooring. The tree house, in turn, has played host to Queen Victoria, a peeping tom, amorous aristocrats and a large lady with a passion for tea. With architect Andrew Arrol.

SAT 19:10 In Search of Medieval Britain (b00b413n)
Heartlands

Medieval art historian Dr Alixe Bovey uses the oldest surviving route map of Britain to make a series of journeys through Britain in the Middle Ages. Exploring the life of the commoner, she discovers the origins of precedent in common law and uncovers the foundations of modern parliament in a bloody power struggle.

SAT 19:40 The Book Quiz (b00b3zk8)
Series 2

Episode 6

Kirsty Wark presents the second semi-final of the literary panel game as Daisy Goodwin and David Aaronovitch fight it out against India Knight and James Delingpole for a place in the final.

SAT 20:10 A Perfect Spy (b008d2vp)
Episode 3

1980s adaption of the John le Carre novel. In the years between 1953 and 1959, Magnus betrays his father Rick and renews his acquaintance with Axel.

SAT 21:05 A Perfect Spy (b008fm97)
Episode 4

1980s adaption of the John le Carre novel. Magnus is living in the US and still bailing his father out of trouble, but after an interrogation he seeks refuge at the seaside.

SAT 22:00 The Best of Youth (b00b6kj6)
Episode 4

Drama series telling the story of an Italian family from the 1960s till the present day, set against major events in Italian history. Now 18, Sara decides to move away from father Nicola to attend an art restoration school in Rome. On a trip to Milan to investigate the attempted prison suicide of a corrupt bureaucrat, Nicola accidentally comes across a photograph of his dead brother Matteo in an art gallery.

SAT 23:35 Mad Men (b009wxc0)
Series 1

Red in the Face

Drama series which takes an unflinching look at the world of advertising in 1960s New York. When Roger and Don hit the town together, Roger's behaviour puts a strain on their relationship.

SAT 00:20 Mad Men (b00b09hw)
Series 1

The Hobo Code

Drama series set in the world of advertising in 1960s New York. Peggy and Peter get intimate in the office. Salvatore is in demand by both sexes. Don has a flashback to his youth where a hobo comes to his house looking for food and work and reveals the legendary 'hobo code'.

SAT 01:10 Mad Men (b00b3zd3)
Series 1

Shoot

Drama series set in the world of advertising in 1960s New York. Betty is used by a rival ad agency to try to hire Don. Peggy is putting on weight. The agency tries to spruce up their Nixon presidential campaign to counteract a successful Kennedy ad by Jackie Kennedy.

SAT 01:55 David Ogilvy: Original Mad Man (b009pg3d)

Documentary about pioneering British advertising executive and self-proclaimed genius, David Ogilvy, who led a revolution in advertising, feeding dreams and shaping aspirations with famous campaigns, slogans and jingles. He started what eventually would become conglomerate Ogilvy and Mather in 1948 and the film reveals the extremes and eccentricities of the man through interviews with those who knew him and worked with him, including his widow and son and authors Peter Mayle and Fay Weldon.

SAT 02:55 In Search of Medieval Britain (b00b413n)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:10 today]

SAT 03:25 The Book Quiz (b00b3zk8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:40 today]

SUNDAY 04 MAY 2008

SUN 19:00 Inside the Medieval Mind (b00b413s)
Belief

Leading authority on the Middle Ages, Professor Robert Bartlett, presents a series which examines the way we thought during medieval times. Our forebears believed they shared the world with the dead and that angels and demons battled for control of human souls. As the church's grip on our beliefs increased, men and women were dragged before religious courts and multitudes were killed in the name of God.

SUN 20:00 Terry Jones' Medieval Lives (b0078pgj)
The Knight

Monty Python star and medieval enthusiast Terry Jones takes us on a tour of the Middle Ages. Knights were more interested in the fine art of killing people and profiting from war than romantic notions of chivalry.

SUN 20:30 Terry Jones' Medieval Lives (b0078p7z)
The Damsel

Monty Python star and medieval enthusiast, Terry Jones, takes us on a tour of the Middle Ages, destroying old myths and discovering extraordinary stories of real people. A look at the world of the medieval damsel; not the shy, demure creatures we imagine today but strong independent women who ran businesses, led armies and, when they felt like it, even abducted the lovers of their choice.

SUN 21:00 Dear Television (b009099x)
Episode 3

Letters cataloguing the preoccupations and passions of television viewers over the last five decades.

SUN 21:10 Washes Whiter (b00b6km5)
The Getaway People

Series on the history of British television advertising discusses how advertising in post-war Britain can be viewed as a barometer of the pendulum shifts in national mood and the way we perceive ourselves.

SUN 22:00 Mad Men (b00b6km7)
Series 1

Long Weekend

Drama series set in the world of advertising in 1960s New York. Don loses an important account so Roger attempts to cheer him up with the aid of twin models. But things end badly and Don, in shock, finds comfort in the arms of Rachel. Joan's roommate makes an unnerving confession.

SUN 22:45 James Taylor: One Man Band (b00b41h2)
Singer-songwriter James Taylor showcases material from the past 40 years including You've Got A Friend and Sweet Baby James in a series of concerts at the Colonial Theatre in the Berkshires, while interviews and rare archive footage tell the stories behind some of Taylor's most beloved hits.

SUN 23:50 Hotel California: LA from the Byrds to the Eagles (b0074t87)

Documentary looking at the music and mythology of a golden era in Californian culture, and telling the story of how Los Angeles changed from a kooky backwater in the early 1960s to become the artistic and industrial hub of the American music industry by the end of the 1970s.

Alongside extensive and never before seen archive footage, the programme features comprehensive first-hand accounts of the key figures including musicians (David Crosby, Graham Nash, J. D. Souther, Bernie Leadon and Bonnie Raitt, music industry bosses (David Geffen, Jac Holzman, Ron Stone and Peter Asher) and legendary LA scenesters including Henry Diltz, Pamela Des Barres and Ned Doheny.

The film explores how the socially-conscious folk rock of young hippies with acoustic guitars was transformed into the coked-out stadium excess of the late 1970s and the biggest selling album of all time.

SUN 01:25 In Concert (b007rm8l)
James Taylor

A classic concert from 1971 by American singer-songwriter James Taylor.

SUN 02:10 From Ranch to Raunch (b0074t8s)

Documentary looking at how the 1970s California swinging scene, when wife-swapping became a reality amid a new, sexually liberated way of life, created a new design aesthetic. Captured in all its glorious excess and tastelessness by the movie Boogie Nights, Los Angeles was a land of bachelor pads where conventional suburban homes - ranch houses - were transformed with the addition of shag pile carpet and new inventions like the waterbed and the Jacuzzi, into sensual, swinging party houses.

SUN 03:10 Inside the Medieval Mind (b00b413s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today]

MONDAY 05 MAY 2008

MON 19:00 The Book Quiz (b00b6ks5)
Series 2

Episode 7

Kirsty Wark presents the grand final of the literary panel game, as Wendy Holden and Giles Coren do battle with Daisy Goodwin and David Aaronovitch.

MON 19:30 The Sky at Night (b00bbhyd)
We Just Don't Know

Astronomy. Sir Patrick Moore celebrates the 666th edition of the programme by asking cosmologists exactly how much we know about the Universe.

MON 20:00 BBC Young Musician (b00b9yxh)
2008

Woodwind

Four of the country's best young woodwind players battle it out in front of an audience and a distinguished panel of judges for a place in the final at the Wales Millennium Centre.

MON 21:00 Christina: A Medieval Life (b00b6ksc)

Historian Michael Wood presents a portrait of ordinary people living through extraordinary times, tracing the story of a real-life peasant of 14th-century Hertfordshire.

She wasn't a famous person, or of noble blood, yet Christina's story is important in understanding our own roots. In this time of war, famine, floods, climate change and the Black Death are the beginnings of the end of serfdom, the growth of individual freedom and the start of a market economy.

Wood recounts the history of medieval Britain told not from the top of society, but from the bottom. Through the lives of Christina and her fellow villagers, we see how the most volatile century in British history played a crucial role in shaping the character and destiny of a nation, and its people.

MON 22:00 Saint Joan (b0074t60)

The story of 15th-century French heroine Joan of Arc, a young farm girl who heard voices telling her to lead an army against the English occupying forces and crown the dauphin king of France. But Joan was tragically betrayed, and subsequently burnt at the stake. Based on the play by George Bernard Shaw and scripted by Graham Greene.

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TUESDAY 06 MAY 2008

TUE 19:00 World News Today (b00b6lqg)
The latest news from around the world.

TUE 19:30 Pop Go the Sixties (b008791y)
Series 1

The Shadows

A colourful nugget of pop by The Shadows, mined from the BBC's archive.

TUE 19:35 Batman (b00b9dkj)
Series 2

The Impractical Joker

Fantasy adventure series. The Joker is on a crime spree involving keys and manages to incapacitate Batman and Robin with a mysterious little box; in reality, the Duped Duo have been hypnotized. They discover Joker in an old key factory, and are captured. Robin is placed in a machine that will spray-wax him to death while Batman is strung out on a giant human key duplicator.

TUE 20:00 BBC Young Musician (b00b9yyd)
2008

Strings

A guitarist, a harpist, a cellist and a violinist battle it out in front of an audience and a distinguished panel of judges for a place in the final at the Wales Millennium Centre.

TUE 21:00 Chinese School (b00b6lqj)
Loved Ones

Documentary series about a group of children at three schools in rural China. This edition examines the importance of family in China and takes a look at an event that holds this rapidly-changing society together - the Spring Festival.

TUE 22:00 Goodness Gracious Me (b00b6lqj)
Series 3

Episode 4

Comedy sketch show featuring Sanjeev Bhaskar, Meera Syal, Nina Wadia and Kulvinder Ghir.

TUE 22:30 To Let (b00b94mn)

Spanish horror film. Clara and Mario have been looking for a new home since discovering that Clara is pregnant with their first child. Mario finds an ad in the mailbox for a bargain-priced flat. The couple drive to a derelict block in the suburbs of Madrid to view the apartment. First impressions are not promising, but when the eerily zealous estate agent shows up, Carla and Mario realise that the worst is yet to come.

TUE 23:35 The Saint and the Hanged Man (b009wzcs)

Rob Brydon narrates a dramatised/animated documentary which reveals the clash at the heart of the Medieval mind - between the reason and the supernatural - using rational process to dissect the divine.

In 1307 the full weight of medieval justice descended on the sleepy town of Hereford. But this court wasn't summoned to prove innocence or guilt. The man on trial wasn't a murderer, or a criminal. In fact he wasn't even alive. This was a holy inquiry, called by the Catholic Church to prove whether a dead English

bishop was actually a miracle-worker - and whether he should be made into a saint.

His case comprised several alleged miracles, the most notorious being the spectacular resurrection of a hanged man. A Welsh terrorist executed by the state, hanged twice just to make sure, this wanted criminal somehow came back from the dead. And now a papal court would use all the instruments of legal process - witness statements, forensic evidence, cross examination - to prove whether it was truly a miracle.

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TUE 01:35 BBC Young Musician (b00b9yyd)
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TUE 02:35 The Book Quiz (b00b6ks5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 03:05 Chinese School (b00b6lqj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

WEDNESDAY 07 MAY 2008

WED 19:00 World News Today (b00b6v14)
The latest news from around the world.

WED 19:30 Pop Go the Sixties (b008791b)
Series 1

Marmalade

A colourful nugget of pop by Marmalade, mined from the BBC's archive.

WED 19:35 Batman (b00b9dmy)
Series 2

The Joker's Provokers

Fantasy adventure series. Alfred goes in disguise using his specially-designed AIfcycle, and his identical cousin Egbert, to help the duo thwart Joker's plans to spike the water supply.

WED 20:00 BBC Young Musician (b00b9yyx)
2008

Brass

Four of the UK's most talented brass players battle it out in front of an audience and a distinguished panel of judges for a place in the final at the Wales Millennium Centre. The finalists include a twelve-year-old trombone player who is the youngest musician remaining in the competition.

WED 21:00 Clarissa and the King's Cookbook (b00b6v16)

We Brits love our cookbooks - every year we buy millions of them and treat our celebrity chefs like royalty. But where did it all begin? Self-confessed medieval foodie Clarissa Dickson Wright tracks down Britain's oldest known cookbook, The Forme of Cury. This 700-year-old scroll was written during the reign of King Richard II from recipes created by the king's master chefs. How this ancient manuscript influenced the way people eat today? On her culinary journey through medieval history she reawakens recipes that have lain dormant for centuries and discovers dishes that are still prepared now.

WED 21:30 Illuminations: Treasures of the Middle Ages (b0074rt0)

Art critic Andrew Graham-Dixon visits an exhibition at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, which contains a treasure trove of the world's most important illuminated manuscripts. Germaine Greer joins the modern-day illustrator Quentin Blake to consider the religious and political power of these beautiful medieval masterpieces, and to assess their place in the history of art and book production.

WED 22:00 Storyville (b00b6v18)
My Secret Agent Auntie

Documentary about the extraordinary life of Baroness Moura Budberg - caught up in a plot to topple the Bolsheviks, lover of men like HG Wells and Maxim Gorky and a true heroine were it not for sinister rumours of murder and betrayal. Dimitri Collingridge, her great great nephew, attempts to find out whether she was actually callous Soviet agent.

WED 23:00 A Tudor Feast (b00794j3)

Without the use of modern conveniences, a group of historians and archaeologists prepare a Tudor feast as it would have been over 400 years ago. They wear clothes from the period, source food from the land, and use recipes from the era. They turn the clock back to rediscover a way of life from an age gone by.

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THURSDAY 08 MAY 2008

THU 19:00 World News Today (b00b6w6h)
The latest news from around the world.

THU 19:27 Disasters Emergency Committee Myanmar (Burma) Cyclone Appeal (b00b717)

An appeal on behalf of the Disasters Emergency Committee Myanmar (Burma). Donations can be made through DEC at <http://www.dec.org.uk>.

THU 19:30 In Search of Medieval Britain (b00b6w6k)
Scotland

Medieval art historian, Dr Alixe Bovey, uses the oldest surviving route map of Britain to make a series of journeys through Britain in the Middle Ages. She explores the most mysterious region on the whole map - Scotland, a nation so young it still had no capital, where wolves reigned over its highland wilderness and gangsters terrorised its border lands.

THU 20:00 BBC Young Musician (b00b9zyy)
2008

Percussion

Four of the UK's most talented percussionists battle it out in front of an audience and a distinguished panel of judges for a place in the final at the Wales Millennium Centre.

THU 21:00 Inside the Medieval Mind (b00b6w6m)
Power

Professor Robert Bartlett lays bare the brutal framework of the medieval class system, where inequality was part of the natural order, the life of serfs little better than those of animals and the knight's code of chivalry more one of caste solidarity than morality. Yet a social revolution would transform relations between those with absolute power and those with none.

THU 22:00 Crusades (b00b6w6p)
Destruction

Terry Jones reports on how Richard the Lionheart set out to do battle with the legendary Saladin and discovers that inevitably, Richard was an unsatisfactory hero. Terry then re-stages the Fourth Crusade as part of the Venice festival and finds out how the Crusaders destroyed the world's largest Christian city in a bloody orgy. The final chapter of the story sees the rise of Muslim fanaticism as a mirror to Christian ferocity.

THU 22:50 Mad Men (b00b6km7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 on Sunday]

THU 23:40 Chinese School (b00b6lqj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

THU 00:40 Inside the Medieval Mind (b00b6w6m)
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THU 01:40 BBC Young Musician (b00b9zyz)
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THU 02:40 In Search of Medieval Britain (b00b6w6k)
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THU 03:10 Inside the Medieval Mind (b00b6w6m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

FRIDAY 09 MAY 2008

FRI 19:00 World News Today (b00b6wdz)
The latest news from around the world.

FRI 19:30 Transatlantic Sessions (b00pdwyl)
Series 2

Episode 1

Folk musicians come together to make music in what have been called 'the greatest backporch shows ever'.

FRI 20:00 BBC Young Musician (b00b9z6n)
2008

Keyboard

Four of the UK's most talented pianists battle it out in front of an audience and a distinguished panel of judges for a place in the final at the Wales Millennium Centre.

FRI 21:00 Fever: The Music of Peggy Lee (b00b6wf1)
Documentary charting the chequered life and legendary music of Peggy Lee. With contributions from k.d.lang, Nancy Sinatra, Leiber and Stoller, Quincy Jones and Andy Williams, and featuring duets with Mel Torme, Judy Garland, Bing Crosby and Dean Martin.

FRI 22:00 Kings of Cool: The Crooners (b007c6n3)
Honor Blackman narrates a celebration of some of the most stylish musical icons of the last century, the crooners such as Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nat King Cole, Tony Bennett and Andy Williams. Featuring interviews with friends, family members and the new breed of crooners such as Michael Buble and Jamie Cullum.

FRI 22:50 The World of Nat King Cole (b0074qxl)
A portrait of the popular entertainer Nat King Cole, which uses a combination of rare and unseen archive including home movies, performances, and interviews to shed an intimate new light on the man behind the silky voice. Interviewees include Stevie Wonder, Andre 3000 Benjamin of Outkast, Whoopi Goldberg, Carlos Santana, Harry Connick Jr, Tony Bennett, BB King, Jools Holland, Quincy Jones, Baz Luhrmann and the entire Cole family.

FRI 00:20 The Avengers (b0074ry2)
Series 5

The Bird Who Knew Too Much

Steed and Mrs Peel follow a trail of bird seed to expose a villainous gang of bird trainers who are selling photographs of a top secret missile base to the East.

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FRI 02:10 The World of Nat King Cole (b0074qxl)
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FRI 03:40 Transatlantic Sessions (b007yys)
Series 3

Episode 1

The best of Nashville, Ireland and Scotland come together in an exclusive Highland location and with no audience except one another to make music in what have been called 'the greatest backporch shows ever'.

Paul Brady remembers Louisiana, Karen Matheson astonishes

with some Gaelic mouth music and American star Joan Osborne makes her UK television debut.