

SATURDAY 14 APRIL 2012

SAT 19:00 South Pacific (b00kjjnx)
Ocean of Islands

The South Pacific islands are the most remote in the world. Their extraordinary isolation has created some of the most curious, surprising and precarious examples of life found anywhere on Earth; from giant crabs that tear open coconuts, to flesh-eating caterpillars that impale their prey on dagger-like claws.

Human culture is different too. The men of Pentecost Island celebrate their annual harvest by leaping from 20-metre high scaffolds, with only forest vines to break their fall. And on the tiny island of Anuta, possibly the most remote community of people on the planet, the locals survive entirely on what they can grow and catch.

The South Pacific's innumerable islands look like pieces of paradise, but the reality of life here is sometimes very different, with waves the size of buildings, brutal tropical storms, and, in the far south, even blizzards. This is the real South Pacific.

SAT 20:00 Julia Bradbury's Icelandic Walk (b0110grr)
Julia Bradbury heads for Iceland to embark on the toughest walk of her life. Her challenge is to walk the 60 kilometres of Iceland's most famous hiking route, a trail that just happens to end at the unpronounceable volcano that brought air traffic across Europe to a standstill in 2010. With the help of Icelandic mountain guide Hanna, Julia faces daunting mountain climbs, red hot lava fields, freezing river crossings, deadly clouds of sulphuric gas, swirling ash deserts and sinister Nordic ghost stories as she attempts to reach the huge volcanic crater at the centre of the Eyjafjallajökull glacier.

SAT 21:00 Inspector Montalbano (b01g9tty)
The Goldfinch and the Cat

A series of mysterious muggings takes place in Vigata, ending in tragedy when one of the victims is killed. Meanwhile, a man virtually destroys the emergency room at the hospital after finding out that his young daughter is pregnant. A local doctor is also missing and presumed dead. Montalbano investigates all three cases, gradually uncovering the links between them.

In Italian with English subtitles.

SAT 22:35 Parkinson: The Interviews (b007448x)
Series 1

Kenneth Williams

In this compilation of clips from five of his eight appearances on Parkinson, Kenneth Williams gives vent to his dislike of theatre critics as well as Michael Parkinson, and gives his rendition of My Crepes Suzette.

Contributors: John Betjeman, Patrick Campbell, Tom Lehrer, Annie Lewis, Tony Moss, Frank Muir, Robin Ray and Maggie Smith.

SAT 23:15 New Power Generation: Black Music Legends of the 1980s (b017sw79)
Lionel Richie: Dancing on the Ceiling

Documentary showing how Lionel Richie achieved his dream of becoming 'as big as The Beatles' and how much of what he learnt from his years with The Commodores prepared him for that success. After 15 years of soaring success with the band, Lionel left the group to go solo in what many considered to be a risky move. His first solo album, Lionel Richie, grabbed the world's attention, whilst the follow-up, Can't Slow Down, turned him into a global superstar. But could he maintain sustained popularity without the group he'd known as brothers behind him?

Contributors include: Billboard Magazine editor Adam White, Motown songwriter and producer Gloria Jones, Kenny Rogers, video director Bob Giraldi, songwriter and producer David Foster, general manager at Motown in 1978 Keith Harris, UK soul singer Lemar and Pearly Gates of The Flirtations.

SAT 00:15 Lionel Richie at the BBC (b017sw7c)

A selection of Lionel Richie's greatest moments from the BBC archives, from his first Top of the Pops appearance with The Commodores in 1979 to highlights from his 2009 concert at the BBC's Maida Vale studios.

SAT 01:15 Top of the Pops (b01g9c38)
31/03/77

David Hamilton looks at the weekly pop chart from 1977 and

introduces Blue, Billy Ocean, David Dundas, Lyndsey De Paul & Mike Moran, Berni Flint, Stylistics, Bonnie Tyler, Abba, Mike Nesmith and a Legs & Co dance sequence.

SAT 01:45 South Pacific (b00kjjnx)
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SAT 02:45 Julia Bradbury's Icelandic Walk (b0110grr)
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SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2012

SUN 19:00 Ray Mears Goes Walkabout (b00c310c)
Torres Strait

Ray Mears travels to the Torres Strait Islands to learn how the islanders' lifestyle has helped them retain much of their bushcraft and knowledge. He finds out how these skills helped people survive during the Second World War and tells the story of Barbara Thompson, a young woman who was shipwrecked in the mid-19th century and survived despite the islands' reputation for cannibalism at the time.

