

SATURDAY 24 JANUARY 2009

SAT 19:00 Little Dorrit (b00fvg86)
Episode 12

Mr Dorrit leaves Amy behind in Venice as he returns to London with newlyweds Fanny and Sparkler, but the high life is not all he had hoped it would be.

Meanwhile, Arthur invests Doyce and Clennam's capital in Merdle's Bank, and Flora investigates the disappearance of Rigaud.

SAT 19:30 Little Dorrit Omnibus (b00g7781)
Episodes 13 and 14

Mr Dorrit returns to Venice a broken man after a visit to London revives unwelcome memories.

Mr Merdle's death and the collapse of his bank send shockwaves through the country as thousands face financial ruin.

Arthur returns to the Marshalsea a prisoner, Amy goes back to her birthplace to look after him as he lies gravely ill, and Rigaud returns to play out his blackmail in the Clennam house.

SAT 21:00 Timeshift (b00gks10)
Series 8

Fashion versus the BBC

Documentary which takes a provocative and entertaining journey through the BBC's own fashion collection.

For 50 years the BBC has often treated fashion as a frivolous, decadent diversion from the serious matters of life, but now a 'style council' of fashion writers and commentators including Peter York, Colin McDowell, Ted Polhemus and Hilary Alexander turns the tables and lets British fashion take on the BBC.

In the 1950s we find programmes debating whether men should decide what women wear. In the 1960s we see Alan Whicker unleashed upon the 'silly, superficial world' of French couture, while the big story of Mary Quant is almost ignored back home. In the 1970s comes the revulsion against punk style, and it is not until the 1980s that TV treats fashion with any kind of appreciation with The Clothes Show, generally held as the BBC's finest hour in the world of dressing up.

The programme concludes that British fashion is unique in that it is driven more by youth culture than by fashion houses. Through the stories of the models, the designers, the photographers and the clothes themselves, it shows how the establishment has come to terms with the transformation of post-war Britain.

SAT 22:00 Alistair Cooke's America (b0074npp)
The Promised Fulfilled and the Promise Broken

Alistair Cooke's personal examination of the history of the United States continues with a look at prosperity and politics in the 1920s. However, by the end of the decade the prosperity had vanished and had been replaced by economic depression.

SAT 22:50 People's Century (b00ffp16)

The story of 'the hungry thirties' told by men and women who suffered in the worldwide depression that followed the Wall Street Crash.

In Chicago, the unemployed ripped wooden paving blocks from the city streets, while in Belgium, laid-off miners broke into their own pits to scavenge for waste coal. Sweden was the first democracy to fight the depression, and America's President Roosevelt offered the country a new deal.

SAT 23:45 Style on Trial (b00gvb2y)
1970s

Stuart Maconie and Lauren Laverne put British style and fashion between the 1940s and the 1990s into the dock. To discuss the 1970s they are joined in the studio by British fashion designer Zandra Rhodes, the maker of three-tier wedge sandals for the 70s rock aristocracy Terry de Havilland, and Wayne Hemingway, a teenager of the decade who went on to create his own fashion label.

SAT 00:45 Style on Trial (b00h4x56)
1980s

Stuart Maconie and Lauren Laverne put British style and fashion between the 1940s and the 1990s into the dock. To

discuss the 1980s they are joined in the studio by former fashion editor of i-D magazine and host of The Clothes Show, Caryn Franklin; bass player from Duran Duran, John Taylor; and Stevie Stewart, a designer from Boy George's favourite fashion label of the decade, Bodymap.

SAT 01:45 Little Dorrit (b00fvg86)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today]

SAT 02:15 Little Dorrit Omnibus (b00g7781)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today]

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2009

SUN 19:00 Stephen Fry in America (b00fcvbq)
Mountains and Plains

Starting with the airborne border patrol agents at the Canadian border in the stunning mountains of Montana and ending at the very different border with Mexico in Texas, Stephen Fry explores the natural beauty of the Rocky Mountains and America's breadbasket beside them.

He meets Ted Turner and some of his 50,000 bison, encounters Wyoming ranchers who have particularly close encounters with wolves and bears, rides through the snow on a dogsled, overdoses on carbohydrates at a German diner in Bismarck, North Dakota, and experiences the Badlands of South Dakota.

A ride with a trucker in Nebraska takes him into the bizarre home of some Kansans in an underground missile base. Posh Aspen in Colorado is in contrast with a Salvation Army belly dancer in Oklahoma, while a gala dinner in Houston is a far cry from a band of TexMex musicians at the border in El Paso.

