

SATURDAY 01 MARCH 2008**SAT 00:00 News and Weather (b0091ttt)**

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

SAT 00:30 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.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0091ttv)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0091ttw)

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 (b0091ttx)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b0091tty)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b0091ttz)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Mary Stallard.

SAT 05:45 Macbeth Remixed (b007vyp9)

Macbeth - Tyrant or Treasure?

Was the legendary Macbeth a murdering monster, bloody tyrant and paranoid thief of the throne or generous and popular king who ruled a happy Scotland for 17 years?

If you think you know all about him, then think again as the real Macbeth comes back to life to help sort fact from the more familiar Shakespearean fiction.

Liam Brennan stars as MacBeth with members of The National Theatre of Scotland.

Producer: Pennie Latin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b0091tm0)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b0091tm1)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b0091tm2)

Countryside magazine. Matt Baker meets Richard and Jason Clarke, who operate the last fishing boat working out of Great Yarmouth.

SAT 06:35 Farming Today This Week (b0091tm3)

Rural magazine programme with Charlotte Smith.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b0091tm4)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b0091tm5)

With John Humphrys and Edward Stourton. 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 (b0091tm6)

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. Presenter Muriel Gray is joined by bestselling author Louise Rennison.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b0091tm7)

Sea Travel

SEA TRAVEL

John McCarthy gets on board the ss Great Britain, the world's first steam-powered, propeller-driven ship, now restored as a

museum in Bristol. It is the winner of numerous awards and the Dockyard Museum charts the history of Brunel's masterpiece.

John is joined by Matthew Tanner, Nancy Chambers and Captain Chris Young from the ss Great Britain Trust; Cruise ship captain Alistair McLundie; Martyn Heighton, Head of National Historic Ships and Alec Lewis, Director of fundraising for the Waverley Steam Navigation Company; to hear how this first ever luxury ocean liner transformed the way people travelled, as its speed enabled the development of tourism by sea.

John discovers that although modern passenger sea travel is flourishing it is almost entirely in the leisure market, whether for cruises or day trips.

SAT 10:30 Please Look After This Bear (b0091tm8)

Author Michael Bond's wellington-clad bear was found at Paddington Station and was thus named by the Brown family after the busy London terminus.

To celebrate Paddington's 50th birthday in 2008 - BBC Radio 4 left 50 bears wearing the label "Please Look After This Bear" hidden in train stations all over Britain for people to find and to take home.

Children's author Michael Morpurgo talks to these "finders" to hear what Paddington Bear has meant to them. He hears from creator Michael Bond about the bear's enduring appeal and also unravels the story of the first soft toy Paddington Bear, made by Top Gear presenter Jeremy Clarkson's mother Shirley.

Produced by Laura Parfitt.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b0091tm9)

A look behind the scenes at Westminster.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b0091tmb)

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

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b0091tmc)

With Paul Lewis. Including features on the reported end for easy credit, the challenges faced by soldiers to prove credit-worthiness when buying a home, and the best ISA deals.

SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b0090scp)

Series 64

Episode 8

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

SAT 12:57 Weather (b0091tmd)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News Headlines (b0091tmf)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 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.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b0091tmg)

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 (b0091tmh)

Missing Dates

Missing Dates, by Simon Gray. Brothers Michael and Jason vie with each other for the attention of Anita, but what is it that she wants?

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b0091tmj)

With Jane Garvey. Including features on maternal ambivalence, eating disorders, sanitary protection choices, Ian Fleming's women and taking care of South Africa's abused children.

SAT 17:00 Saturday PM (b0091tml)

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

SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b0091tmm)

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 (b0091tmn)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b0091tmp)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0091tmq)

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

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b0091tmr)

Clive Anderson presents an eclectic mix of conversation, comedy and music. He is joined by investigative journalist Tom Mangold, actress Michelle Collins and comedian Omid Djalili.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b0091tms)

Michelle Obama

Series of profiles of people who are currently making headlines.

Colleagues and friends discuss Michelle Obama's influence on her husband's campaign and trace her journey from a childhood in working-class Chicago to the brink of the White House.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b0091tmt)

Hanif Kureishi's Something To Tell You, Nicole Kidman in Margot At The Wedding

Margot At The Wedding

Nicole Kidman and Jennifer Jason Leigh star as the sisters at the core of a highly dysfunctional family in this film from Noah Baumbach.

The Vortex

Written when he was only 23, Noel Coward's controversial play about sex and drugs shocked the censor and stormed the west end in 1924 making him an overnight star. Peter Hall has directed this revival starring Felicity Kendal as the glamorous socialite Florence Lancaster and Dan Stevens as her tortured son Nicky - the role Coward wrote for himself.

Banksy

Banksy's graffiti artwork can be seen not only on the streets of London and Bristol but also in Berlin and the West Bank.

Although Banksy's true identity is unknown he has always called himself an art terrorist. Now a Knightsbridge gallery is exhibiting his work and the prices paid for his work have shot up astronomically in the last few months. Has he sold out to commercialism?

