

SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2010

SAT 19:00 Life (b00nkpc)
Mammals

Mammals dominate the planet. They do it through having warm blood and by the care they lavish on their young. Weeks of filming in the bitter Antarctic winter reveal how a mother Weddell seal wears her teeth down keeping open a hole in the ice so she can catch fish for her pup.

A powered hot air balloon produces stunning images of millions of migrating bats as they converge on fruiting trees in Zambia, and slow-motion cameras reveal how a mother rufous sengi exhausts a chasing lizard. A gyroscopically stabilised camera moves alongside migrating caribou, and a diving team swim among the planet's biggest fight as male humpback whales battle for a female.

SAT 20:00 Indian Hill Railways (b00qvk99)
The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway

From the Himalayas in the north to the Nilgiris in the south - for a hundred years these little trains have climbed through the clouds and into the wonderful world of Indian hill railways.

The Darjeeling Himalayan Railway is a line so close to the people that it flows like a river through their lives. The relationship between the train and the people is changing, however, as a new generation of Gurkhas populates these hills, demanding an independent state and fighting for a new identity as they journey into the modern Indian world.

SAT 21:00 Wallander (b00g2449)
Series 1

Firewall

A body is found at a cash point, the apparent victim of a heart attack. Two teenage girls are arrested for the brutal murder of a cab driver. The girls confess to the crime, showing no remorse. Two open and shut cases.

At first these two incidents seem to have nothing in common, but as Wallander delves deeper into the mystery of why the girls murdered the cab driver, he begins to unravel a plot much more involved complicated than he initially suspected. The two cases become one, and lead to a conspiracy that stretches beyond the borders of Sweden.

SAT 22:30 Nurse Jackie (b00qvkkn)
Series 1

Pill-O-Matix

Drama series about Jackie Peyton, a no-nonsense emergency room nurse based in New York who has to balance her frenzied job with a complicated home life.

Jackie's pill supply is cut off when Eddie is replaced by a machine. Meanwhile, Zoey gives the wrong dose of a painkiller to a patient, and Eddie finally learns the truth about Jackie's family.

SAT 22:55 The Armstrong and Miller Show (b008h4hd)
Series 1

Episode 7

Alexander Armstrong and Ben Miller play a wealth of great characters in their classic sketch show.

SAT 23:25 The Thick of It (b00p5wrm)
Series 3

Episode 6

With the Prime Minister away at a summit in Spain, Malcolm Tucker is left at home to mind the shop. Just as Nicola Murray is about to launch her Fourth Sector Initiative to the media, the media decide that what they really want is someone to launch another leadership contest.

Does Nicola have what it takes and, if she does, can Malcolm take it away from her before she does any damage?

SAT 23:55 Latin Music USA (b00qvm3y)
The Latin Explosion

The last in a four-part series revealing the deep musical and social impact of Latin music in the USA looks at how Latin pop was born in Miami, created by Cuban immigrants fleeing Fidel Castro, and how it has impacted on the worlds of music,

business, fashion and media across the Americas and the world.

In the 1980s, Gloria Estefan and husband Emilio moulded a crossover pop sound which exploded out of Miami into every city in the States. From TV shows like Miami Vice to the movie Scarface and the corporate influences that embrace Shakira, Ricky Martin and Jennifer Lopez, Latin pop reflects a new-found power and confidence for a community that has found its place in mainstream USA.

Featuring Jennifer Lopez, Ricky Martin, Shakira, Gloria Estefan and the stars of Reggaeton.

SAT 00:55 Leeds International Piano Competition (b00mrwld)
2009

Episode 1

Every three years since 1963, Leeds plays host to the cream of young international concert pianists who travel there to take part in the city's International Piano Competition. Past winners have included musical greats like Rada Lupu and Murray Perahia. Huw Edwards presents the full concerto from the first of 2009's six finalists and is joined by acclaimed concert pianist Cristina Ortiz, while Clemency Burton-Hill meets the pianists and fills in the background to the competition.

SAT 01:55 BBC Proms (b00lz13j)
2009

Prom 29: Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony

In a tribute to his native Italy, conductor Gianandrea Noseda and the BBC Philharmonic perform Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's Roma Amor, Respighi's Pines of Rome and two Rossini arias performed by the Alaskan mezzo-soprano Vivica Genaux. Suzy Klein presents.

SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2010

SUN 19:00 Getting Our Way (b00qvkpr)
Prosperity

Sir Christopher Meyer, former British Ambassador to the USA, presents a three-part series telling the behind-the-scenes story of British diplomacy over 500 years of intrigue and adventure.

In this second episode, Meyer looks at how for 200 years Britain's lust for trade and cash has shaped our chequered relationship with China. He follows in the footsteps of Lord Macartney, Britain's first envoy to China, and finds out how the 1792 mission ended in fiasco when Macartney refused to conform to Chinese court etiquette and was sent home in disgrace - the first but not the last time that deciding whether to kowtow to China has troubled Britons desperate for a piece of the Chinese action.

60 years later, governor of Hong Kong Sir John Bowring went for the row rather than kowtow and was more successful, but only after provoking a dubious war (the second Opium War) with the aid of a 'sexed up' dossier.

The consequences of this unsavoury diplomacy were finally played out in the negotiations over handing back Hong Kong in the 1980s and 90s, when passions ran high among British diplomats who disagreed about the best way to handle China.

13 years after the Hong Kong handover the argument still rages, and contributors include the last governor, Chris Patten, and his adversary, the late Sir Percy Cradock, formerly Britain's top negotiator with the Chinese. Former foreign secretary Douglas Hurd and Hong Kong super-tycoon Sir David Tang also feature.

Meyer concludes that it is time we started learning from our diplomatic history - now more than ever, as trade with China is a crucial element for British prosperity. It necessarily forces our diplomats to tread a delicate tightrope - in both standing up for human rights and looking out for British interests.

SUN 20:00 The Great Offices of State (b00qvlw1)
Palace of Dreams

Three-part series in which award-winning reporter Michael Cockerell uncovers the secret world of Whitehall, showing what the trio of great offices - Home, Foreign and Treasury - are really like.

The Foreign Office is the grandest of the three, built in Victorian times to impress foreigners when the British lion still strutted the globe. How the Foreign Office has sought over the years to come to terms with Britain's reduced status in the world makes an often tragicomic tale.

Cockerell blends fresh access filming, rare and previously unseen archive and interviews with past and present foreign secretaries and their normally camera-shy senior officials. The film tells of the many behind-the-scenes battles in the FO between its mandarins and ministers and against 10 Downing Street.

Successive prime ministers have regarded the Foreign Office as temperamentally inclined to kow-tow to foreigners and have sought to be their own foreign secretaries - often with disastrous consequences. The film also explores the always-uneasy relationship between the FO and its offshoot, Britain's spy agency, MI6.

SUN 21:00 Indian Hill Railways (b00qzzlm)
The Nilgiri Mountain Railway

From the Himalayas in the north to the Nilgiris in the south - for a hundred years these little trains have climbed through the clouds and into the wonderful world of Indian Hill Railways.

The Nilgiri Mountain Railway is a romantic line, popular with honeymooners and driven by love and devotion as well as steam. It chugs through the south Indian jungle up to a hill station, once known as Snooty Ooty.

The current guard is Ivan. Married for twenty years, he is concerned about his friend Jenni, the ticket inspector, because he's still a bachelor - but Jenni has a secret.

In the engine shed, Shivani, the railway's first female diesel engineer, is working on a steam loco. She has to make it look its best, as in the year of filming, 1999, the railway celebrated its centenary. The high point is the Black Beauty competition to pick the best engine on the line, but rains and landslides threaten the proceedings and the tourist business. Will love win out in the end?

SUN 22:00 Legends (b0087g6k)
The Dankworths

Profile of the husband and wife jazz duo Cleo Laine and the late John Dankworth. John was one of Britain's best-known jazz musicians, composers and commentators, and Cleo is a singer and actress who has done just about everything - together they performed everywhere from jazz clubs to the world's major concert halls and theatres.

For years they toured the world and became established as one of the most popular double acts in music. Over the years they developed the Stables Arts Centre in the grounds of their home in Wavendon, Buckinghamshire. The venue has been host to many world famous artistes, from Vladimir Ashkenazy to George Shearing, and some of today's top professional musicians and singers have benefited from its education projects in the early stages of their careers.

Both John and Cleo have been awarded numerous honorary doctorates and are great believers in musical education. To this end, the Wavendon Foundation was formed with the objective of raising funds to benefit both individual young artistes in need of financial aid and organisations seeking support for music education projects.