SUN 20:00 Ray Mears Goes Walkabout (b00c4wwj)
Rock Art

Rock art is incredibly important to the indigenous Australian way of life and the Kimberley area in north western Australia is full of it. Ray travels with an Indigenous Australian artist to learn more about the significance of the art of the area and even has a go at painting in the Indigenous style himself.

SUN 21:00 Walkabout (b007c5jl)

Drama about a teenage girl who is left stranded in the Australian outback with her little brother when their father commits suicide. The pair are left to fend for themselves in the hostile environment with little hope of making their way back to civilisation, until unexpected help arrives in the form of an adolescent Aboriginal boy who is in the middle of the rite of passage known as walkabout.

SUN 22:35 Mark Lawson Talks To... (b01g9v45)
Mark Rylance

Mark Lawson talks to Mark Rylance, one of the best stage actors of his generation, about his life and illustrious career. In this insightful interview, Rylance discusses how acting helped him overcome a childhood speech impediment; his lifelong relationship with Shakespeare and his controversial ideas about Shakespeare's authorship; how his role in the film *Intimacy* raised his respect for porn stars; and how he prepares for his highly-acclaimed role as Johnny Rooster Byron in the award-winning play *Jerusalem*.

After leaving RADA in 1980, Rylance quickly established himself as a classical actor through major roles at the RSC. Frustrated with so called 'director's theatre' which left him feeling as powerless as 'a waiter', Rylance left the RSC in 1983 to set up his own actor-led production companies. He was the first artistic director of the Globe, where he worked from 1995 to 2005. He has had various film roles, including the alcoholic boxer and chess genius John Healy in the award-winning *The Grass Arena*, and weapons inspector David Kelly in *The Government Inspector*. Rylance confesses, however, to being more at home on stage than on screen and his most recent role in *Jerusalem* has proven to be one of his career highs - earning him Tony and Olivier awards both in Britain and in the US.

SUN 23:35 Leotards and Vests: The Great British Workout (b01g6g2k)

Bench presses, barbells, rowing machines and electric shock mittens - just some of the tortures revealed by Mark Benton in this funny look at the British way of keeping fit.

SUN 00:35 Sweet Home Alabama: The Southern Rock Saga (b01f1b0)

An epic 1970s tale about a group of rebel rock bands who rose up from one of the most unpopular, marginalised parts of the USA - the Deep South - and conquered the world.

The Allman Brothers, Lynyrd Skynyrd and others that followed did this entirely on their own terms, blending the music of the region - blues, country, rock and roll - with a gung-ho attitude that set the South, and then America, on fire.

Their diverse styles, from juke joint boogie and country-rock honks to cosmic blues blasts, had a huge cultural and political impact, even helping to elect Jimmy Carter as president in 1976.

Their extraordinary adventure is brought to life through vivid period archive and contributions from the survivors of those crazy times, including Gregg Allman, REM's Mike Mills, Doug Gray, Al Kooper, Bonnie Bramlett, Charlie Daniels and other key figures in the movement.

Turn on, tune in, get jukin'...

SUN 01:35 Southern Rock at the BBC (b01f1bwb)
Classic clips - from the Old Grey Whistle Test, In Concert and even Wogan - of Southern rock boogie in excess from the bands who poured out of the Deep South in the 70s. Includes performances from The Ozark Mountain Daredevils, Delaney & Bonnie with Eric Clapton, Dickey Betts from The Allman Brothers Band, The Marshall Tucker Band, Black Oak Arkansas, The Charlie Daniels Band, Gregg Allman with then-wife Cher, Edgar Winter and, of course, Lynyrd Skynyrd.

SUN 02:35 The Old Grey Whistle Test (b01g827k)
Macon Whoopee

Bob Harris goes to Macon, Georgia, in search of the Capricorn Picnic, a 1976 open-air party thrown by the head of Capricorn. It features many Southern rock bands and performers, including Wet Willie, Marshall Tucker Band, Dickey Betts, Bonnie Bramlett and Stillwater.

MONDAY 16 APRIL 2012

MON 19:00 World News Today (b01g9ldz)

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

MON 19:30 Petworth House: The Big Spring Clean (b010v8dv)
Below Stairs

Andrew and the team leave the grandeur of the main house behind in order to tackle the servants' block. He dons a boiler suit to take on the filthiest task of the winter and polishes some of the 1,000-piece copper cookware range. Also, a horologist visits to make sure Petworth's antique clocks are keeping time.

MON 20:00 Inside the Medieval Mind (b009s80)
Knowledge

Leading authority on the Middle Ages, Professor Robert Bartlett, presents a series which examines the way we thought during medieval times.

To our medieval forebears the world could appear mysterious, even enchanted. Sightings of green men, dog heads and alien beings were commonplace. The world itself was a book written by God. But as the Middle Ages grew to a close, it became a place to be mastered, even exploited.

MON 21:00 How It Works (b01g98vb)
Ceramics

Professor Mark Miodownik traces the story of ceramics. He looks at how we started with simple clay, sand and rock and changed them into pottery, glass and concrete - materials that would allow us to build cities, transform the way we view our world and communicate at the speed of light. Deep within their inner structure Mark discovers some of ceramics' most intriguing secrets. He reveals why glass can be utterly transparent, why concrete continues to harden for hundreds of years and how cooling ceramics could transform the way we power cities of the future.

MON 22:00 Treasures of Chinese Porcelain (b015sttj)

In November 2010, a Chinese vase unearthed in a suburban semi in Pinner sold at auction for £43 million - a new record for a Chinese work of art. Why are Chinese vases so famous and so expensive? The answer lies in the European obsession with Chinese porcelain that began in the 16th century.

Lars Tharp, the Antiques Roadshow expert and Chinese ceramics specialist, sets out to explore why Chinese porcelain was so valuable then - and still is now. He goes on a journey to parts of China closed to western eyes until relatively recently. Lars travels to the mountainside from which virtually every single Chinese export vase, plate and cup began life in the 18th century - a mountain known as Mount Gaolin, from whose name we get the word kaolin, or china clay. He sees how the china clay was fused with another substance, mica, that would turn it into porcelain.

Carrying his own newly acquired vase, Lars uncovers the secrets of China's porcelain capital, Jingdezhen. He sees how the trade between China and Europe not only changed our idea

of what was beautiful - by introducing us to the idea of works of art we could eat off - but also began to affect the whole tradition of Chinese aesthetics too, as the ceramicists of Jingdezhen sought to meet the European demand for porcelain decorated with family coats of arms, battle scenes or even erotica.

The porcelain fever that gripped Britain drove conspicuous consumption and fuelled the Georgian craze for tea parties. Today the new emperors - China's rising millionaire class - are buying back the export wares once shipped to Europe. The vase sold in Pinner shows that the lure of Chinese porcelain is as compelling as ever.

MON 23:00 Beautiful Minds (b01fq4yh)
Series 2

Professor Jenny Clack

For palaeontologist Professor Jenny Clack, who solved one of the greatest mysteries in the history of life on Earth, success was far from inevitable. She recounts how she had to overcome a series of setbacks before she found and described the fossil *Acanthostega*, a 365 million-year-old creature that offered dramatic new evidence of how fish made the transition onto land.

MON 00:00 Hawking (b0078pzf)

Drama relating the remarkable story of Stephen Hawking's early years as a PHD student at Cambridge, following his search for the 'beginning of time' and his courageous struggle against life-threatening illness.

MON 01:30 Petworth House: The Big Spring Clean (b010v8dv)

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MON 02:00 Inside the Medieval Mind (b009s80l)

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MON 03:00 How It Works (b01g98vb)

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TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2012

TUE 19:00 World News Today (b01g9lhp)

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

TUE 19:30 Great British Railway Journeys (b00qbnj1)

Series 1

Truro to Penzance

Michael Portillo takes to the tracks with a copy of George Bradshaw's Victorian Railway Guidebook. In a series of four epic journeys, he travels the length and breadth of the country to see how the railways changed us, and what of Bradshaw's Britain remains.

His journey takes him along the Brunel's Great Western Railway from Swindon to Penzance. This time, Michael searches for the lost church of St Piran, explores the last working tin mine in Cornwall and harvests oysters on the Helford River.

TUE 20:00 Bullets, Boots and Bandages: How to Really Win at War (b01bs9gb)
Stealing a March

Historian Saul David explores how wars are really fought - in the backroom of military planning. He shows how generals have met the challenge of moving armies.

TUE 21:00 Frank Skinner on George Formby (b016fpz0)
George Formby was a huge star of stage and film. In his heyday he was as big as The Beatles, earning vast sums of money on stage and starring in films which broke box office records. Formby's trademark ukulele still inspires millions of dedicated fans, including comedian and performer Frank Skinner, who believes Formby was the greatest entertainer of his time.

Playing the ukulele and performing the songs that keep the Formby legend alive today, Skinner follows the music hall star's extraordinary rise to fame and fortune, explores his worldwide popularity and reveals the ruthless exploitation that surrounded his sudden and tragic death.

TUE 22:00 Ancient Apocalypse (b0074m5l)

Death on the Nile

Professor Fekri Hassan attempts to determine why the Egyptian Old Kingdom, the civilisation of the great pyramids, collapsed around 2200 BC. Can science show that terrible forces of nature were to blame - even driving people to cannibalism? Clues come from the remote deserts of southern Egypt, the glaciers of Iceland and a dramatic and unique archaeological find in the Nile delta.

TUE 22:50 Ray Mears Goes Walkabout (b00c310c)

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WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2012

WED 19:00 World News Today (b01g9lxt)

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

WED 19:30 Great British Railway Journeys (b00qgyxp)

Series 1

Buxton to Matlock

Michael Portillo takes to the tracks with a copy of George Bradshaw's Victorian Railway Guidebook. In a series of four epic journeys, he travels the length and breadth of the country to see how the railways changed us, and what of Bradshaw's Britain remains.

His journey takes him from Buxton along one of the first railway routes south to the capital, London. This time, Michael visits an architectural wonder, the Duke of Devonshire's stables in Buxton, helps to repair the ancient peat landscape of the Peak District and travels on the historic steam railway to Rowsley.

WED 20:00 Tales from the National Parks (b01708v7)

Loch Lomond and the Trossachs

What happens when gold is discovered in the hills around a tiny Scottish village? In the final episode of the series, Richard Macer spends a year in the small remote community of Tyndrum, where gold fever has gripped the residents. The Loch Lomond Park Authority will decide whether to give permission for the gold mine, and there are lots of organisations that think Scotland's first gold mine is an abhorrent idea.

The villagers are adamant that the gold mine is the only way prosperity can be brought to their struggling community and they are determined to get the mine approved. But who wins is down to the park board members who are due to vote on the goldmine at a hearing in the village hall.

WED 21:00 Beautiful Minds (b01g99j3)

Series 2

Professor Andre Geim

Physicist Professor Andre Geim's constant search for new ideas has led to some extraordinary discoveries, from levitating frogs to a tape that sticks to surfaces like a gecko's foot. He reveals how his playful approach to his research helped him uncover the properties of graphene, the world's thinnest material, and won him a Nobel Prize.

WED 22:00 Episodes (b00y1217)

Series 1

Episode 5

Sean and Beverly Lincoln are a happily married English couple, who are also the creators of a hit British TV show. Their life seems complete. That is until a hugely powerful and charismatic US network president persuades them to move to Los Angeles

to recreate their show for American television.

Sean's infatuation with the lovely Pucks! actress Morning Randolph is given an opportunity to blossom when Matt invites the two of them to a charity benefit. Sean realises that his attraction to her may in fact be mutual. Meanwhile, Beverly and Carol share a joint and commiserate about the men in their lives. At the end of the night, Sean has a difficult choice to make, and Beverly learns that she has more to worry about her husband and the actress than even she realised.

WED 22:30 The Great Outdoors (b009r89)

Episode 2

Christine is now deputy leader of the club and is soon winning the hearts and minds of the group, especially Bob's best friend Tom. Meanwhile, stressed businesswoman Sophie makes a desperate leap on Victor and the group must face down the rambler's worst enemy - a farmer who keeps blocking public rights of way.

WED 23:00 Wild Swimming (b009r28)

Alice Roberts embarks on a quest to discover what lies behind the passion for wild swimming, now becoming popular in Britain. She follows in the wake of Waterlog, the classic swimming text by journalist and author Roger Deakin.

Her journey takes in cavernous plunge pools, languid rivers and unfathomable underground lakes, as well as a skinny dip in a moorland pool. Along the way Alice becomes aware that she is not alone on her watery journey.

WED 00:00 Inspector Montalbano (b01g9lty)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Saturday]

WED 01:35 Tales from the National Parks (b01708v7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 today]

WED 02:35 Episodes (b00y1217)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:00 today]

WED 03:05 The Great Outdoors (b009r89)

[Repeat of broadcast at 22:30 today]

WED 03:35 Beautiful Minds (b01g99j3)

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THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2012

THU 19:00 World News Today (b01g9m7b)

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

THU 19:30 Top of the Pops (b01g9c8n)

07/04/77

David Jensen looks at the weekly pop chart from 1977 and introduces the Dead End Kids, Showaddywaddy, Elkie Brooks, the Manhattans, Deniece Williams, OC Smith and a Legs & Co dance sequence.

THU 20:00 Stuff: A Horizon Guide to Materials (b01g996c)

Engineer Jem Stansfield looks back through the Horizon archives to find out how scientists have come to understand and manipulate the materials that built the modern world. Whether it is uncovering new materials or finding fresh uses for those man has known about for centuries, each breakthrough offers a tantalising glimpse of the holy grail of materials science - a substance that is cheap to produce and has the potential to change the world.

Jem explores how a series of extraordinary advances has done just that - from superconductors to the silicon revolution.

THU 21:00 Storyville (b01ghtll)

The Real Great Escape

For the first time, the true story of the mastermind behind World War II's Great Escape is told by his niece, Lindy Wilson. Squadron Leader Roger Bushell was a young London barrister, an auxiliary pilot and a champion skier when he was shot down and captured early in the war. He escaped three times and, in spite of the Gestapo's threat to shoot him if he ever escaped again, Bushell accepted the role of 'Big X' on his return to the top-security PoW camp, Stalag Luft 111.

After 18 months of preparation, one of the greatest escapes of

the war took place. Their aim to distract the enemy succeeded, as it was estimated that five million Germans were deployed to recapture the 76 escapees. However, Hitler's rage was uncontrollable and he personally ordered a terrible reckoning.

THU 22:25 Surviving Hitler: A Love Story (b013ffkv)

A Jewish teenager and an injured soldier join a doomed plot to kill Hitler. They face almost certain death, yet luck and love shine upon them as they outwit Nazi terror and become the first couple married in post-war Berlin. Narrated by the former teenager herself and featuring the original footage shot by her sweetheart, their story would sound like a pitch for a Hollywood blockbuster were it not all true. A harrowing tale of war, resistance, love and survival - and, miraculously, a happy ending.

THU 23:20 How It Works (b01g98vb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Monday]

THU 00:20 Top of the Pops (b01g9c8n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:30 today]

THU 00:50 Treasures of Chinese Porcelain (b015sttj)

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THU 02:50 Storyville (b01ghtll)

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FRIDAY 20 APRIL 2012

FRI 19:00 World News Today (b01g9mbh)

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

FRI 19:30 BBC Young Musician (b01g9d5n)

2012

Brass Final

Clemency Burton-Hill presents highlights of the BBC Young Musician 2012 category finals from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff. With behind-the-scenes access, the programme features all the contest news, profiles of the category finalists and extensive highlights from their performances.

Featuring some of the UK's most talented young instrumentalists, keyboard, brass, strings, woodwind and percussion competitors battle it out for just five places in the semi-final. But this isn't your run-of-the-mill TV talent show and there is no fast track to success - these gifted musicians are all Grade 8 standard or above and will have years of practice behind them. They have already survived two gruelling rounds of auditions to reach this stage.

In the second category final in the series, the spotlight is on five gifted brass competitors - tenor horn player Jonny Bates, trumpeter Ela Young, tuba player Chris Dunn, French horn player Lizzi Tocknell and bass trombonist Alex Kelly. Aged 16 to 18, the finalists go head to head for a place in the semi-final, playing music ranging from Vaughan Williams to Baadsvik's radical tuba show-stopper, Fnugg.

FRI 21:00 Reggae Britannia (b00ydp83)

The acclaimed BBC Four Britannia series moves into the world of British reggae. Showing how it came from Jamaica in the 1960s to influence, over the next 20 years, both British music and society, the programme includes major artists and performances from that era, including Big Youth, Max Romeo, Linton Kwesi Johnson, Jerry Dammers and The Specials, The Police, UB40, Dennis Bovell, lovers rock performers Carroll Thompson and Janet Kay, bands like Aswad and Steel Pulse and reggae admirers such as Boy George and Paul Weller.

The programme celebrates the impact of reggae, the changes it brought about and its lasting musical legacy.

FRI 22:30 Reggae at the BBC (b00ymldj)

An archive celebration of great reggae performances filmed in the BBC Studios, drawn from programmes such as The Old Grey Whistle Test, Top of the Pops and Later... with Jools Holland, and featuring the likes of Bob Marley and the Wailers, Gregory Isaacs, Desmond Dekker, Burning Spear, Althea and Donna, Dennis Brown, Buju Banton and many more.

FRI 00:00 BBC Four Sessions (b00ydp85)

Reggae Britannia

An all-star cast celebrates the influence of reggae on the UK's music and culture in a live concert coinciding with BBC Four's Reggae Britannia documentary season.

Expect to hear hits from the 1960s to the present day telling the story of the musical evolution from ska, through rocksteady, roots, dub, lovers rock and beyond. Music director Dennis Bovell assembles a big band featuring some of the most important reggae musicians in the British scene to back up a star cast of singers and toasters including Big Youth, Ken Boothe, Neville Staple, Ali Campbell, Dave Barker, Brinsley Forde, Dennis Alcapone and Winston Reedy, Pauline Black, Janet Kay, Carroll Thompson and Rico Rodriguez.

The concert celebrates the journey that captured the turmoil and channelled the dreams of Jamaicans who came to Britain, those who were born here and the white kids who grew up alongside them and embraced their culture and their roots.

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