Something To Tell You

Hanif Kureishi's new book follows the fortunes of a successful middle-aged psychoanalyst who is reflecting on his coming-of-age in 1970s suburbia and his first love and on a brutal act of violence from which he can never escape.

Something To Tell You is published by Faber and Faber

The White Season

BBC 2's new season of programmes explores what it's like to be white and working class in modern Britain. The season opens with Last Orders, a documentary film about a Working Men's Club in the Bradford suburb of Wibsey which is losing membership and going downhill fast.

Also in the season is White Girl, a drama by Abi Morgan (Sex Traffic) starring Anna Maxwell Martin. The story focuses on a dysfunctional white family who, when they relocate to Bradford, find themselves living in an entirely Muslim community. Eleven year Leah makes friends with the Muslim girl next door and is attracted to the ordered existence her friend leads. She decides to emulate her friend and starts to wear a hijab.

SAT 20:00 The Archive Hour (b0091tmv)

The Larkin Tapes

The Larkin Tapes: Paul Farley tells the extraordinary story of two tapes by poet Philip Larkin which remained hidden on a cluttered shelf in a garage for 25 years.

SAT 21:00 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.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b0091tmw)

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SAT 22:15 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.

SAT 23:00 The Garden Quiz (b0090mg6)

Episode 8

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

SAT 23:30 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.

SUNDAY 02 MARCH 2008

SUN 00:00 News and Weather (b0091xyq)

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SUN 00:30 Manchester Crime Wave (b00770x0)

Snorting Charlie

Crime stories set in Manchester. 3/5: Snorting Charlie, written and read by Mike Harding. Tommy is a member of the Villains Association for the Creation of Work for Policemen.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0091xyr)

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SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b0091xyv)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b0091xyw)

The sound of church bells from St John's in Bollington, Cheshire.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b0091tms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Briefing (b0091xyx)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b0091xyy)

Being Mum

Being Mum: On this Mothering Sunday, Fergal Keane considers some of the aspects of being a good mother.

SUN 06:35 Living World (b0091xyz)

Mud Matters

Mud Matters: Lionel Kelleway explores the Wash, the largest expanse of mudflats in the UK and a mecca for over 300,000 migrating wader birds every year.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b0091xz0)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b0091xz1)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b0091xz2)

Roger Bolton and guests discuss the religious and ethical news of the week.

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b0091xz3)

Krishnan Guru-Murthy appeals on behalf of Homeless International. Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b0091xz4)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b0091xz5)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b0091xz6)

Pathways of Prayer: The Sacramental Tradition

Pathways of Prayer: Lent series exploring six strands of Christian spirituality. The Sacramental Tradition, from St David's Cathedral in Pembrokeshire.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b0090scr)

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

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b0091xz7)

News and conversation about the big stories of the week with Paddy O'Connell.

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b0091xz8)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b0091xz9)

Michael Ball

Kirsty Young's castaway this week is the actor and singer Michael Ball. For more than 20 years he's been the West End's leading man - winning stacks of awards, building a hugely successful recording career and attracting a large and loyal army of fans.

He was a teenage drop-out, but when a teacher encouraged him to go to drama school he suddenly realised what he wanted to do. Success seemed to come easily to him and he quickly took on leading roles in Les Miserables, Aspects of Love and Phantom of the Opera. But at one point he feared he would have to abandon his career; he was on stage performing in Les Miserables when he suffered his first panic attack. They became so severe that he could barely leave his flat and he hated the thought of anyone looking at him. He shut himself away for nearly a year as he tried to work out what was wrong with him and overcome his anxieties.

In Desert Island Discs he describes how he managed to return to the stage - and reveals the role his partner, Cathy McGowan, has played in rebuilding his confidence.

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

avourite track: Sailing By by Ronald Binge
Book: The Sandman series by Neil Gaiman
Luxury: Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc from the Marlborough district of New Zealand.

SUN 12:00 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.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b0091xzb)

New Covent Garden and Rungis

As New Covent Garden market looks to reinvent itself along the lines of Rungis in Paris, Sheila Dillon crosses the Channel to explore what makes a capital food market successful.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b0091xzc)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b0091xzd)

A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

SUN 13:30 The Price of Peace (b0091xzf)

Dealing with Gerry

John Ware examines the events which led up to the signing of the Good Friday peace agreement in Northern Ireland. 1/3: Dealing with Gerry. He looks at the part played by Sinn Fein.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b0091xzg)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum. Chris Beardshaw, Bob Flowerdew and Anne Swithinbank are guests of Chipping Sodbury WI in Gloucestershire.

SUN 14:45 The Drawings on the Wall (b0091xzh)

Architecture of Death

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

George and fellow archaeologist Adam Stanford document the Neolithic carvings at Barclodiad y Gawres on Anglesey and make a tantalising discovery on the mainland. But what does all this prehistoric graffiti mean?

Producer: Chris Eldon Lee

A Culture Wise production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b0091xzi)

Fortunes of War

Episode 6

Fortunes of War: Lin Coghlan's sweeping new dramatisation of Olivia Manning's classic war novels. 6/6: The immediate threat of war has receded, but life is still not safe in Egypt.

SUN 16:00 Bookclub (b0091xzk)

William Hague

James Naughtie and an audience of readers are joined by William Hague to discuss his biography of William Pitt the Younger, who became the youngest ever prime minister in 1783.

SUN 16:30 Freedom Song (b008q0sr)

Tony Phillips tells the story of a memorable performance.

On 9th April 1939, 75,000 concert-goers heard African-American contralto Marian Anderson give a solo recital at the Lincoln Memorial. Across America, millions more listened to the live radio broadcast. Yet Anderson was a victim of racism, barred from Constitution Hall, the largest indoor location in Washington DC, because of her colour.

Contributors include historian John Hope Franklin, concert organiser Dorothy Height, Prof Allan Keiler, soprano Barbara Hendricks and Harry Belafonte.

Music includes Schubert's Liebesbotschaft and Ave Maria.

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b0090qv8)

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

SUN 17:40 Profile (b0091tms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b0091xzl)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b0091xzm)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0091xzn)

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

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b0091xzo)

A selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b0091xzq)

Sid and Jolene plot how to get hold of Lilian's diary to find a love-sick passage they can show to Matt. They decide the only way to do it is for Sid to sneak into Lilian's room to locate a suitable page while Lilian's downstairs serving customers. Sid manages to retrieve a page successfully, even though Lilian catches Sid in her room - but she believes him when he

mumbles he was just checking her radiators. Jolene's pleased. All they need to do now is find a way of getting it to Matt.

Jennifer tells Adam that the inheritance issue has got to be sorted out. She's chuffed to get a Mother's Day gift from Adam but less so when Brian presents her with Ruairi's card and present. Things are tense between Adam and Brian and when Adam heads off to get away, Jennifer snaps at Brian that she's not even allowed to spend time with her son on Mother's Day.

Later Jennifer tells Brian that by treating her children so badly, he's forcing her to change how she feels about Ruairi. When Brian tells her she's blackmailing him, Jennifer says she's no longer sure she can give Ruairi the love that he needs.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b0091xzz)

Barney Harwood presents the children's magazine. He talks to Terry Deary, author of the Kingfisher trilogy, about ancient Greek myths.

SUN 19:45 A Brush with Fame (b007711q)

Dinah

Stories exploring with wit and humour the way we all react to a glancing encounter with fame. 3/5: Dinah, written and read by Maureen Lipman.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b0090scj)

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

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b0090scm)

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

SUN 21:00 Money Box (b0091tmc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b0091xz3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 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.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b0091xzs)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b0091xzt)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including at 1 **0.45pm** Bugging the Nats: The SNP and MI5.

SUN 23:00 The Learning Curve (b0090nth)

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

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b0091xyy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 03 MARCH 2008

MON 00:00 News and Weather (b0091zpg)

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

MON 00:15 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.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b0091xyw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0091zph)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0091zpj)

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 (b0091zpk)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b0091zpl)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b0091zn2)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Mary Stallard.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b0091zpm)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

MON 05:57 Weather (b0091zpn)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b0091zpp)

With Sarah Montague and Edward Stourton. Including Sports Desk at **6.25am**, **7.25am**, **8.25am**; Weather at **6.05am**, **6.57am**, **7.57am**; Thought for the Day at **7.48am**.

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b0091zpq)

Andrew Marr's guests are Louis de Bernieres, who discusses his new book *The Partisan's Daughter*, Samantha Power, an advisor to Barack Obama, Nassim Nicholas Taleb and Ronan Bennett.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b0091ztz)

My Father's Country

Episode 1

My Father's Country: Wibke Bruhns's chronicle of the life of her father. 1/5: This family history offers an insight into the experience of being German during a turbulent century.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b0091ztl)

Virginity; Petite Anglaise Blogger

How important is virginity to British Asians? Plus blogger Catherine Sanderson, aka Petite Anglaise, who has sued for wrongful dismissal, and is it all over for Hillary Clinton?

MON 11:00 Cleaning Out the Camp (b007qwyc)

Episode 2

Second of two programmes in which Eddie Mair investigates the attitude and policy of the armed services towards homosexuality over the past 60 years.

MON 11:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b017srss)

Series 2

Taffy Jones - Protector of the Universe

With war imminent, the production relocates to Wales, but is it safer?

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 Jon Glover
Keith Wood Sam Pamphilon
Mr Thomas Ben Crowe
Tannoy Laura Molyneux
Porter Peter Marinker

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on Radio 4 in February 2008.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00926gg)

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and John Waite.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00926gh)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00926gj)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

MON 13:30 The Garden Quiz (b009223w)

Episode 9

Anna Ford chairs a quiz to find the best all-round amateur garden expert in the country. The first of the semi-finals comes from the Garden Room at Hampton Court Palace.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b0091xzq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b009223x)

New Metamorphoses

Zeus and Semele

New Metamorphoses: Contemporary reworkings of tales by Ovid. 1/5: Zeus and Semele, by Sebastian Baczkiewicz. A paparazzo is welcomed into the glamorous world he feeds on.

MON 15:00 Money Box Live (b009223y)

Vincent Duggleby 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 (b0092288)

Liverpool Locations

Claire with Fair Hair

Stories by writers with a Liverpool connection. 1/5: Claire with Fair Hair, by Beryl Bainbridge. A boy goes for elocution lessons and finds himself in another world.

MON 15:45 The FBI at 100 (b00926db)

In the Beginning

Tom Mangold presents a history of the first 100 years of the FBI. 1/10: In the Beginning. The Bureau is born in 1908.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b0091xzb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b00926dh)

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 (b00926gk)

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

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00926gl)

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

MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b00926gm)

Series 52

Episode 9

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game from the Corn Exchange, King's Lynn. Panellists include Gyles Brandreth, Janey Godley, Tony Hawks and Kit Hesketh-Harvey.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00926ll)

David and Ruth thank Heather for her help as she leaves for Prudhoe. Later, bored Ruth decides to hose down the parlour but pulls something in her stomach. Fortunately David turns up and takes her back to the house, joking that he's going to have to lock her in the house to keep her out of mischief.

Sid goes to the Dower House under the pretext of collecting some things for Lilian with the page from her diary inside a list of items for collection. To plan, the page drops out and Matt, seeing Lilian's heartfelt words, heads straight over to the Bull.

Meanwhile Lilian gets Matt's letter saying he wants her back. As she's about to go to see Matt, he arrives at the Bull. Sid and Jolene sneak off to leave them to it, although they can't help peeking through a crack in the door to see what unfolds. Matt and Lilian say how much they've missed each other. When Lilian mentions his letter, Matt realises what Jolene and Sid have done, but brushes it aside. He and Lilian declare their love for each other. As Lilian finally leaves the Bull, Jolene and Sid can't believe it - they've got their home back!

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00927c6)
Arts news and reviews.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00927c7)
Writing the Century

Episode 1

Vanessa Rosenthal explores the 20th century through real correspondence. 1/5: Keep the Home Fires Burning. Britain stands on the brink of the First World War.

MON 20:00 1968: Rivers of Blood: The Real Source (b00927c8)

The Real Source: Rob Shepherd recalls Enoch Powell's 'Rivers of Blood' speech of 1968, one of the most explosive in living memory by a British politician.

MON 20:30 The Learning Curve (b00927c9)

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

MON 21:00 Bridging the Morphine Gap (b00927cb)

Mukti Jain Campion asks why, despite producing most of the world's medical morphine, India's own people have virtually no access to it.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b0091zpq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00928bv)
The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00928bw)

With Ritula Shah. Including reports on Condoleezza Rice's visit to Israel, the future for European relations with Russia and tomorrow's primaries in Ohio and Texas.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00928bx)
Arabella

Episode 1

Arabella: Georgette Heyer's comic romance set in the Regency period. 1/10: Arabella Tallant, daughter of a Yorkshire vicar, is invited by her godmother to London for the season.

MON 23:00 A Charles Paris Mystery (b0019tmp)
Sicken and So Die

Episode 1

Charles has a role in Twelfth Night, but could this comedy turn into a tragedy? Bill Nighy stars as Simon Brett's actor-cum-sleuth.

MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00928by)

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Susan Hulme.

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News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

TUE 06:00 Today (b0091znb)

With James Naughtie and Sarah Montague. 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**.

TUE 09:00 What's the Point of...? (b00928gd)

Series 1

The Archbishop of Canterbury

1/4: The Archbishop of Canterbury. Quentin Letts takes a witty but thought-provoking look at some great British institutions.

TUE 09:30 The Jam Generation (b0093348)

Episode 2

Anne McElvoy on the growing influence of children of the 1980s in politics. 2/2: Contributors include David Miliband, David Cameron, Nick Clegg, Yvette Cooper and George Osborne.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b0091ztm)

My Father's Country

Episode 2

My Father's Country: Wibke Bruhns's chronicle of the life of her father. 2/5: Returning to civilian life after the First World War, Wibke's father meets his future wife.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b0091ztn)

Viagra: Life in a Political Family; Placing a Baby in Care

How much of the Viagra publicity was just hype? Plus Melissa Benn on her political family, and Julia Hollander on placing her severely brain damaged child in permanent care.

TUE 11:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b0092hyt)

Great Animal Migrations: Philippa Forrester and Brett Westwood present the series following the movement and migration of animals across the planet.

TUE 11:30 In Search of Tristan (b0092hyv)

Twm Morys explores the legend of Tristan and Isolde, one of the world's most enduring love stories. Immortalised by Richard Wagner in his 1865 opera, the story predates this by over 1,000 years. Wagner based his text on medieval sources, which themselves derive from a much earlier oral tradition.

TUE 12:00 Call You and Yours (b00920yb)

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and Peter White.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00920yc)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00920yd)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

TUE 13:30 Ken Clarke's Jazz Greats (b0092hyw)

Series 6

Jelly Roll Morton

Former chancellor Ken Clarke profiles great jazz musicians of the 20th century.

1/4. He talks to pianist and bandleader Keith Nichols to explore the life and music of Jelly Roll Morton, one of the most colourful characters in jazz.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00926li)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b0092byx)

New Metamorphoses

Echo and Narcissus

New Metamorphoses: Contemporary reworkings of tales by Ovid. 2/5: Echo and Narcissus, by Hattie Naylor. Determined to get into shape, Mat joins his local gym.

TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b0092byy)

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

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b009228l)

Liverpool Locations

The Prisoners

Stories by writers with a Liverpool connection. 2/5: The Prisoners, by Dinesh Allirajah. A chance meeting at the Prisoners statue causes Ruby to see things very differently.

TUE 15:45 The FBI at 100 (b0092vc9)

Don't Shoot G Man Don't Shoot

Tom Mangold presents a history of the first 100 years of the FBI. 2/10: Don't Shoot G Man Don't Shoot. J Edgar Hoover takes on the big gangsters of the thirties.

TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b0092byz)

Pre-Nuptial Agreements

Clive Coleman looks at the legal issues in the news. As courts take more notice of pre-nuptial agreements, he asks if they are now essential for everyone, however wealthy.

TUE 16:30 A Good Read (b0092bz0)

Mishal Husain and David Hepworth

Kate Mosse and her guests - BBC news presenter, Mishal Husain and magazine publisher, David Hepworth - discuss books by Willa Cather, Nadeem Aslam and PG Wodehouse.

My Antonia by Willa Cather

Publisher: Virago

Maps for Lost Lovers by Nadeem Aslam

Publisher: Faber

Weekend Wodehouse by PG Wodehouse

Publisher: Pimlico

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00926f0)

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

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00926f1)

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

TUE 18:30 Rudy's Rare Records (b00nvzyv)

Series 1

Roots Manoeuvres

Now all living crammed above an old record store in Birmingham, Grandad Rudy, father Adam and son Richie collide over a local history exhibition.

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

Adam Sharpe Lenny Henry

Richie Sharp Joe Jacobs

Rudy Sharpe Larrington Walker

Doreen Claire Benedict
 Jamelia/Tasha Natasha Godfrey
 Clifton Jeffery Kissoon
 Alison Tracy-Ann Oberman
 Francis Michael Fenton Stevens
 Customers Colin Houlit/Doc Brown

Producer: Lucy Armitage.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00926lm)

As he catches Roy excitedly measuring up Willow Farm, Mike says he needs a word. But before he can, Brenda arrives. Seeing Roy's plans, she bitterly thanks them for taking her feelings so seriously. Brenda and Roy end up arguing, neither capable of seeing the other's point of view. When Brenda walks out Mike explains to Roy that the real reason Brenda doesn't want the house to change is because it's the only connection she's got left with her mother.

Repentant Roy apologises to Brenda but then upsets her further when he says Betty wouldn't have wanted them to live in a mausoleum and that he still wants to divide the house up. Brenda asks him to leave.

Eddie notices that Bert's a bit down. Bert explains that since Freda's lost a lot of weight at the slimming club she's been taking more care of her appearance. Eddie jokingly warns Bert that it can only mean one thing - there must be a man she wants to impress. Later, over a pint, Eddie bemoans his healthy diet, Bert worries about Freda straying and Mike regrets offering to divide his house. Kenton comments that he's feeling depressed now - and he came to the pub to be cheered up!

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00926ln)

Arts news and reviews.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00926lp)

Writing the Century

Episode 2

Vanessa Rosenthal explores the 20th century through real correspondence. 2/5: Keep the Home Fires Burning. Lloyd George becomes Minister of Munitions.

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b0092bz2)

As the government devolves more responsibilities to England's nine Regional Development Agencies, Allan Urry investigates their performance.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b0092bz3)

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

TUE 21:00 Am I Normal? (b0092bz4)

Series 4

Shyness

Vivienne Parry continues her quest to find out what is normal.

She investigates social anxiety and asks if shyness is being rebranded as a mental illness.

TUE 21:30 What's the Point of...? (b00928gd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b009281s)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b009281t)

With Ritula Shah. Including reports on Condoleezza Rice's Middle East trip and today's primaries which could determine the Democrat candidate for the US presidential election.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b009281v)

Arabella

Episode 2

Arabella: Georgette Heyer's comic romance set in the Regency period. 2/10: The stagecoach journey to London proves more eventful than the travellers expect. Read by Celia Imrie.

TUE 23:00 William Burroughs: Nothing Is True, Everything Is Permitted (b0092bz5)

Performance artist and singer Laurie Anderson profiles one of the most extraordinary writers and thinkers of the 20th century, William Burroughs - a leading figure of the 40s Beat Generation and author of Naked Lunch.

TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b009281w)

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with David Wilby.

WEDNESDAY 05 MARCH 2008

WED 00:00 News and Weather (b0091znc)

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b0091ztm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0091znd)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0091zmf)

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 (b0091zng)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b0091znh)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b0091znj)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Mary Stallard.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b0091znk)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

WED 06:00 Today (b0091znl)

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.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b0092db1)

Lively and diverse conversation.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b0092xpw)

My Father's Country

Episode 3

My Father's Country: Wibke Bruhns's chronicle of the life of her father. 3/5: Wibke finds the 1930s both terrifying and shameful.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b0091ztq)

Mary Magdalene; Women in Silent Comedy; Seeking Help

How much do we really know about the real Mary Magdalene? Plus, how to ask for help, the scandalous lives of silent comedy stars, and the female tailor Imtaz Khaliq on male suits.

WED 11:00 In Living Memory (b009kjhb)

Series 7

Myxomatosis

Chris Ledgard recalls the outbreak of the early 1950s which almost wiped out the country's entire rabbit population, to the consternation of animal lovers but to the relief of farmers desperate to protect their crops.

WED 11:30 Potting On (b00ksx62)

Taking a Break

Pam decides she wants to go on an exciting adventure holiday, but Gordon would much prefer the usual caravanning.

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

centre and growing older...

Sitcom by Chris Thompson and Peter Reynolds.

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 March 2008.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00920yf)

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and Sheila McClennon.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00920yg)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00920yh)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

WED 13:30 Britain in a Box (b007749p)

Series 3

Welcome Aboard

Introduced in 1957, The Six Five Special was Britain's first rock 'n' roll programme, introducing the acts who would become the foundation of British popular music.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b009261m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b0092dbp)

New Metamorphoses

Myrrha

New Metamorphoses: Contemporary reworkings of tales by Ovid. 3/5: Myrrha, by Colin Teevan. Left in a plastic bag as a baby, 16-year-old Myrrha is in the grip of a terrible passion.

WED 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b0091xzg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b0092282)

Liverpool Locations

I Saw Her Standing There

Stories by writers with a Liverpool connection. 3/5: I Saw Her Standing There, by Ray Connolly. A man derives inspiration from a romantic liaison at the Cavern Club 40 years ago.

WED 15:45 The FBI at 100 (b00926ss)

A Good War

Tom Mangold presents a history of the first 100 years of the FBI. 3/10: A Good War. FBI agents forestall the Nazi threat in their own homeland and take the fight to South America.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b0092dkm)

Mass Collaboration - Free Trade

MASS COLLABORATION

In late July 2004 the closing frames of cinema advertisements for Halo 2, the sci-fi computer game, a website address - www.ilovebees.com - flickered across the screen. Over the following few days Halo fans and others intrigued by the address visited the website, which appeared to belong to an amateur bee-keeper called Margaret, who had gone missing. Her honey-based recipes had been replaced by 210 global positioning system co-ordinates. In the ensuing four months in an act of mass collaboration 600,000 individuals came together and set out to solve the mystery surrounding Margaret's disappearance using blogs, bulletin boards, websites and instant messaging groups. Laurie Taylor is joined by the writer Charles Leadbeater to discuss this phenomenon, which he called We-Think and to explain how it could come to dominate the way in which people think, play, work and create, together, en masse, in the real world - not just online.

FREE TRADE

Professor Frank Trentmann, author of Free Trade Nation and Peter Cain, Research Professor in History at Sheffield Hallam

University debate the part that 'free trade' has played in development of the British national psyche.

WED 16:30 Am I Normal? (b0092bz4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b00926f2)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Including Weather at **5.57pm**.

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00926f3)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

WED 18:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b0092dkn)
Series 1

Episode 3

John Lloyd and Bill Bailey host a panel show in which guests donate fascinating exhibits to a vast imaginary museum. With Arthur Smith, Ronald Hutton and Frank Close.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00926lq)
Nic struggles to look after Mia, Jake and George when Will is called out unexpectedly to the shoot. She bumps into Helen at the village shop and tells her about her first driving lesson that evening. Helen says she'll call round to Nic's for a drink after the lesson. When she goes, George starts playing up and stressed Nic bundles him roughly into his buggy just as Ed arrives. When he asks what's going on, Nic says they're fine and heads off. Later he worries to Jazzer about the way Nic was treating George. Even though Jazzer tells him not to worry, Ed thinks something's not quite right.

In the absence of Adam, irritated Brian asks Jazzer to help put up the lambing pens. Things are tense later, when resentful Brian is doing the jobs he thinks Adam couldn't be bothered to do - but Jennifer reminds him Adam's busy too. Brian protests when she then asks him to look after Ruairi. She's got some work she wants to do on the village website. When she says she's taking Peggy shopping tomorrow morning, he's even more irritated - he can't be expected to do everything. Ignoring him, Jennifer excuses herself and Brian's left feeling flummoxed.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00926lr)
Arts news and reviews.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00926ls)
Writing the Century

Episode 3

Vanessa Rosenthal explores the 20th century through real correspondence. 3/5: Keep the Home Fires Burning. Lloyd George's political star remains on the rise.

WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b0092dkp)
Michael Buerk chairs a debate on the moral questions behind the week's news. Melanie Phillips, Ian Hargreaves, Claire Fox and Clifford Longley cross-examine witnesses.

WED 20:45 Lent Talks (b0092dkq)
Clive Stafford Smith

Well-known figures reflect on the story of Jesus from their own perspective. 4/6: Human rights lawyer Clive Stafford Smith has represented prisoners on death row.

WED 21:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b0092byt)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 21:30 Midweek (b0092dbl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b009281x)
The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b009281y)
National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b009281z)

Arabella

Episode 3

Arabella: Georgette Heyer's comic romance set in the Regency period. 3/10: Mr Beaumaris's supper may be hot and delicious, but his manner is cold. Read by Celia Imrie.

WED 23:00 Terry Pratchett (b010nyk4)
Night Watch

Episode 2

Chasing a villain called Carcer, Commander Sam Vimes of the City Watch has been thrown back in time. The Old Watch are a lack-lustre bunch and they've taken him prisoner.

Terry Pratchett's Discworld novel dramatised by Robin Brooks.

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

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b0092820)
News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Sean Curran.

THURSDAY 06 MARCH 2008

THU 00:00 News and Weather (b0091zmn)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b0092xpw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0091zmn)
The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0091znp)
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 (b0091zmq)
The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b0091znr)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b0091zns)
Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Mary Stallard.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b0091znt)
News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

THU 06:00 Today (b0091zmv)
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**.

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b0092j0x)
Ada Lovelace

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss the 19th century mathematician Ada Lovelace. Deep in the heart of the Pentagon is a network of computers. They control the US military, the most powerful army on the planet, but they are controlled by a programming language called Ada. It's named after Ada Lovelace, the allegedly hard drinking 19th century mathematician and daughter of Lord Byron. In her work with Charles Babbage on a steam driven calculating machine called the Difference Engine, Ada understood, perhaps before anyone else, what a computer might truly be. As such the Difference Engine is the spiritual ancestor of the modern computer.

Ada Lovelace has been called many things - the first computer programmer and a prophet of the computer age - but most poetically perhaps by Babbage himself as an 'enchantress of

numbers'.

With Patricia Fara, Senior Tutor at Clare College, Cambridge; Doron Swade, Visiting Professor in the History of Computing at Portsmouth University; John Fuegi, Visiting Professor in Biography at Kingston University.

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b0091ztr)
My Father's Country

Episode 4

My Father's Country: Wibke Bruhns's chronicle of the life of her father. 4/5: As Wibke's sister is preparing to marry, her mother makes a discovery that puts her future in jeopardy.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b0091zts)
Maxine Peake on The Children's Hour; Missing People

Maxine Peake and Charlotte Emerson discuss Lillian Hellman's controversial play. Plus, the lack of support given to families of missing people, and the cross country dog run.

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b0092j0y)
BBC foreign correspondents with the stories behind the world's headlines. Introduced by Kate Adie.

THU 11:30 The Poet Unwound (b0092j0z)
Steve Punt explores the history of the spleen both as a medical organ and as a poetic metaphor and goes on a quest in search of the modern spleen and its poetic descendants. He talks to poets, medics and other spleen-users. He needs to find out if unhappy writing can survive the medical advance of the spleen. He meets the new miserabilists who have inherited the vile and bile of the spleen lovers. He tries to investigate the true meaning of the ideas behind the spleen's traditional use. Is it, for example, physically possible to "vent your spleen"? And do the doctors think the poets of old were right to identify it as a source of their misery and anger? Why did that one organ above all others come to play such a crucial role in the most emotive and sensitive of writing?

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00920yk)
Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson and John Waite.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00920yl)
The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00920ym)
National and international news with Shaun Ley.

THU 13:30 Open Country (b0091tm2)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00926lq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b0092j10)
New Metamorphoses

Callisto

New Metamorphoses: Contemporary reworkings of tales by Ovid. 4/5: Callisto, by Nick Warburton. A photographer captures an iconic moment in time, but all is not what it seems.

THU 15:00 Check Up (b0092j11)
Diabetes

Over 2 million people in the UK suffer from diabetes and, of the two main types, the vast majority have 'Type 2' diabetes.

Early diagnosis and treatment of diabetes minimises the risk of a whole raft of diseases associated with it. But many people, about three quarters of a million, have no idea they even have it.

Barbara Myers is joined in the Check Up studio by Dr Nick Oliver from St Mary's Hospital in London to answer callers' questions about Type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes occurs when the level of glucose in the blood is too high. In Type 2 diabetes, there is either not enough of the hormone insulin to regulate this glucose level, or the tissues in the body that respond to insulin are impaired.

Even a mildly raised glucose level can affect the blood vessels in the long term, and raise the risk of numerous conditions from

heart disease and stroke, to vision, kidney and nerve problems.

Type 2 diabetes usually develops in people over the age of forty who are overweight, and it's particularly common in African, Afro-Caribbean and Asian people.

The symptoms can appear over weeks or months, which is why the disease can be overlooked. The classic signs are extreme thirst, frequent urination, weight loss, tiredness and generally feeling unwell.

Keeping your blood glucose as near normal as possible is the main aim of treatment.

For many people, lifestyle measures such as healthy eating, losing weight and exercise can help. Others may need medication too, to either boost the amount of insulin in the blood or increase the ability of the tissues to respond to it.

Type 2 diabetes is highly preventable. While weight loss for the overweight and a healthy diet are essential, recent research shows that exercise can reduce the risk of developing the disease, in those at high risk, by as much as thirty to forty percent.

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b0091xz3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b0092283)
Liverpool Locations

Permanent Granite Sunrise

Stories by writers with a Liverpool connection. 4/5: Permanent Granite Sunrise, by Frank Cottrell Boyce. Liam Brady's skills were put to the test on Liverpool's Catholic Cathedral.

THU 15:45 The FBI at 100 (b00926st)
Comms, Bugging and Secret Files

Tom Mangold presents a history of the first 100 years of the FBI. 4/10: Comms, Bugging and Secret Files. J Edgar Hoover bugs most of his enemies but not the Mafia.

THU 16:00 Bookclub (b0091xzk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b0092j12)
Animal Robots - Plate Tectonics

Animal Robots
Scientists are looking at the whiskers and the extraordinary sensing abilities of the rat. It's lead to the creation of 'whiskerbot' a new type of robot that will be able to go into the places too dangerous for us humans to reach. On its journey it will tell us more about how the human brain makes sense of what we sense everyday. Sue Nelson is joined by Professor Tony Prescott, Adaptive Behaviour Research Group, Sheffield University and Dr Tony Pipe, IAS Laboratory, University of the West of England.

Plate Tectonics
The UK may have recently experienced its biggest earthquake in over 25 years, with toppling chimney pots a symbol of the shuddering events on the Earth's surface, but just what is happening below our feet? Sue Nelson talks to scientists who have discovered the first direct evidence of how and when the Earth's crust, made up of rock plates, sinks downwards into the deepest reaches of the Earth. Could this improve our ability to assess earthquake risk? Sue is joined by Dr Saskia Goes, Department of Earth Science & Engineering, Imperial College, University of London and Dr Arwen Deuss, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge.

THU 17:00 PM (b00926f4)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Including Weather at 5.57pm.

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00926f5)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

THU 18:30 Chain Reaction (b0092j13)
Series 4

Richard Wilson Interviews Arabella Weir

TV's famous grumpy ensioner passes the baton to the Fast Show gal in the relay chat show.

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 March 2008

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00926lt)
Ruth and David are in Borchester for Pip and Jonathan's performance at the Young Farmers' talent contest. They put on a good show, even though they don't get through to the next round. Off-stage Jonathan turns out to be surprisingly shy.

Roy tries hard to persuade Mike to go ahead with splitting the house into two but Mike insists the inheritance has got to be fair for Brenda too. Hayley doesn't think it's worth the worry, especially if they end up hating each other. She's had enough of hearing them talk about it - especially as she's not feeling great.

When Hayley's stomach pains get worse, Roy starts to blame them on Brenda causing so much upset, but it soon becomes clear the pains are not "Braxton Hicks". After consulting the midwife by phone, they realise Hayley's having contractions and needs to get to hospital quickly. She's not due till May, so Hayley doesn't want the baby to come this early. Mike assures them he'll look after Phoebe, and tries to keep them calm. But as Roy and Hayley drive off to the hospital it's Mike who's left to worry on his own.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00926lv)
Arts news and reviews.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00926lw)
Writing the Century

Episode 4

Vanessa Rosenthal explores the 20th century through real correspondence. 4/5: Keep the Home Fires Burning. Ada finds life on the home front increasingly taxing.

THU 20:00 The Price of Peace (b0091xzf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Sunday]

THU 20:30 Analysis (b0092j14)
Doing Our Duty

Doing Our Duty: Both major parties have promised to create legal responsibilities to balance our rights, but what should our responsibilities be? David Walker investigates.

THU 21:00 Leading Edge (b0092j15)
Mind Reading Machine and Hunting the Hosts of HIV

Mind reading machine
A machine that can read your mind has just moved one step closer. In a fascinating experiment, scientists at the University of California, