

SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2008**SAT 00:00 News and Weather (b0090dr0)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b008yt1b)

Trust me, I'm a (Junior) Doctor

Dancing on the Ward

Trust Me, I'm a (Junior) Doctor: Max Pemberton reads from his account of his first year in the NHS, based on his columns in the Daily Telegraph. 5/5: Dancing on the Ward.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0090dr1)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0090dr2)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service for a selection of news and current affairs, arts and science programmes. BBC Radio 4 resumes at 5.20am.

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b0090dr3)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b0090dr4)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b0090dr5)

Daily prayer and reflection with Monsignor Tony Rogers.

SAT 05:45 The Preposterous Files (b0082855)

The Wrong Button?

Files from the National Archive reveal preposterous acts: grand, petty and tragic. Julian Putkowski distills them down.

It's not a good idea to retract the undercarriage of a bomber when it is standing still on the runway fully loaded with 6 X 1000lb bombs. What, if anything, was Flying Officer Kenyon thinking?

Readers: Crawford Logan and George Gillespie

Producer: Matt Thompson

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b0090f6f)

The latest news headlines. Including a look at the papers.

SAT 06:04 Weather (b0090f6g)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b0090f6h)

North Yorkshire Post Offices

Countryside magazine.

Matt Baker visits two post offices in North Yorkshire.

SAT 06:35 Farming Today This Week (b0090f6j)

Rural magazine programme with Charlotte Smith.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b0090f6k)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b0090f6l)

With James Naughtie and Sarah Montague. Including Yesterday in Parliament at 7.20am; Sports Desk at 7.25am, 8.25am; Thought for the Day at 7.48am; Weather at 7.57am.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b0090f6m)

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. Presenter Fi Glover is joined by Muriel Gray. Featured poet is Kate Fox.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b0090f6n)

Rail Travel

RAIL TRAVEL

John McCarthy travels to the National Railway Museum in York to meet its director Andrew Scott and Ian Macbeth,

former Managing Director of Great Railway Journeys. They take a look back at the past of rail travel in the form of some of the great steam trains that once broke speed records which rival those of today. John also discusses the current expansion of Europe's high speed rail network, looks at the viability of magnetic levitation, and hears about the first new steam engine to be built in Britain for nearly fifty years.

John stands on the footplate of a locomotive to learn the tricks of the trade from Tracey Parkinson, a fireman and driver and settles himself into the comfort of a 1930s Pullman car to hear from Geoff and Sheelagh Cooke about the railway equivalent of the luxury cruise.

SAT 10:30 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b0090f6p)

Series 1

The English Patient

Paul Gambaccini traces the history of the Oscars and tells the stories behind award-winning films.

4/4. The English Patient

Paul talks to author Michael Ondaatje about the adaptation of his novel. Publicist Tony Angellotti recalls how he ran the campaign to persuade the Academy that this film was a winner.

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b0090f6q)

A look behind the scenes at Westminster with Peter Osborne.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b0090f6r)

BBC foreign correspondents with the stories behind the world's headlines. Introduced by Kate Adie.

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b0090f6s)

Paul Lewis with the personal finance magazine. Including reports on the effects of the decision to nationalise Northern Rock and potential shortfalls in company pension schemes.

SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b008zbxr)

Series 64

Episode 7

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. Panellists are Armando Iannucci, Mark Steel, Andy Hamilton and Fred Macaulay.

SAT 12:57 Weather (b0090f6t)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News Headlines (b0090f6v)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b008zbxv)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion from the Bath Literature Festival. Panellists include writer and broadcaster Ziauddin Saudar.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b0090f6w)

Listeners' calls and emails in response to this week's edition of Any Questions? Call 08700 100 444 [calls from land lines cost no more than 8p a minute].

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b0090f6x)

The Voyage of the Demeter

Robert Forrest's chilling tale of the supernatural, set on a schooner sailing from Bulgaria to England in 1867. Something very unpleasant is lurking aboard the ship, and the voyage becomes a terrifying ordeal.

Ripelski Finlay Welsh

Robash Gary Lewis

Kanesky Steven McNicoll

Bretov Grant O'Rourke

Gentleman Alexander Morton.

SAT 15:30 The King of Light Music (b0090qmd)

Alasdair Molloy explores the career of Eric Coates. Although best known for his signature tune to Desert Island Discs and The Dambusters March, Coates's orchestral music is coming back to the concert hall.

Alasdair profiles a man who had to wear shirt, tie and tweed jacket and light up a cigarette before he could sit down and compose, as well as a man keen on photography, fast cars and

the Charleston.

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b0090f6y)

Highlights of this week's Woman's Hour programmes with Jane Garvey. Including the Queen of Soul, artist Milein Cosman, the pioneering Garrett sisters and Women's magazines.

SAT 17:00 Saturday PM (b0090f6z)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news, plus the sports headlines.

SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b0090f70)

Evan Davis presents the business magazine. Entrepreneurs and business leaders talk about the issues that matter to their companies and their customers.

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b0090f71)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b0090f72)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0090f73)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b0090f74)

Clive Anderson is joined by Lenny Henry, Pam Ayres and John Simpson to talk about records, rhymes and revolutions. Emma Freud analyses Rob Brydon's identity crisis.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b0090f75)

Michael Martin

Series of profiles of people who are currently making headlines.

Michael Cockerell tells the story of Michael Martin, speaker of the Commons. A former sheet metal worker from Glasgow, Martin used to be seen as a New Labour working-class hero who could put the party back in touch with its roots outside Westminster. Now, however, his parliamentary perks are becoming the subject of increasing scrutiny.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b0090f76)

Dan Vyleta's Pavel and I, Michel Gondry's Be Kind Rewind

Brief Encounter

The Kneehigh Theatre Company stage their own version of the film Brief Encounter in the cinema in London's Haymarket where the film first opened.

Brief Encounter is at The Cinema on the Haymarket in London.

Be Kind Rewind

Mos Def stars in a new comedy from Michel Gondry (Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind) as a video store clerk who gets in a pickle when his best friend Jerry (Jack Black) becomes accidentally magnetized and erases all the tapes in the shop. The two friends are forced to replace the stock with their own DIY camcorder versions of the films.

Duchamp, Man Ray, Picabia

Tate Modern's new exhibition charts the artistic and personal relationships of three of the great figures in early twentieth-century art - Marcel Duchamp, Man Ray, and Francis Picabia.

Mad Men

This American TV series is set in a Madison Avenue advertising agency in the 1960s and is written by Matt Weiner, who created The Sopranos. The central character is Don Draper, an account executive who is trying to figure out the best way to sell cigarettes just as the link between smoking and cancer is making newspaper headlines.

Pavel and I

This debut novel by Dan Vyleta is set in Berlin during the freezing winter of 1946 and follows the exploits of an American GI, a German street urchin, and an enigmatic prostitute as they struggle to survive both the cold and the looming Cold War. Pavel Richter, an American soldier who remained in Berlin after the war, is shocked when his friend Boyd White shows up at his door with a dead German midget. After agreeing to help Boyd hide the body, Pavel and his friend Anders are thrust into the middle of a conspiracy that runs deeper than they could ever imagine.

SAT 20:00 The Archive Hour (b0076zc6)

Putting It Simply

Putting It Simply: Kathy Sykes charts the way that science has been seen and heard on radio and television, from postwar lectures to modern animations.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b008yn1d)
Fortunes of War

Episode 4

Fortunes of War: Lin Coghlan's sweeping new dramatisation of Olivia Manning's classic war novels. 4/6: Having been forced to leave Romania, Harriet waits in Athens for news of Guy.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b0090f77)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

SAT 22:15 Moral Maze (b008z6d6)
Michael Buerk chairs a debate on the moral questions behind the week's news. Claire Fox, Clifford Longley, Michael Portillo and Sarah Dunant cross-examine witnesses.

SAT 23:00 The Garden Quiz (b008yvmw)
Episode 7

Anna Ford chairs a quiz to find the best all-round amateur garden expert in the country.

SAT 23:30 Poetry Please (b008zk9g)
In the last of the series we featured poems by writers perhaps better-known as novelists – such as DH Lawrence, Muriel Spark, Robert Graves, and Dermot Bolger. The readers were John Mackay and Bonnie Hurren. Also rare archive of the Welsh poet WH Davies introducing and reading his poem Leisure – with those famous lines:

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

Piano by DH Lawrence.
From: The Love Poems of D.H. Lawrence
Publ: Kyle Cathie Ltd

From Leinster Street Ghosts by Dermot Bolger
Publ: Raven Arts Press

Leisure by W.H. Davies
From: The New Oxford Book of English Verse 1250-1950

That Lonely Shoe Lying on the Road by Muriel Spark
From: All The Poems
Publ: Carcanet

To Paint a Water Lily by Ted Hughes
From: Luperca
Publ: faber and faber

The Moth by Walter de la Mare
From: The Collected Poems of Walter de la Mare
Publ: faber and faber

To a Mouse by Robert Burns
From: The Poetical Works of Robert Burns
Publ: Senate

The White Goddess by Robert Graves
From: Complete Poems – Volume 2
Publ: Carcanet

The Rider at the Gate by John Masefield
From: The Collected Poems of John Masefield
Publ: William Heinemann Ltd

The Mistake by James Fenton
From: Out of Danger
Publ: Penguin

A Woman of a Certain Age by Carol Rumens
From: Thinking of Skins
Publ: Bloodaxe Books

Going, Going by Philip Larkin
From: Collected Poems
Publ: faber and faber

Wolsey's Farewell from Henry the Eighth
From: Shakespeare – The Viking Portable Library

SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2008

SUN 00:00 News and Weather (b0090fcs)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4,

followed by weather.

SUN 00:30 Manchester Crime Wave (b00770wd)
Boom

Boom (part 2)

Crime stories set in Manchester. 2/5: Boom, by Cath Staincliffe (part 2). A young detective investigates an explosion in a house. Read by Wendy Kwel.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0090fct)
The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0090fcv)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service for a selection of news and current affairs, arts and science programmes. BBC Radio 4 resumes at 5.20am.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b0090fcw)
The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b0090fcx)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b0090fcy)
The sound of church bells from St Chad's in Farndon, Cheshire.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b0090f75)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b0090fcz)
The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b0090g57)
The World's Well

The World's Well: Mike Woodridge explores health and well-being in a world increasingly divided by economic inequality and increasingly united by accessible information.

SUN 06:35 Living World (b0090g58)
In Search of Dippers

In Search of Dippers: Lionel Kelleway joins Steve Ormerod from Cardiff University on a Welsh riverbank to observe the dipper, the world's only truly aquatic passerine bird.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b0090g59)
The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b0090g5b)
The latest news headlines. Including a look at the papers.

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b0090g5c)
Roger Bolton and guests discuss the religious and ethical news of the week.

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b0090g5d)
Jenni Murray appeals on behalf of BEAT (Eating Disorders Association). Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b0090g5f)
The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b0090g5g)
The latest news headlines. Including a look at the papers.

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b0090g5h)
Pathways of Prayer: Evangelism

Pathways of Prayer: The Evangelical Tradition, from the Church of St Philip and St James in Holywood, Co Down. Preacher: Right Rev Ken Clarke, Church of Ireland Bishop of Kilmore.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b008zbxw)
A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Prof David Cannadine.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b0090g5j)
News and conversation about the big stories of the week with Paddy O'Connell.

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b0090g5k)
The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b0090g5l)
David Dimbleby

Kirsty Young's castaway this week is the broadcaster David Dimbleby. When he was born, in 1938, his father Richard was already a national institution. Richard recorded reports from bombers flying over Germany, went to Belsen at the end of the war and, of course, commented on the funeral of King George VI and subsequent coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. In Desert Island Discs, David tells Kirsty how his father had tried to steer him away from journalism. But he believes that it is a job that is addictive and so it was perhaps inevitable that he would become part of the fifth generation of Dimblebys to pursue a career in the media.

He is best known for the big state events - he has anchored the BBC's general election coverage since 1979 and commented during the funerals of both Princess Diana and the Queen Mother - throughout them all, he says, his method is not to think of the audience of millions, but instead to imagine himself sitting on a sofa, next to just one viewer, saying as little as he needs to in order to explain what is happening.

[Taken from the original programme material for this archive edition of Desert Island Discs]

Favorite track: Song that You'd Like by Kate Dimbleby Band
Book: Collected essays by Michel de Montaigne
Luxury: A collection of drawing books, pencils and varnish.

SUN 12:00 Just a Minute (b008yww7)
Series 52

Episode 7

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game from the Playhouse, Salisbury. Panellists include Paul Merton, Clement Freud, Jenny Eclair and Marcus Brigstocke.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b0090g5m)
Ribble Valley Food Trail

Sheila Dillon puts the new Ribble Valley Food Trail to the test, sampling some new Lancashire food and asking what difference the initiative can really make to the way people eat.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b0090g5n)
The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b0090g5p)
A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

SUN 13:30 Art in the Trenches (b008fphz)
David Snow joins an archaeological dig in the WWI trenches in Thiepval Wood in France. The team are hoping to find trench art and items that can be traced back to individuals.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b0090g5q)
Peter Gibbs chairs the popular horticultural forum. Bob Flowerdew, Anne Swithinbank and Pippa Greenwood are in the potting shed, answering questions sent in by post and email.

SUN 14:45 The Drawings on the Wall (b0090g5r)
The Master of Paspardo

Archaeologist George Nash explores five of Western Europe's most remarkable rock art sites.

George visits the prehistoric art of northern Italy's Val Camonica. Carved into the rock is one of the world's first maps, images of some of Europe's earliest houses and scores of Iron Age warriors. He asks if these fighting figures could be the work of just one artist.