This documentary follows their progression from dance halls and jazz clubs to the world stage. Their ongoing story is documented with rich archive, rare stills, footage and recordings from their private collection (seen for the first time), interviews with family and friends, and unique musical performances throughout.

SUN 23:00 Mad Men (b00qvlqx)
Series 3

The Fog

Sally's behaviour at school is giving Don and Betty cause for concern. Betty goes into labour. A face from the past turns up. Peter is working on a TV account and he believes he has identified a new market, but is it too controversial?

SUN 23:45 Storyville (b00qvkrr)
The Most Dangerous Man in America

In 1971, leading Vietnam War strategist Daniel Ellsberg concluded that the war was based on decades of lies. He leaked 7,000 pages of top-secret documents to the New York Times, a daring act of conscience that led directly to Watergate, President Nixon's resignation and the end of the Vietnam War.

SUN 01:15 The Great Offices of State (b00qvlw1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]

SUN 02:15 Mad Men (b00qvlqx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 today]

SUN 03:00 Getting Our Way (b00qvkpr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 today]

MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2010

MON 19:00 World News Today (b00r06hz)

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

MON 19:30 Syrian School (b00qvlqv)

Rap Refugees

Five-part series following a year in the life of four schools in Damascus, a high pressure crossroads in the Middle East.

It concentrates on some remarkable characters finding their way in a country that has never before opened ordinary life up to the cameras in this way, challenges the usual clichés of Arab life and charts the highs and lows of the school year.

Yarmouk Girls' Secondary School sits in the heart of a Palestinian refugee camp that has sat on the southern edge of the city for over sixty years. Nearly all its students are Palestinian, coming of age in a society obsessed with its Palestinian identity and right to return to its homeland.

Two schoolgirls are breaking the mould. Shaza and Rahaf dream of serving the Palestinian cause through rap music, but their plans put them on a collision course with their parents and traditionalist head teacher as they try to bring their radical rap into the classroom.

MON 20:30 Only Connect (b00r06j1)

Series 3

Booksellers v Bowlers

Quiz show presented by Victoria Coren in which knowledge will only take you so far, as patience and lateral thinking are also vital.

Three senior managers from a national bookstore face off against a team drawn together by their love of London's retro bowling alleys.

Who will win the battle as they compete to draw together the connections between things, which, at first glance, seem utterly random?

MON 21:00 Getting Our Way (b00r06j3)

Values

Sir Christopher Meyer, former British Ambassador to the USA, presents a three-part series telling the behind-the-scenes story of British diplomacy over 500 years of intrigue and adventure.

The final episode is devoted to values, as Meyer explores the troubled history behind the idea of an 'ethical foreign policy'. Should we intervene to stop atrocities or instigate regime change to rid the world of dictators?

The film shows that these are not new dilemmas. There was public outcry in Britain when 19th-century Ottoman Turkey suppressed an uprising in Bulgaria, and the British ambassador in Constantinople was caught in the crossfire between realpolitik and values - ultimately losing his job for pointing out that the moral high ground was the opposite of the British national interest.

Fifty years later, after World War One, statesmen liked to boast they had ushered in a new era of altruistic international cooperation, where principles of human rights would dictate foreign policy. But the so-called 'new diplomacy' ran into trouble almost immediately and the League of Nations proved powerless to save Haile Selassie's Abyssinia from the clutches of Mussolini. Britain's attempt 'to buy Mussolini off' left the Foreign Office tainted with the dread charge of appeasement.

Finally, Meyer revisits the catastrophic failures of British and international diplomacy to prevent genocide in Bosnia in the 1990s. Whether it is ethnic cleansing in the Balkans or Saddam Hussein in Iraq, the last two decades have shown that infusing British foreign policy with values is far from straightforward.

Interviewees include Henry Kissinger, America's Balkans envoy Richard Holbrooke, EU peace envoy David Owen and our man in Belgrade during the Bosnian war, Ivor Roberts.

MON 22:00 Storyville (b00r06j5)

Your Father's Murderer: A Letter To Zachary

On the evening of 5th November 2001, 28-year-old Dr Andrew Bagby was murdered in a parking lot in western Pennsylvania. The prime suspect, his ex-girlfriend Dr Shirley Turner, promptly fled the United States for St. John's, Newfoundland where she announced that she was pregnant with Bagby's child, a boy she named Zachary.