SUN 20:00 Folk America (b00gk91)
Birth of a Nation

Three-part documentary series on American folk music, tracing its history from the recording boom of the 1920s to the folk revival of the 1960s.

The opening part looks at how, in the 1920s, record companies scoured the American south for talent to sell. This was a golden age of American music, as the likes of the Carter Family, Jimmie Rodgers, Blind Lemon Jefferson, Charlie Poole, Dock Boggs and Mississippi John Hurt burst onto record, eager to have a share in the new industry and the money it made, only to lapse into obscurity when the depression hit at the start of the 30s.

Contributors include Judy Collins, Steve Earle, Tom Paxton and Pete Seeger, surviving relations of 1920s greats such as Mississippi John Hurt, the Carter Family and Uncle Dave Macon, plus three actual survivors of the era - guitarist Slim Bryant, banjoist Wade Mainer and Delta bluesman 'Honeyboy' Edwards.

SUN 21:00 Robert Burns: The People's Poet (b00h6s23)

Writer Andrew O'Hagan asks what made Robert Burns one of the world's favourite poets, as Scotland celebrates the 250th anniversary of the birth of one of its most famous sons. He travels through the landscape of modern Scotland in a poetic journey to the places that inspired Burns and to discover the story of his wild and dramatic life.

SUN 22:30 Mark Lawson Talks To... (b00cck55)
Bill Bryson

Anglophile travel writer Bill Bryson, whose books include The Lost Continent and Notes From a Small Island, chats to Mark Lawson about how a boy from Iowa who dropped out of college has ended up as Chancellor of Durham University. He also discusses how he shares the British sense of humour, his techniques for tackling litter louts and his childhood superpowers.

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MONDAY 26 JANUARY 2009

MON 19:00 World News Today (b00h6sbr)

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

MON 19:30 The American Future: A History, by Simon Schama (b00fhd0d)
What is an American?

While the 2008 presidential campaign is in full swing, Simon Schama travels through America to dig deep into the conflicts of its history to understand what is at stake right now.

Simon looks at the bitter conflict over immigration in American history. Who should be allowed to enter America and call themselves an American has always been one of the nation's most divisive issues, and it continues to be so at this election. He traces the roots of this conflict to the founding of America.

The early settlers were themselves immigrants, but they saw America as fundamentally a white and Protestant nation. Simon looks at the key events that challenged this view: the annexation of parts of Mexico in 1848 that made 100,000 non-whites American citizens, the immigration and subsequent expulsion of the Chinese in the late 19th century, and the massive immigration from Eastern Europe during the industrialisation of the 1920s. Each time there have been those who have insisted America must stay white if it's to stay true to itself, and each time they have been defeated by the sheer force of history.

John F Kennedy defined America as a Nation of Immigrants in 1964 and Simon argues that the candidacy of Barack Obama represents the final triumph of the vision of America as a multi-ethnic nation.

MON 20:30 The Book Quiz (b00h6sbr)
Series 3

Episode 1

Kirsty Wark presents the literary panel game, as writer Rosie Boycott and children's novelist Darren Shan do battle against author Julie Myerson and historian Antony Beevor.

MON 21:00 What Darwin Didn't Know (b00h6sbt)
Documentary which tells the story of evolution theory since Darwin postulated it in 1859 in 'On the Origin of Species'.

The theory of evolution by natural selection is now scientific orthodoxy, but when it was unveiled it caused a storm of controversy, from fellow scientists as well as religious people. They criticised it for being short on evidence and long on assertion and Darwin, being the honest scientist that he was, agreed with them. He knew that his theory was riddled with 'difficulties', but he entrusted future generations to complete his work and prove the essential truth of his vision, which is what scientists have been doing for the past 150 years.

Evolutionary biologist Professor Armand Marie Leroi charts the scientific endeavour that brought about the triumphant renaissance of Darwin's theory. He argues that, with the new science of evolutionary developmental biology (evo devo), it may be possible to take that theory to a new level - to do more than explain what has evolved in the past, and start to predict what might evolve in the future.

MON 22:30 Gerry Robinson and the Money Makers (b00fqpn2)
Sir Terry Leahy

Businessman Gerry Robinson finds out what makes some of the country's top financial movers and shakers tick.

He meets Tesco boss Terry Leahy and discovers whether it was single-minded ambition, fanatical attention to detail or an obsession with the customer that took Liverpoolian Leahy from shelf-stacking to the boardroom.