Producer: Chris Eldon Lee
A Culture Wise production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b0090g5s)
Fortunes of War

Episode 5

Fortunes of War: Lin Coghlan's sweeping new dramatisation of Olivia Manning's classic war novels. 5/6: In Egypt, the reality of war begins to put a strain on the Pringles' marriage.

SUN 16:00 Open Book (b0090g5t)

Richard Dawkins, José Saramago: a Reader's Guide, and Clare Morrall

Five of the Best: Richard Dawkins
Richard Dawkins is one of the best-selling authors of non-fiction in the UK. Well known for popular science classics such as *The Selfish Gene*, his most recent book is last year's anti-religion polemic *The God Delusion*. He joins Mariella Frostrup to reveal the part that fiction plays in his life, and chooses five of his favourite books.

José Saramago: a Reader's Guide

The Portuguese novelist Jose Saramago won the 1998 Nobel Prize in Literature. His latest novel *Death at Intervals* is out this month. Mariella is joined by a Saramago fan, the translator Amanda Hopkinson, to discuss his work and pick out some of his most enjoyable books.

Clare Morrall

Five years ago Clare Morrall was surprisingly short listed for the Booker Prize for her book *Astonishing Splashes of Colour*, a debut novel published by a tiny independent publishing house. Now she talks to Mariella about her third novel, *The Language of Others*, explains how her work as a music teacher has found its way into the book, and reveals why she's so drawn to characters who can't quite understand the world they live in.

SUN 16:30 Terracotta Army (b0090g5v)

Garry Geddes introduces a selection of his poems in the voices of figures in the Terracotta Army, many of which are in the current British Museum exhibition.

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b008z5lf)

Town halls are facing thousands of backdated equal pay claims from women workers. But how are cash-strapped local authorities going to meet the bills? Jenny Cuffe reports.

SUN 17:40 Profile (b0090f75)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b0090g5w)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b0090g5x)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0090g5y)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b0090g5z)

Dennis Sewell presents a selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b0090g60)

David and Ruth fondly "spy" on Pip as she briefly meets up with her Young Farmers boyfriend at Brookfield. Heather announces that it's time she headed back to Prudhoe, but is persuaded to stay until Mother's Day. Heather secretly agrees to look after the children later in the week when David confides that he'd like to take Ruth shopping to buy a special new outfit.

Lynda tells Alan that Borssetshire Wildlife is going to arrange for someone to come on the parish walks. Enthused by a moorhen's nest between the road and the banks of the Am they look forward to their first walk.

Jennifer invites subdued Lillian for lunch but warns her not to expect everyone to be playing happy families. When Lillian imagines that Matt's spent the weekend canoodling with Annabelle, Jennifer reminds her that Matt swore to Brian that Annabelle was just a colleague. Lillian thinks it was a mistake walking out on Matt; she thought it would shock him into line but it's had the opposite effect. Although she loves him she has to face up to the fact that she's lost him, she's on her own now - so she'd better start getting used to it.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b0090g61)

Barney Harwood presents the children's magazine. He meets novelist Julia Golding, creator of the eighteenth-century heroine *Cat Royal*.

SUN 19:45 A Brush with Fame (b0077114)

Irrational Fear of Tom Stoppard

Stories exploring with wit and humour the way we all react to a glancing encounter with fame. 2/5: *Irrational Fear of Tom Stoppard*, by Adam Mars-Jones.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b008zbxp)

Roger Bolton airs listeners' views on BBC radio programmes and policy.

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b008zbxr)

Matthew Bannister presents the obituary series, analysing and celebrating the life stories of people who have recently died.

SUN 21:00 Money Box (b0090f6s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b0090g5d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 Analysis (b008z74d)

Jackanory Politics

Jackanory Politics: Frances Stonor examines the increasingly popular method of delivering a political message by telling a story.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b0090g62)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b0090g63)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including at 1 0.45pm *The Jam Generation*: Anne McElvoy looks at the growing influence of children of the 80s in politics (2/2).

SUN 23:00 The Learning Curve (b008yxv3)

Libby Purves presents a guide to the world of learning, with practical advice, features and listeners' views.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b0090g57)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2008

MON 00:00 News and Weather (b0090h3h)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b008z6d4)

Superheroes - Ribbon Culture

SUPERHEROES

General fascination with the idea of a superhero is extraordinarily enduring. Superman, Batman and Spider-Man have survived translations from the comic page into a range of media and have somehow been able to adapt to social circumstances quite different to those which surrounded their original creation. Laurie Taylor talks to cultural commentator Roz Kaveney about her study entitled *Superheroes! Capes and Crusaders in Comics and Films*; They are joined by Kim Newman, author of *Cat People and Apocalypse Movies* to discuss the enduring appeal of Superheroes.

RIBBON CULTURE

The first ribbon campaign was led by Penelope Laingen in 1979. However, awareness ribbons did not become internationally popular until the 1990s with the introduction of the Red Ribbon Campaign for AIDS awareness. Researcher Sarah Moore, in her recently published book *Ribbon Culture: Charity, Compassion, and Public Awareness*, says that popular Ribbon Culture came about initially as a means of going against the grain, by focussing on controversial topics. But although charities claim that ribbons spread awareness, she thinks that it has become a fashion item, making giving to charity easy without the need to really consider the cause it 'supports'.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b0090fcy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0090h3j)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0090h3k)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service for a selection of news and current affairs, arts and science programmes. BBC Radio 4 resumes at 5.20am.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b0090h3l)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b0090h3m)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b0090h2c)

Daily prayer and reflection with Monsignor Tony Rogers.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b0090h3n)

News and issues in rural Britain with Mark Holdstock.

MON 05:57 Weather (b0090xsx)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b0090h3p)

With James Naughtie and Sarah Montague. Including Sports Desk at 6.25am, 7.25am, 8.25am; Weather at 6.05am, 6.5 7am, 7.57am; Thought for the Day at 7.48am.

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b0090lwb)

Andrew Marr sets the cultural agenda for the week. Guests include economist Joseph Stiglitz and Jacob Weisberg, biographer of George W Bush.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b0090m6s)

Sacre Cordon Bleu: What the French Know About Cooking

Episode 1

Sacre Cordon Bleu: Alex Lowe reads from Michael Booth's account of his French culinary education. 1/5: Michael enrolls at Le Cordon Bleu, the most famous cookery school in Paris.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b0090m6t)

NHS Failings on Eating Disorders; Transsexuals in Iran; Artist Dod Procter

Is the NHS failing families with eating disorders? Plus, exploring why Iran carries out the greatest number of sex change operations, and a retrospective of artist Dod Procter.

MON 11:00 Cleaning Out the Camp (b007ntmk)

Episode 1

1/2. Eddie Mair investigates the attitude and policy of the armed services towards homosexuality over the past 60 years.

MON 11:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b017gzj8)

Series 2

Countess Natasha and the Red Menace

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan guest stars in the same week that the programme is infiltrated by a spy.

Series two of Christopher William Hill's sitcom set in 1962. A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2008.

Nigel Lavery Peter Bowles
Sylvia Hann Cheryl Campbell
Godfrey Winnard John Fortune
Sir Angus McNairn Gary Waldhorn
Hugo Kellerman Joseph Kloska
Douglas Bennings/Harold Macmillan Jon Glover
Keith Wood Sam Pamphilon
Roger Aspinall Simon Treves
Secretary Laura Molyneux
Miss Thurwell Anna Bengo.

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on Radio 4 in February 2008.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b0090mg3)

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and John Waite.

MON 12:57 Weather (b0090mg4)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b0090mg5)
National and international news with Martha Kearney.

MON 13:30 The Garden Quiz (b0090mg6)
Episode 8

Anna Ford chairs a quiz to find the best all-round amateur garden expert in the country.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b0090g60)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b0090mg7)
Corner

Corner: Edson Burton's smouldering thriller, set in inner-city Bristol. When an Asian shop is burnt down by two masked black men, community tensions rise and friendships are tested.

MON 15:00 Money Box Live (b0090mg8)
Paul Lewis and guests answer calls on financial issues. Listeners can call 08700 100 444 from **1.30pm** until **3.30pm** (calls from land lines cost no more than 8p a minute).

MON 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b0090mt5)
Stories from the Bath Literature Festival

Zippin' Up Your Boots

By Gill Edwards.

Every middle-aged person needs to know certain things when asked to a school reunion, especially if they are planning to lie about almost everything they have done since leaving.

Read by Alison Reid.

MON 15:45 Mine All Mine (b0090nb5)
My Idea

Chris Ledgard looks at the global war over intellectual property. 1/5: My Idea. Most scientists and inventors protect their work with patents, but does this benefit society?

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b0090g5m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b0090nff)
Ernie Rea explores the place of faith in today's world, teasing out the hidden and often contradictory truths behind the experiences, values and traditions of our lives.

MON 17:00 PM (b0090syn)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Including at **5.57pm** Weather.

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0090xyp)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b0090nhl)
Series 52

Episode 8

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game from the De Montfort Hall, Leicester. Panellists include Paul Merton, Clement Freud, Josie Lawrence and Chris Neill.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b0090qmf)
Worried Clarrie turns up at Kathy's looking for a small plastic folder which she thinks she lost there. When she can't find it she has to admit that it contains all her records from the slimming club with everyone's weight listed in it. Kathy calms her down telling her not to worry.

Eddie's still unhappy at his enforced diet - especially as he's been "winner of the week" two weeks in a row. When he suggests making himself some "proper" food, Clarrie reminds him of all the people who are sponsoring him.

Lonely and dejected Matt turns up at Oliver and Caroline's early for dinner, where he unsuccessfully tries to conceal that he's not coping very well being single again. Becoming drunk and maudlin, Matt says he felt upset that Debbie didn't tell him about the anaerobic digester - especially when she's someone he relies on. He then admits that he's really missing Lilian - more

than he ever thought he would - but that he's left it too late now. By the end of the evening both Oliver and Caroline actually feel quite sorry for him, though they never thought they'd say this of Matt.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b0090xyq)
Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson, who reports on the film Margot at the Wedding, written and directed by Noah Baumbach.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b0090xyr)
Black Narcissus

Arrival

Rumer Godden's tale of a group of nuns who establish a remote mission in the Himalayas. 1/5: Arrival. Filled with idealism, the group of nuns arrive in the mountains.

MON 20:00 Dancing with the Russian Bear (b0090ntg)
The Bear Unbound

Tim Whewell looks at the chill in relations between Russia and the West. 3/3: The Bear Unbound. Russia is determined to stake its claim as a major world power.

MON 20:30 The Learning Curve (b0090nth)
Libby Purves presents a guide to the world of learning, with practical advice, features and listeners' views.

MON 21:00 Secret Science (b0090ntj)
The Health Protection Agency

Vivienne Parry meets the scientists whose work remains unknown to the general public. 2/2: The Health Protection Agency at Porton Down looks out for new dangerous pathogens.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b0090lwb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b0090q04)
The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b0090pzi)
News and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on child care in Jersey, signs that Sudan may be yielding to Chinese pressure on Darfur and global food poverty.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b0090q05)
Taking Pictures

What You Want

Taking Pictures: Short stories from Anne Enright's latest collection. 1/5: What You Want. An opera house cleaner muses on her relationship with her high-flying son.

MON 23:00 Quote... Unquote (b008z619)
Nigel Rees exchanges quotations and anecdotes with guests Michael Winner, Jilly Cooper, Simon Brett and Valerie Grove. The reader is Peter Jefferson.

MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b0090q06)
News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with David Wilby.

TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2008

TUE 00:00 News and Weather (b0090h2d)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b0090m6s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0090h2f)
The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0090h2g)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service for a selection of news and current affairs, arts and science programmes. BBC Radio 4 resumes at **5.20am**.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b0090h2h)
The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b0090h2j)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b0090h2k)
Daily prayer and reflection with Monsignor Tony Rogers.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b0090h2l)
News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

TUE 06:00 Today (b0090h2m)
With James Naughtie and Sarah Montague. Sports Desk at **6.2 5am, 7.25am, 8.25am**; Yesterday in Parliament at **6.45am**; Weather at **6.05am, 6.57am, 7.57am**; Thought for the Day at **7.48am**.

TUE 09:00 Simpson Returns to China (b0090qm9)
Win in China?

John Simpson reports on modern China. 2/2: Win in China? He meets the country's winners and losers, guesting on China's equivalent to BBC2's Dragons' Den programme.

TUE 09:30 The Jam Generation (b009331x)
Episode 1

Anne McElvoy looks at the growing influence of children of the 1980s in politics. 1/2: Contributors include David Miliband, Nick Clegg, George Osborne and Charles Clarke.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b0090m2z)
Sacre Cordon Bleu: What the French Know About Cooking

Episode 2

Sacre Cordon Bleu: Alex Lowe reads from Michael Booth's account of his French culinary education. 2/5: An educational visit to the vineyards turns into a binge drinking session.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b0090m30)
The Complexities of Motherhood: Maternal and Paternal Ambivalence

Rachel Cusk discusses her controversial book on representations and truths of motherhood. Plus, is maternal ambivalence normal? And is there such a thing as paternal instinct?

TUE 11:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b0090qmc)
Great Animal Migrations: Philippa Forrester and Brett Westwood present the series following the movement and migration of animals across the planet.

TUE 11:30 My Life in Soap (b007w7z1)
William Roache celebrates the longevity of some of Britain's longest surviving soap stars. The programme features archive material and interviews with actors and screenwriters.

TUE 12:00 Call You and Yours (b0090m9h)
Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson and Peter White.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b0090m9j)
The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b0090m9k)
National and international news with Martha Kearney.

TUE 13:30 The King of Light Music (b0090qmd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 15:30 on Saturday]

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b0090qmf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b0090qmg)

When Greed Becomes Fear

When Greed Becomes Fear: DJ Britton's study of what life might be like for a lonely chief executive of a major international bank is inspired by the current financial climate.

TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b0090qmh)

Richard Daniel and the team discuss listeners' questions about the natural world and our impact on it.

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b0090mt6)

Stories from the Bath Literature Festival

Out of Time

By Joe Hollins.

The cargo of the Phoenix, wrecked off the south Devonshire coast 200 years ago, rises from the ashes in a very 21st-century manner.

Read by Michael Maloney.

TUE 15:45 Mine All Mine (b0090nb6)

My Name

Chris Ledgard looks at the global war over intellectual property. 2/5: My Name. Trademarks have to be protected, but should anyone be allowed to trademark a colour or a phrase?

TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b008z5lb)

How Should Inquests Work?

Clive Coleman takes his weekly look at the legal issues in the news. As ministers pledge to review the laws on coroners and their courts, he asks how inquests today should work.

TUE 16:30 A Good Read (b0090qv6)

Tom Robinson and Bidisha

Kate Mosse and her guests - musician and broadcaster, Tom Robinson and writer and critic, Bidisha to discuss books favourite books by Iris Murdoch, Simon Napier-Bell and Zora Neale Hurston.

The Bell by Iris Murdoch

Publisher: Vintage Classics

Black Vinyl, White Powder by Simon Napier-Bell

Publisher: Ebury Press

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

Publisher: Virago

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

TUE 17:00 PM (b0090ngf)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Including at 5.57pm Weather.

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0090ngg)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

TUE 18:30 Rudy's Rare Records (b00nsfzp)

Series 1

Take Me Home, Country Roads

Three generations of men and their musical tastes collide in this family sitcom set in a Birmingham record shop. Starring Lenny Henry.

Written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell from an original idea by Lenny Henry.

Rudy Sharpe owns an old record store in Birmingham - the last bastion of black music in Handsworth. When he suffers a 'heart attack', his neurotic, middle-aged, middle-class, divorcee son Adam and 17 year old grandson Richie come up from London to look after him.

Crammed together, living in the tiny flat above the shop, the three men are set to clash on a daily basis. Whilst Rudy and Richie share a love of reggae and soul music, Adam is the odd one out - thanks to his tastes in classical music.

Adam Sharpe Lenny Henry

Richie Sharp Joe Jacobs

Rudy Sharpe Larrington Walker

Doreen Claire Benedict

Tasha Natasha Godfrey
Clifton Jeffery Kissoon
Alison Tracy-Ann Oberman
Customers Colin Hoult/Doc Brown

Producer: Lucy Armitage.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b0090nmm)

Phil's excited at the arrival of his new telescope but can't quite fathom how to programme it, until Daniel arrives. He manages to sort it out for Phil and they gaze excitedly at Saturn. When Jill comes out to have a go, Phil's not impressed when she describes Saturn as that "yellowy blob" then heads back in as she's getting chilly.

Mike tells Brenda about an idea he's had to solve Roy and Hayley's housing problem: to split the house down the middle, one half for Mike and the other for Roy and Hayley. Roy could pay a mortgage against his share of the house, and Brenda would eventually inherit the other half. But Brenda's unenthusiastic and asks for some time to think it over.

Brenda admits to Tom that she feels weird about it and doesn't want to lose her old room. Tom says that Roy's getting a better deal as he will have his share of equity now so that he can get on the housing ladder, while Brenda will have to wait. He advises Brenda to talk to Mike, otherwise she'll resent it for the rest of her life. There's no use being a martyr. She should tell Mike and Roy they can't do it!

Episode written by Simon Frith.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b0090nmp)

Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson, who meets the acclaimed Dominican-American writer Junot Diaz.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b0090nmq)

Black Narcissus

The Young General

Rumer Godden's tale of a group of nuns who establish a remote mission in the Himalayas. 2/5: The Young General. The group gains a new pupil.

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b0090qv8)

Armadeep Basset reports on the activities of UK-based Sikh groups in support of a violent campaign for an independent homeland in the Punjab.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b0090qv9)

Peter White with news and information for the blind and partially sighted.

TUE 21:00 Case Notes (b0090qvb)

Fainting

Dr Mark Porter investigates health issues of the day. He looks at fainting, why it happens, how we learn to cope with it, and when fainting can have serious medical consequences.

TUE 21:30 Simpson Returns to China (b0090qm9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b0090pzm)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b0090pzn)

News and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on terrorist recruitment in Britain and allegations of dirty tricks by Hillary Clinton's campaign staff.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b0090pzz)

Taking Pictures

Pale Hands I Loved, beside the Shalamar

Taking Pictures: Short stories from Anne Enright's latest collection. 2/5: Pale Hands I Loved, beside the Shalamar. A woman is bothered by her feelings for her troubled flatmate.

TUE 23:00 Laurence and Gus: Hearts and Minds (b0090qvc)

Episode 4

4/4. Comic sketches starring Laurence Howarth and Gus

Brown. With Duncan Wisbey, Isy Suttie and Kate Fleetwood.

TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b0090pzq)

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Sean Curran.

WEDNESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2008

WED 00:00 News and Weather (b0090h2n)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b0090m2z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0090h2p)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0090h2q)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service for a selection of news and current affairs, arts and science programmes. BBC Radio 4 resumes at 5.20am.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b0090h2r)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b0090h2s)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b0090h2t)

Daily prayer and reflection with Monsignor Tony Rogers.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b0090h2v)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

WED 06:00 Today (b0090h2w)

With James Naughtie and Carolyn Quinn. Sports Desk at 6.25am. 7.25am. 8.25am: Yesterday in Parliament at 6.45am; Weather at 6.05am, 6.57am, 7.57am; Thought for the Day at 7.48am.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b0090qzj)

Lively and diverse conversation.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b0090m31)

Sacre Cordon Bleu: What the French Know About Cooking

Episode 3

Sacre Cordon Bleu: Alex Lowe reads from Michael Booth's account of his French culinary education. 3/5: The Basic Cuisine exam takes place in late autumn. How will Michael fare?

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b0090m32)

Phone-in: The Experience of Motherhood

A phone-in special on which is more natural: maternal instincts, or maternal ambivalence?

WED 11:00 Three Men in a Float (b0090qzk)

Ian Vince, Dan Kieran and Prasanth Visweswaran they embark upon a journey from Lowestoft to Land's End in a second-hand milk float.

WED 11:30 Potting On (b00kmm18)

Stones

Pam and Gordon Grant are a couple at odds running a garden centre.

While Pam still feels young, Gordon wants to dive, slippers first, into middle age. She wants to go to a rock gig, but he wants to join the bowls club.

Let battle among the begonias commence!

Starring Pam Ayres and Geoffrey Whitehead as Pam and Gordon Grant.

With Trevor Bannister, Karl Theobald and Alex Tregear.

Sitcom by Chris Thompson and Peter Reynolds.

Producer Claire Jones

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b0090m9l)

Consumer news and issues with Sheila McClellon and Winifred Robinson.

WED 12:57 Weather (b0090m9m)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b0090m9n)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

WED 13:30 Britain in a Box (b0091t6t)

Series 3

Kittens or Bananas?

Rising Damp began as a play called The Banana Box, written by an auditor for the East Midlands Electricity Board, and had as its lead an actor who had never done TV comedy before.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b0090nmn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b0090rcf)

Kathryn Simmonds - Poetry for Beginners

Comedy drama by Kathryn Simmonds.

During a residential writing course deep in the Shropshire countryside, poetry gives rise to lustful urges, ruthless artistic ambition and simmering rivalries.

Celia Joanna Tope
Fran Emma Currie
William Crawford Logan
Moirra Ann Scott Jones
Nick Nick Farr

Directed by David Jackson Young.

WED 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b0090g5q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b0090mt7)

Stories from the Bath Literature Festival

Mathilda

By Hattie Naylor. Read by Alison Reid.

'I was born in the worst winter ever. It was said that the ground was so hard, the air so cold, the snow so thick, my heart froze the moment I was brought into the world. And then I was brought up by a cat.'

WED 15:45 Mine All Mine (b0090nb7)

My Music

Chris Ledgard looks at the global war over intellectual property. 3/5: My Music. The music industry has been revolutionised by the internet explosion.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b0090rcg)

Hoodies - City Planning

HOODIES

Laurie Taylor talks to criminologist Dr Jack Fawbert about a recent phenomenon and ensuing 'moral panic' generated by young people wearing hooded tops. What was it that made this simple piece of clothing into a symbol of fear? What was the effect of trying to ban 'hoodies' from public places? How did all the media attention affect the sales of hooded tops?

CITY PLANNING

Architectural historian and writer, Gavin Stamp and Ricky Burdett Centennial Professor in Architecture and Urbanism at the LSE discuss the traditional and futuristic notions of what makes a good city.

WED 16:30 Case Notes (b0090qvb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b0090ngh)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Including Weather at 5.57pm.

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0090ngj)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

WED 18:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b0090rch)

Series 1

Episode 2

John Lloyd and Bill Bailey host a panel show in which guests donate fascinating exhibits to a vast imaginary museum. With Ben Elton, Fran Beauman and Prof Gary Sheffield.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b0090nmr)

David is taking Ruth shopping - for a whole new outfit. They're both enthusiastic about the anaerobic digester scheme.

Brenda comes round to see Mike. She needs to tell him straight away that she's not at all happy about his plans for splitting the house with Roy and Hayley. Mike is surprised, and wonders why, and Brenda tries to explain. She doesn't have a permanent home - she's living in Tom's house really. Mike says there will always be a room for her at Willow Farm, and Brenda says that it won't be her room, so it won't be the same. She points out that Roy is getting a big advantage here, since it could be years until Brenda can afford a mortgage. Finally, Brenda admits that it's about even more than that. It's about her mum, too.

Mike is left with a quandary. He talks to Jolene about it in the pub, and when she complains about Lilian, he says she should take her own advice, and deal with it. Go ahead and ask her when she's leaving!

Episode written by Simon Frith.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b0090nms)

Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b0090nmt)

Black Narcissus

The New Chapel

Rumer Godden's tale of a group of nuns who establish a remote mission in the Himalayas. 3/5: The New Chapel. Christmas is approaching, but Mr Dean is having an unsettling effect.

WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b0090rcj)

Michael Buerk chairs a debate on the moral questions behind the week's news. Melanie Phillips, Michael Portillo, Clifford Longley and Sarah Dunant cross-examine witnesses.

WED 20:45 Lent Talks (b0090rck)

Mary Loudon

Well-known figures reflect on the story of Jesus from their own perspective. 3/6: Writer Mary Loudon challenges society's attitudes to mental illness.

WED 21:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b0090qmc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 21:30 Midweek (b0090qzj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b0090pzz)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b0090pzs)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b0090pzt)

Taking Pictures

Here's to Love

Taking Pictures: Short stories from Anne Enright's latest collection. 3/5: Here's to Love. An Irish expat living in Paris reflects on her life when she is visited by an old flame.

WED 23:00 Terry Pratchett (b010ns71)

Night Watch

Episode 1

Living in the past is hard. Dying in the past is incredibly easy.

Commander Sam Vimes of the City Watch falls through time and arrives in the city of his youth.

Terry Pratchett's Discworld novel dramatised in five parts by Robin Brooks.

Stars Philip Jackson as Sam Vimes, Carl Prekopp as Young Sam, Paul Ritter as Carcer, Peter Marinker as Willikins, Clare Corbett as Rosie, Sam Dale as Fred Colon, Ben Onwukwe as Dr Lawn and Matt Addis as Sergeant Knock.

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b0090pzz)

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Robert Orchard.

THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2008

THU 00:00 News and Weather (b0090h2x)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b0090m3l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0090h2y)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0090h2z)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service for a selection of news and current affairs, arts and science programmes. BBC Radio 4 resumes at 5.20am.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b0090z5m)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b0090h3l)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b0090h3z)

Daily prayer and reflection with Monsignor Tony Rogers.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b0090h33)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

THU 06:00 Today (b0090h34)

With Edward Stourton and Carolyn Quinn. Sports Desk at 6.25am, 7.25am, 8.25am; Yesterday in Parliament at 6.45am; Weather at 6.05am, 6.57am, 7.57am; Thought for the Day at 7.48am.

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b0090s0l)

Lear

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss King Lear. Around the turn of 1606, a group of London theatre-goers braved the plague to take in a new play by the well-known impresario, Mr William Shakespeare. Packed into the Globe Theatre, they were treated to a tale of violence, hatred and betrayal so upsetting that it thereafter languished among Shakespeare's less popular plays. The story of Lear - of a man who divides up his property and loses the love of a daughter - is an ancient and ultimately happy one. But in the hands of William Shakespeare it became a shocking and violent vision of a broken family in a godless universe. So shocking that after the playwright's death it was shunned and rewritten with a happy ending. Only in the 19th and 20th centuries did Shakespeare's bleak, experimental and disorientating drama attain the status it has now. But why did Shakespeare take a story from the deep history of Britain and make it so shockingly his own and when, from the Civil War to the Second World War, did this powerful and confusing tragedy emerge as Shakespeare's greatest? With Jonathan Bate, Professor of English Literature at the University of Warwick; Katherine Duncan-Jones, Tutorial Fellow in English at Somerville College, Oxford; Catherine Belsey, Research Professor in English at the University of Wales, Swansea

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b0090m33)

Sacre Cordon Bleu: What the French Know About Cooking

Episode 4

Sacre Cordon Bleu: Alex Lowe reads from Michael Booth's account of his French culinary education. 4/5: The students make their professional catering debut at the Musee d'Orsay.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b0090m34)

Ian Fleming: Gender Identity Disorder; Stopping Indian Domestic Violence

Ian Fleming's niece Lucy discusses the women behind the James Bond creator. Plus, author Jane Smiley on her career, and how should doctors treat children trapped in gender limbo?

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b0090s0m)

BBC foreign correspondents with the stories behind the world's headlines. Introduced by Kate Adie.

THU 11:30 Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow? (b008h3xl)

Tracey McLeod recalls the girl groups of the 1960s, an infectious genre of pop music and a vinyl source of inspiration for teenage girls.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b0090m9p)

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and John Waite.

THU 12:57 Weather (b0090m9q)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b0090m9r)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Open Country (b0090f6h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b0090nmr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b0090s0n)

Gandhi's Goat

By Matthew Coombes. Gandhi and Chaplin meet in London's East End in 1931. But the real cultural exchange is taking place between Anil and Emily, members of their respective entourages.

Emily Teresa Gallagher
Anil Zubin Varla
Newsreader/Receptionist Sam Dale

Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.

THU 15:00 Check Up (b0090s0p)

Fainting

Barbara Myers and her guest Professor Richard Sutton from St Mary's Hospital in Paddington answer callers' questions about fainting.

Fainting is part of a wider syndrome known as syncope - a temporary loss of consciousness due to a lack of blood supply to the brain. Fainting is the most common cause of syncope.

Although it seems dramatic, fainting is not considered dangerous by doctors. 50% of us will faint at some point during our lives.

The second most common cause of syncope is caused by a sudden loss of blood pressure whilst standing - this is usually caused by the side effect of a prescribed medicine, or by a fairly rare condition known as postural hypotension.

The third, and most worrying cause of syncope might be due to an underlying heart condition, a form of cardiac rhythm disturbance which may either mean the heart stops momentarily, or beats very fast and inefficiently.

Another cause of sudden loss of consciousness is epilepsy, and if patients suffer from frequent fainting it's important for doctors to discover whether it's epilepsy or syncope which is causing it.

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b0090g5d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b0090m8)

Stories from the Bath Literature Festival

Big Boys Don't Fly

4/5. Big Boys Don't Fly, by Paul Dodgson.

This is the story of a man who is stuck on the ground. He used to be able to fly, but he has forgotten about that now.

Read by Michael Maloney.

THU 15:45 Mine All Mine (b0090nb8)

My Pictures

Chris Ledgard looks at the global war over intellectual property. 4/5: My Pictures. Anyone with a broadband computer can now download and watch virtually any movie free of charge.

THU 16:00 Open Book (b0090g5t)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b0090s0q)

Fungi Exploitation - Electron Microscopes

Fungi Exploitation

Science is going back to basics ...We look at how more than 28,000 strains of fungus held in the UK's national collection are becoming the focus of research seeking new antibacterial drugs. The collection has great roots - it still holds an original sample of Sir Alexander Fleming's penicillin. Quentin Cooper is joined by Dr Joan Kelley, Executive Director Bioservices, CABI and Professor Peter Bramley, Head of the School of Biological Sciences Royal Holloway, University of London.

Electron Microscopes

We meet the scientists who are using the advances in microscopes used to make computer chips to explore the world of biological systems - at the atomic level. This new nano microscope technology is allowing scientists to move clusters of atoms while they actually look at them, and to create three dimensional images of biological systems ten thousands times smaller than the diameter of a human hair. Can this nano-vision help in the fight against some of the most dangerous diseases - like cancer? Quentin is joined by Dr Andy Bushby, Director of NanoVision Centre, Queen Mary, University of London and by Dr Lucy Collinson, Head of Electron Microscopy, London Research Institute, Cancer Research UK

THU 17:00 PM (b0090ngk)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Including Weather at 5.57pm.

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0090ngl)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

THU 18:30 Chain Reaction (b0090s0r)

Series 4

David Tennant interviews Richard Wilson

Who'd believe it! The Time Lord and the famous TV pensioner have a no-holds-barred relay race discussion.

Chain Reaction is the tag talk show with a twist where the guest becomes the interviewer in the next show.

Based on the original 1991 BBC Radio 5 programme of the same name, Chain Reaction is a simple idea of big name stars from the world of entertainment interviewing others whose work they appreciate and admire.

Recorded with an audience, the interviews focus on the life, career and the passions of the interviewee but often prove to be as revealing about the interviewer.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2008.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b0090nmv)

It's the slimming club, and Clarrie has lost her folder with everyone's records in it. She's very upset about it. She'll just have to see if everyone can remember what they weighed last time. Eddie is very put out not to be winner of the week this time - Kenton having made a special effort. After some puzzling behaviour, being extremely protective of his fleece, Eddie is revealed to have pockets full of weights - explaining his miraculous loss of exactly 2lbs each week. Clarrie is simply furious.

Lilian is still entrenched in the Bull, to the despair of Sid and especially Jolene. She orders expensive flowers for the restaurant, telling Jolene she's made it a regular weekly order from "her" florist. Jolene tackles her, and finds out to her horror that Lilian is not only planning to stay for the foreseeable future, but also intending to keep herself busy by staying involved in the business whatever happens. That's it, thinks Jolene. We've got to get her back together with Matt.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b0090nmw)

Arts news and reviews with John Wilson.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b0090nmx)

Black Narcissus

Departures

Rumer Godden's tale of a group of nuns who establish a remote mission in the Himalayas. 4/5: Departures. The harsh environment produces a crisis of faith among the nuns.

THU 20:00 Sovereign Funds: The New Wealth of Nations (b0090s0s)

Episode 2

The New Wealth of Nations: Michael Robinson investigates changes in global economic power as Middle East and Asian countries set up huge funds to buy into western companies (2/2).

THU 20:30 Analysis (b0090s0t)

India, the Reluctant Tiger

India, the Reluctant Tiger: Dr Zareer Masani travels to his homeland to discover if the new prosperity created by economic growth is filtering down to the mass of the population.

THU 21:00 Leading Edge (b0090s0v)

Altering the Climate and The Mary Rose

Grow your own Climate

Could analysing the particles inside raindrops and snowflakes allow us to alter the weather? Cindy Morris of the French Institute of Agronomy believes it just might.

Hair Today, Jail Tomorrow

Geoff speaks to researchers at the University of Utah who've found that the chemical make up of your hair can show where you've been. Their work could have important implications in the field of forensics.

Space Junk

Will space travel ever be safe? Marcus Chown ponders the real and increasing threat of space junk.

The Mary Rose

Raised from the seabed nearly thirty years ago, Henry VIII's favourite ship is a remarkable record of Tudor naval life. But preserving its artefacts needs the latest science, as Roland Pease reports.

Microscopic Engineering

Geoff visits scientists at Harvard University who've been working at the molecular and cellular level to develop "biohybrids". Among other things, these combinations of living and non-living tissue could be used to patch a hole in the heart or test new medicines.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b0090s0l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b0090pzw)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b0090pzx)

National and international news and analysis with Reeta Chakrabarti.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b0090pzy)

Taking Pictures

Until the Girl Died

Taking Pictures: Short stories from Anne Enright's latest collection. 4/5: Until the Girl Died. A woman is forced to confront the fact that her husband has been having an affair.

THU 23:00 One (b0090s0w)

Series 2

Episode 2

Sketch show written by David Quantick, featuring Graeme Garden, Johnny Daukes, Deborah Norton, Katie Maskell, Dan Antopolski, David Quantick, Andrew Crawford and Gavin Peacock.

THU 23:15 All Bar Luke (b00776jz)

Series 2

The Curry

Poignant comedy drama series by Tim Key. Luke's brother is badly hurt after a fight, but his mates won't leave until they have gone for an Indian.

THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b0090pzz)

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Sean Curran.

FRIDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2008**FRI 00:00 News and Weather (b0090h35)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b0090m33)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0090h36)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0090h37)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service for a selection of news and current affairs, arts and science programmes. BBC Radio 4 resumes at 5.20am.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b0090h38)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b0090h39)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b0090h3b)

Daily prayer and reflection with Monsignor Tony Rogers.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b0090h3c)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

FRI 06:00 Today (b0090h3d)

With John Humphrys and Edward Stourton. Sports Desk at 6.25am, 7.25am, 8.25am; Yesterday in Parliament at 6.45am; Weather at 6.05am, 6.57am, 7.57am; Thought for the Day at 7.48am.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b0090g5l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b0090m35)

Sacre Cordon Bleu: What the French Know About Cooking

Episode 5

Sacre Cordon Bleu: Alex Lowe reads from Michael Booth's account of his French culinary education. 5/5: Michael faces the Superior Cuisine exam, his toughest test yet.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b0090m36)

Dianne Lang on Saving Mandela's Children; Crime Writer Josephine Tey

Dianne Lang explains why she campaigns for the human rights of South African children. Plus, exploring the life of the twentieth century's leading crime writer Josephine Tey.

FRI 11:00 A Race Apart (b0090seg)

Sarfraz Manzoor talks to American students from two different universities who have opted for a racially segregated education, whether black or white.

FRI 11:30 Agatha Christie (b0090sch)

Crooked House

Episode 4

Joy Wilkinson's adaptation of Agatha Christie's novel.

Another murder has struck Three Gables, which means the case against Brenda and Laurence falls apart. The killer is still at large, and Josephine is still in danger.

Charles Rory Kinnear
Sophia Anna Maxwell Martin
Taverner Phil Davis
Josephine Grianne Dromgoole
Aunt Edith Judy Parfitt
Philip Ben Crowe
Magda Anna Chancellor
Roger Simon Treves
Clemency Rachel Sanders

Directed by Sam Hoyle.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b0090m9s)

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and Winifred Robinson.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b0090m9t)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b0090m9v)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b0090scj)

Roger Bolton airs listeners' views on BBC radio programmes and policy.

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b0090m9v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b0090sck)

Have your Cake

Unusual Christening Cake

Have Your Cake: Series of plays about a cake-making club. 6/6: Unusual Christening Cake, by Nicola Baldwin. Tess and Maggie are struggling with secrets that could change everything.

FRI 15:00 Shared Earth (b0090scl)

Series 4

Episode 3

Dylan Winter presents a topical magazine series celebrating the natural world and how to preserve it. He takes an in-depth look at land ownership.

FRI 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b0090mt9)

Stories from the Bath Literature Festival

Mrs Somerville's Garden

By Crysse Morrison.

Everyone in Mrs Somerville's family has an opinion on whether she should move from family home to sheltered accommodation. However, she has her own surprising view on the matter.

Read by Alison Reid.

FRI 15:45 Mine All Mine (b0090nb9)

My Words

Chris Ledgard looks at the global war over intellectual property. 5/5: My Words. Plagiarism has become a nightmare for teachers, publishers and journalists.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b0090scm)

Matthew Bannister presents the obituary series, analysing and celebrating the life stories of people who have recently died.

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b0090scn)

Eric Bana, the Australian star of The Hulk and Chopper on acting in different accents and why doing stand-up comedy is good preparation for being a screen actor.

Justin Chadwick, the director of The Other Boleyn Girl on keeping it real.

Matthew Sweet looks at the cult documentary The London Nobody Knows starring James Mason and 60s London.

Simon Miller talks about making the first contemporary movie filmed in the Gaelic language, Seachd.

Poet Simon Barraclough's Hitchcock inspired poem A Tall Story About A Pushover.

FRI 17:00 PM (b0090ngm)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Including Weather at 5.57pm.

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0090ngn)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

FRI 18:30 The News Quiz (b0090sep)

Series 64

Episode 8

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. Panellists are Justin Edwards, Mark Steel, Andy Hamilton and Phill Jupitus.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b0090nmy)

Visiting Home Farm, Peggy she can see straight away that all is not well. Jennifer tells her about Brian's plans for the farm and Ruairi. Peggy thinks it's a dreadful thing to do. She tells Jennifer to stand up for herself and be strong. She should tell him the farm should go to Adam and Debbie. Jennifer still has a few cards left, and she should play them.

Sid and Jolene have worked out a plan to get Matt and Lilian back together. Jolene goes to see Matt, who is one over the eight at Grey Gables. She tells him there's too much pride at stake, and neither he nor Lilian will make the first move. She suggests he write Lilian a letter explaining how he feels, and practically dictates it to him. Matt goes along with it at first, but then loses patience and crumples it up. Jolene rescues the letter from the bin.

Now all they have to do is get a page of Lilian's diary. Sid is very reluctant, but then a huge sign arrives, which Lilian has ordered. It says "Lilian, Sid and Jolene welcome you to The Bull at Ambridge". That does it for Sid. Jolene wins. They'll get the diary.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b0090nmz)

Arts news and reviews with John Wilson.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b0090nn0)

Black Narcissus

The Belfry

Rumer Godden's tale of a group of nuns who establish a remote mission in the Himalayas. 5/5: The Belfry. The local people lose their faith in the nuns when a child dies.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b0090scq)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion from Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. Panellists include Ed Husain, Stephen Timms, Justine Greening and Lembit Opik.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b0090scr)

A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Prof David Cannadine.

FRI 21:00 Friday Drama (b0090scs)

Bad Dad

Bad Dad: Comedy by Colin Hough. Twenty years ago, Adam was a prolific sperm donor. Due to an administrative error, he suddenly becomes the proud patriarch of a very extended family.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b0090q00)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b0090q01)

National and international news and analysis with Peter Dobbie. Including reports on Serb unrest in Kosovo, a threatened Israeli

incursion into Gaza and keeping the kilt Scottish.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b0090q02)

Taking Pictures

Della

Taking Pictures: Short stories from Anne Enright's collection.
5/5: Della. She has not spoken to her irritating neighbour for decades, until she realises that he is going blind.

FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b0090qv6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b0090q03)

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Mark D'Arcy.