Filmmaker Kurt Kuenne, Bagby's childhood friend, originally began this film as a way for Zachary to learn about his father. But when Turner was allowed to walk free on bail in Canada and given custody of Zachary while awaiting extradition to the US, its focus shifted to the desperate efforts of Zachary's grandparents, David and Kathleen Bagby, to win custody of the boy.

A film that prompted standing ovations at film festivals across North America, it is the recipient of numerous honours and citations, was named one of the top five documentaries of 2008 by the National Board of Review and named in Best Films of 2008 lists by more than three dozen critics.

MON 23:30 Folk America (b00gvk91)

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.

MON 00:30 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.

MON 01:30 Only Connect (b00r06j1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:30 today]

MON 02:00 Getting Our Way (b00r06j3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

MON 03:00 Storyville (b00r06j5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 today]

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2010

TUE 19:00 World News Today (b00r0rdp)

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

TUE 19:30 Hidden Histories (b00p9520)

Series 2

Episode 5

Series about Welsh history narrated by Huw Edwards.

The legacy of a Tudor lord who wanted to turn Denbigh into the capital of North Wales is investigated, and there's a visit to a spectacular cliff-top fort in Pembroke to look at how Iron Age people lived close to the edge. Plus, how Cistercian monks created Wales's first multinational sheep business.

TUE 20:00 Brian Cox's Jute Journey (b00n5pvr)

Hollywood actor Brian Cox is a son of Dundee. The city is the big constant of his life. He grew up amid the clatter of the jute mills, where both his parents began their working lives.

The jute trade, making hessian from India's 'golden' fibre, dominated Dundee for over a century, linking it with Kolkata. It is now fast becoming a memory. Documentary journey into Brian Cox's past, and on to Kolkata in the footsteps of the Dundee jute workers who left to seek their fortunes in India.

TUE 21:00 On Expenses (b00r3qf4)

Drama about American journalist Heather Brooke's fight for the disclosure of MPs' expenses under the Freedom of Information Act, resulting in one of the defining political scandals of the decade.

TUE 22:00 We Need Answers (b00r0rdv)

Series 2

Exploring Ireland

Anarchic comedy game show in which celebrity guests answer questions set by the public.

Mark Watson hosts, Tim Key is in the questionmaster's chair and Alex Horne provides expert analysis from a booth as two celebrities battle it out to be crowned the winner and avoid the shame of donning 'The Clogs of Defeat'.

Award-winning comic actress Sharon Horgan takes on explorer and anthropologist Benedict Allen.

The rules are simple - contestants must match their answer to the one given by a text answering service. Questions range from 'How many pints of Guinness would fell an Irish horse?' to 'How does one escape from quicksand?'

In the cunning physical challenge which pits the contestants against each other, Sharon and Benedict are given the task of crying on cue.

TUE 22:30 Newswipe (b00r3qf6)

Series 2

Episode 6

Compilation of the best bits from this and the previous series of caustic commentary, satirical observations and laughs from Charlie Brooker.

TUE 23:00 Mark Lawson Talks To... (b00r3qf8)

Brian Cox

Mark Lawson talks to Brian Cox, ahead of his lead role in the BBC4 Westminster drama, On Expenses. In this candid interview, Cox talks about his passion for portraying complex and difficult characters, but also about his personal psychological battles and the low point in his career when he almost gave up acting.

TUE 00:00 On Expenses (b00r3qf4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

TUE 01:00 Newswipe (b00r3qf6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:30 today]

TUE 01:30 Brian Cox's Jute Journey (b00n5pvr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]

TUE 02:30 Folk America at the Barbican (b00gvk93)

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.

TUE 03:30 Mark Lawson Talks To... (b00r3qf8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 23:00 today]

WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2010

WED 19:00 World News Today (b00r0rnh)

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

WED 19:30 It's Only a Theory (b00nf014)

Episode 3

Comedians Andy Hamilton and Reginald D Hunter host a series in which qualified professionals and experts submit their theories about life, the universe and everything for examination by a panel of Hamilton, Hunter and a guest celebrity, who then make a final decision on whether the theory is worth keeping.

The guest celebrity is broadcaster Kirsty Wark and the experts are Dr David Bainbridge, Professor Chris Budd and Professor Stanley Wells.

WED 20:00 Around the World in 80 Treasures (b0078vzw)
Series 1

Uzbekistan to Syria

Documentary series in which Dan Cruickshank travels the world in search of man's greatest creations.

Dan hits some of the most mysterious and secret countries in the world, where the weary western traveller cannot be sure of a warm welcome. But he's in for a surprise as he is accosted by young girls in Bukhara and Persian carpet sellers in Iran. He couldn't be more welcome if he tried.

Tile making in Samarkand, the extraordinary Trading Domes of Bukhara in Uzbekistan and the Fire Temple of Baku in Azerbaijan take Dan to some of the most incredible but least-visited places in the world. There is also a real mystery to solve as he gingerly edges himself up a cliff face towards the biggest archaeological puzzle of the 19th century - the Behistun carvings.

After the pleasures of Iran, Dan heads for one of the glories of the ancient world - the great city of Persepolis, vanquished by Alexander the Great in 330BC. In its day, it was the most beautiful city in the world and there's more than enough left to savour the brilliance - like the Palace of One Hundred Columns and the Gate of All Nations.

Lastly, Dan visits Damascus in Syria and one of the most exotic souks in the world. Worn to a frazzle, he heads for the local hammam - the town steam bath - for pampering and a hubble-bubble pipe.

WED 21:00 Syrian School (b00r0rnk)

Being Inspired

Five-part series following a year in the life of four schools in Damascus, a high pressure crossroads in the Middle East.

It concentrates on some remarkable characters finding their way in a country that has never before opened ordinary life up to the cameras in this way, challenges the usual clichés of Arab life and charts the highs and lows of the school year.

As a teenage girl it isn't easy to find ways to express yourself in Syria, but there's one outlet that is releasing a wave of emotion in Zaki Al-Arsouzi Girls' High School - the poetry society. Under the stimulating teaching of Mr Muhanned the girls can talk freely about their dreams, of love and hope, away from the constraints of wider society.

Now they will do it in public, at the school's writers' showcase. Ala hopes her heartfelt love poems, inspired by a failed relationship she struck up by mobile phone, are good enough for the big stage, while a trip to the October War Panorama museum drives Lemiss to write of the love she feels for her country.

WED 22:00 Mad Men (b00r0rnm)

Series 3

Guy Walks into an Advertising Agency

It's the Fourth of July and the new British bosses want the staff to come in to meet their dashing new blade Guy MacKendrick, but will he be put to the sword? Joan tenders her resignation only to find that she has been too rash.

WED 22:50 We Need Answers (b00r0rdv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 on Tuesday]

WED 23:20 It's Only a Theory (b00nf014)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today]

WED 23:50 Around the World in 80 Treasures (b0078vzw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]

WED 00:50 Syrian School (b00r0rnk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

WED 01:50 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.

WED 02:50 Folk America at the Barbican (b00hkbm6)
Greenwich Village

Concert which recalls the heady days of the 1960s folk revival, centring upon the singer-songwriter talents to emerge from the clubs of New York's Greenwich Village and beyond.

Hosted by singer-songwriter Billy Bragg, it features Village originals Judy Collins, Roger McGuinn, Eric Andersen and Carolyn Hester, performing songs from their own repertoire and from their contemporaries who contributed to such an extraordinary songbook.

WED 03:50 We Need Answers (b00r0rdv)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 on Tuesday]

THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2010**THU 19:00 World News Today (b00r0sf3)**

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

THU 19:30 Only Connect (b00r06j1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:30 on Monday]

THU 20:00 Light Fantastic (b0074qxd)

Light, the Universe and Everything

Simon Schaffer investigates just how puzzling studying light turned out to be and how it affected knowledge of science, art and the human mind. He looks at how the industrial revolution was the catalyst for new scientific investigations into colour, how Cambridge anthropological expeditions to the Torres Straits in the late 19th century revealed strange truths about human perception and how Einstein's revelations about light, the universe and everything would completely change our worldview.

THU 21:00 The Great Offices of State (b00r0sf5)

The Secret Treasury

Three-part series in which award-winning reporter Michael Cockerell uncovers the secret world of Whitehall, showing what the trio of great offices - Home, Foreign and Treasury - are really like.

The Treasury is the oldest and most secretive of the three. Cockerell's film recounts the many battles Chancellors have fought over the years with their top officials and it shows how often the Treasury has been locked in conflict with Number 10.

He blends fresh filming with rare and unseen archive, and features candid interviews with former Chancellor Alastair Darling, many of his predecessors and their normally camera-shy mandarins.

The programme shows how Treasury officials see themselves as the Whitehall elite, brighter and quicker than other civil servants, whereas critics claim they are congenitally cautious and nerdy. Successive prime ministers have sought to combat what they call 'the dead hand of the Treasury', but a senior mandarin claims that over the years the Treasury has discovered a hundred different ways of saying no.

THU 22:00 Newswipe (b00r3qf6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:30 on Tuesday]

THU 22:30 On Expenses (b00r3qf4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

THU 23:30 The Great Offices of State (b00r0sf5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

THU 00:30 On Expenses (b00r3qf4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

THU 01:30 Folk America (b00hd379)

Blowin' in the Wind

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 1960s a new generation, spearheaded by Joan Baez and Bob Dylan, took folk to the top of the charts and made it the voice of youthful protest. Whilst the northern folk revivalists helped bring civil rights to the south, the Newport Folk Festival brought the old music of the south to the college kids in the north. However, when Dylan turned up at Newport in 1965 with an electric guitar things would never be the same again.

With Joan Baez, Pete Seeger, Judy Collins, Robbie Robertson, Stephen Stills, Country Joe McDonald, Roger McGuinn, Odetta and Tom Paxton.

THU 02:30 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.

THU 03:30 The Great Offices of State (b00r0sf5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2010**FRI 19:00 World News Today (b00r0t20)**

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

FRI 19:30 Tchaikovsky: Fate (b00r0t22)

The second of two films by Christopher Nupen about the music and the artistic preoccupations of Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky explores the composer's fascination with his own fate in the composition of Manfred and the last three symphonies. There are no featured actors, just singers, dancers, musicians and an anonymous storyteller, whose strikingly poetic words frequently come from Tchaikovsky himself.

FRI 21:00 Legends (b00r0t24)

Dennis Wilson: The Real Beach Boy

Dennis Wilson was the drummer in the Beach Boys. And he was the real Beach Boy. In a band of geeks who sang about surfing, cars and girls, Dennis was the only one who surfed, the one who drove hot rod cars in competition and the one who got all the girls.

He was married five times, shared a house with Charles Manson (with whom he wrote songs, including one recorded by the Beach Boys) but died, ironically by drowning, at the age of 39. He was also the first Beach Boy to release a solo album, the stunning Pacific Ocean Blue, which after years of being out of print and fetching hundreds on Ebay, was re-released in 2008 to widespread acclaim, being voted No 1 Reissue of the Year by Mojo and Uncut magazines.

This documentary tells the story of Dennis's life and music, with unseen archive footage and original interviews with Beach Boys Al Jardine and David Marks, his sons Michael and Carl and many friends and fellow musicians. These include Taylor Hawkins, drummer with the Foo Fighters who provided a vocal for the lost track on Pacific Ocean Blue, Holy Man, for which Dennis never laid down a vocal when he recorded the song in 1977.

FRI 22:00 Pet Sounds: Brian Wilson Live in London (b0074qcd)

The Beach Boys' classic 1966 album, *Pet Sounds*, considered by many to be pop music's greatest masterpiece, performed live over six nights at London's Royal Festival Hall by its original creator, Brian Wilson in 2004. Brian and his ten-piece band perform the album from beginning to end, including 'Wouldn't It Be Nice', 'Sloop John B', 'God Only Knows', 'I Just Wasn't Made for These Times' and 'Caroline No'.

FRI 23:00 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.

FRI 00:30 Legends (b00r0t24)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 today]

FRI 01:30 Arena (b0082gz7)

The Other Side of the Mirror - Bob Dylan at the Newport Folk Festival

Murray Lerner's documentary features Bob Dylan's performances at the Newport folk festival between 1963 and 1965 - the time when Dylan changed the music of the world and changed himself from the fresh-faced cherub singing 'Blowin' in the Wind' to the rock 'n' roll shaman who blew pop music apart when he went electric.

The film *No Direction Home* told the story of how Dylan affected the world and the world affected Dylan, but this film brings you face to face with the work itself. Like the discovery of a hitherto unknown manuscript or an unseen masterpiece, this is a treasure trove, newly opened up.

FRI 02:50 Tchaikovsky: Fate (b00r0t22)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today]