MON 23:00 Cowards (b00gvhjn)
Episode 1

Cowards is a new 4-man sketch show packed with surprise and invention.

Scenarios include disaffected judges, office bullying via Skype, Russian roulette at the dinner table, a jobseeker aiming to become Mick Hucknall's PA and a dog with a secret - all delivered with the unique Cowards brand of joyful deadpan absurdity.

The team of Tom Basden, Stefan Golaszewski, Tim Key and Lloyd Woolf have honed their voice over two acclaimed Edinburgh Festival shows, a returning series on Radio 4 and the

first online sketch show for BBC3. Their highly-accomplished TV debut is a thrilling new arrival in the comedy landscape.

With top comedy director Steve Bendelack (League of Gentlemen, Little Britain, The Royle Family, Mighty Boosh) at the helm, Cowards is a funny, visually-arresting show performed with skill and subtlety by four of the best young writer-performers around.

MON 23:30 Aguirre, Wrath of God (b0074rnc)

Spectacularly set in the jungles of South America, Werner Herzog's historical adventure charts a Spanish conquistador's descent into madness as he seizes control of a group of 16th-century explorers and leads them on an obsessive quest for El Dorado, the lost city of gold.

MON 01:00 imagine... (b00ccgp3)
Summer 2008

Imagine... Werner Herzog: Beyond Reason

Alan Yentob meets the renowned German film director, Werner Herzog. Legendary for his refusal to compromise in his search for 'the real truth,' Herzog has a reputation for pushing cast, crew and studios to the absolute limit.

With footage from the director's extensive back-catalogue, including Rescue Dawn, Grizzly Man, Even Dwarfs Started Small and Fitzcarraldo, Yentob gives an insight into one of modern cinema's most surprising and complex filmmakers.

MON 02:00 Gerry Robinson and the Money Makers (b00fqpn2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:30 today]

MON 02:30 The Book Quiz (b00h6sbr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:30 today]

MON 03:00 What Darwin Didn't Know (b00h6sbt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2009

TUE 19:00 World News Today (b00h6sys)

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

TUE 19:30 What Darwin Didn't Know (b00h6sbt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Monday]

TUE 21:00 The High Life (b00h6syv)

Winch

Sitcom set among cabin crew of a passenger jet. Sebastian returns from his Florida holiday to discover something has definitely happened between Steve and Shona. Captain Duff, meanwhile, is as confused as ever.

TUE 21:30 Early Doors (b0078k7h)

Series 1

Episode 3

Comedy series set in a small Manchester public house. Policemen Phil and Nige have a near-death experience. Jean's hopes of going to Crete are dashed. The temporary traffic lights are still troubling Eddie. Duffy and Joe help Liam come clean, and there's a big surprise in store as Tommy and Eddie witness Liam's talent.

TUE 22:00 Cowards (b00h6syx)

Episode 2

Four-man sketch show packed with surprise and invention. Scenarios include disaffected judges, office bullying via Skype, Russian roulette at the dinner table, a jobseeker aiming to become Mick Hucknall's PA and a dog with a secret - all delivered with a unique brand of joyful deadpan absurdity.

TUE 22:30 Mad Men (b00bfkfw)

Series 1

Nixon vs Kennedy

Drama series set in the world of advertising in 1960s New York. The staff at Sterling Cooper stay up all night to watch the Nixon/Kennedy election returns. Pete Campbell's ambitions

cause him to directly challenge Don.

TUE 23:15 In Concert (b00h6sz0)

Richie Havens

Iconic American folk singer and guitarist Richie Havens recorded at BBC Studios in 1974.

TUE 23:55 In Concert (b00h6sz2)

Tom Paxton

American folk singer/songwriter Tom Paxton in a concert from 1970. Songs include Morning Again, I Lost My Heart on a 747, Whose Garden Was This, Forest Lawn and Jennifer's Rabbit.

TUE 00:25 In Concert (b00h6199)

Judy Collins

Folk singer Judy Collins performs to a BBC studio audience in 1974.

TUE 01:00 In Concert (b00h6wtr)

Joan Baez

Legendary folk singer Joan Baez in concert from her 1962 British tours. Songs include Silver Dagger, There But For Fortune and Copper Kettle.

TUE 01:40 In Concert (b0074sr1)

Crosby and Nash

1970 footage of the duo performing soon after the demise of the supergroup Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. Featuring beautiful harmonies, they perform CSNY and solo songs such as Marrakesh Express and Guinnevere.

TUE 02:10 Cowards (b00h6syx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 today]

TUE 02:40 What Darwin Didn't Know (b00h6sbt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Monday]

WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2009

WED 19:00 World News Today (b00h6wtt)

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

WED 19:30 Ready to Wear (b0077rxs)

Tighten Your Belts

Documentary series which explores the history of Britain through changes and developments in fashion. A look at the 'make-do-and-mend' years of the Second World War, when clothes rationing tested the ingenuity of the nation.

WED 20:00 The Book Quiz (b00h6sbr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:30 on Monday]

WED 20:30 Tonight in Person (b00h6wtw)

Peter, Paul and Mary Part 1

1965 concert by folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary. Songs include When the Ship Comes In, The First Time, San Francisco Bay Blues, Jesus Met the Woman, Early Morning Rain, For Lovin' Me and Early in the Morning.

WED 21:00 Savile Row (b00909d4)

New Blood

Three-part documentary series about Savile Row, the London street famous for its bespoke tailoring establishments. The tailors face their toughest challenge - encouraging the next generation to take up their mantle and become apprentices. Training is long and arduous, with limited financial rewards so companies treat new recruits with care and compassion. The programme follows those hoping to make the cut as they try to win The Golden Shears - tailoring's equivalent of the Oscars.

WED 22:00 Style on Trial (b00h6wty)

1990s

Stuart Maconie and Lauren Laverne put British style and fashion between the 1940s and the 1990s into the dock. They are joined in the studio by design specialist Ben de Lisi, singer

and fashion broadcaster Mica Paris and musician, model and designer Pearl Lowe to discuss whether the 90s will be remembered as the golden age of celebrity, glamour and the triumph of the high street or as a bland, joyless decade in which the globalisation led to homogeneity of style.

WED 23:00 Fitzcarraldo (b00cl39k)

Werner Herzog's 1982 classic set in early 20th century Peru. To achieve his dream of building an opera house in the Peruvian rainforest, Brian 'Fitzcarraldo' Fitzgerald leases an inaccessible tract of land rich in rubber, hoping to mine it. But to reach it, deep in the Amazon, he must enlist the help of the natives in an outlandish plan to move his steamship across land from one river to another.

WED 01:30 The Book Quiz (b00h6sbr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:30 on Monday]

WED 02:00 Mark Lawson Talks To... (b00csk55)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:30 on Sunday]

WED 03:00 Style on Trial (b00h6wty)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 today]

THURSDAY 29 JANUARY 2009

THU 19:00 World News Today (b00h6x4g)

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

THU 19:40 The New Avengers (b00hbk3z)

Series 1

Sleeper

1970s action adventure series. Steed and his team are present at the test of a new sleeping gas called S-95, so they are immunised to its effects. On Sunday morning, they wake up to find the whole city of London fast asleep. The city's banks and jewellery shops are unprotected and the Avengers are the only people awake, apart from the unknown enemy.

THU 20:30 Tonight in Person (b00hbjbq)

Peter, Paul and Mary Part 2

1965 concert by folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary. Songs include The Times are a Changing, Hangman, In My Dreams, Puff the Magic Dragon, Rising of the Moon, Great Day, Blowing in the Wind and If I Had My Way.

THU 21:00 Reputations (b00740v)

Chanel - A Private Life

Profile of the perennially influential fashion designer Gabrielle 'Coco' Chanel, who devoted her life to becoming the symbol of chic and the style of France. But behind her image she hid a secret past as a nightclub singer, mistress and spy.

THU 21:45 Men, Women and Clothes (b00h6x4j)

How Fashions Come and Go

Doris Langley Moore presents a 1950s fashion series from the Museum of Costume at Eridge Castle, Sussex.

THU 22:00 Style on Trial (b00h6x4l)

Finale

Stuart Maconie and Lauren Laverne's quest to identify Britain's most stylish decade ends with advocates putting the case for their favourite fashion era to an expert judging panel. Doing the honours are Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen for the 40s, Brix Smith-Start for the 50s, Jill Kennington for the 60s, Wayne Hemingway for the 70s, Caryn Franklin for the 80s and Ben de Lisi for the 90s.

THU 23:30 The Look (b00h6x4n)

Uniform and Function

Fashion industry series looks at how identity can be bought off the peg, from the Ralph Lauren preppy look to Chanel's interlocking C's for the shiny set.

THU 00:20 Folk America at the Barbican (b00gk93)

Hollerers, Stompers and Old-Time Ramblers

Hosted by maverick bluesman Seasick Steve, this concert from

the Barbican in London showcases an exciting revival of the old-time musical traditions first recorded in the American South in the 1920s.

It features Appalachian mountain string band music, vaudeville swing, junk shop blues, creole dance tunes and folk country ballads, all delivered via energetic performances with a fresh twist. An eclectic line-up of young and emerging talent includes CW Stoneking, The Wiyos, Allison Williams and Chance McCoy, Diana Jones, and Cedric Watson and Bijoux Creole.

THU 01:25 Seaisick Steve: Bringing It All Back Home (b00gvk8x)

Documentary which joins former hobo and festival favourite bluesman Seaisick Steve on a trip back to his old stomping grounds in America's Deep South. Filmed in Mississippi and Tennessee, the programme follows the musician into his natural habitat of run-down juke joints, roadside diners and freight-train yards, as he reflects on his past life and recent rise to fame.

In addition to Steve's raw, stomping tunes, the soundtrack features Mississippi Fred McDowell, Robert Johnson, RL Burnside and BB King.

THU 01:55 Seaisick Steve at Reading 2008 (b00gvk8z)

Seaisick Steve and his band bring their unique brand of 'Hill Country' delta blues to the young audience at Reading festival in August 2008.

THU 02:25 Style on Trial (b00h6x4l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 today]

FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2009

FRI 19:00 World News Today (b00h6xm6)

The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.

FRI 19:30 Transatlantic Sessions (b00hhlhw)

Series 1

Episode 5

Folk musicians come together in what have been called 'the greatest backporch shows ever' at Strathgarry House in the Perthshire Highlands, introduced by Aly Bain and Jay Ungar. Featuring Emmylou Harris, Dougie McLean, Kathy Mattea, Iris Dement, Guy Clark, Kate and Anna McGarrigle and Michelle Wright.

FRI 20:00 BBC Four Sessions (b0074sjm)

Bruce Springsteen with the Seeger Sessions Band

Series of unique concerts by musicians from around the world.

Bruce Springsteen makes a departure from his rock 'n' roll superstar persona, singing the songs made famous by Pete Seeger in the 1950s. Backed by a hootenanny-style 18-piece ensemble including horns, fiddles and accordion, he performs songs from his album *We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions*.

FRI 21:00 Folk America (b00h6xmb)

This Land is Your Land

Three-part documentary series on American folk music, tracing its history from the recording boom of the 1920s to the folk revival of the 1960s.

In the depression of the 1930s, John Lomax found convicted murderer Leadbelly in a southern jail. Leadbelly's music was never quite as pure and untouched by pop as Lomax believed, but it set a new agenda for folk music, redefining it as the voice of protest, the voice of the outsider and the oppressed.

Dustbowl drifter Woody Guthrie fitted the mould perfectly and the two of them teamed up with Lomax's son Alan, Pete Seeger and Josh White - a group of friends who believed 'they could make a better world if they all got together and just sang about it'. Their songs and their radical politics took them to high places of influence, but brought about their downfall in the blacklisting 1950s.

Contributors include Pete Seeger, Rambling Jack Elliot, Anna Lomax, Tom Paxton, Roger McGuinn, Woody Guthrie's sister and daughter and Josh White's son.

FRI 22:00 Later... Folk America (b00h6xmd)

Compilation of performances by artists from the American

folk, blues, bluegrass and country scenes that revisits the spirit of the 1920s and beyond with a distinctly Southern flavour.

Including Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, Carolina Chocolate Drops, Blind Boys of Alabama, Norah Jones, Odetta, Old Crow Medicine Show, Chatham County Line, Johnny Cash, Emmylou Harris and Buddy Guy and many more.

FRI 23:00 Arena (b00hbj01)

Woody Guthrie

First transmitted in 1988, Arena presents a documentary programme exploring the life of Woody Guthrie, the travelling American singer-songwriter who paved the way for the likes of Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen.

Born in Okemah, Oklahoma in 1912, Guthrie became a spokesman for a whole generation of downtrodden Americans during the 1930s, with poignant songs like *Vigilante Man*, *Pastures of Plenty* and the anthemic, *This Land is Your Land*.

FRI 00:10 The New Avengers (b00hbk3z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:40 on Thursday]

FRI 01:00 Cowards (b00h6syx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 on Tuesday]

FRI 01:30 Folk America (b00h6xmb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

FRI 02:30 BBC Four Sessions (b0074sjm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]

FRI 03:35 Later... Folk America (b00h6xmd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 today]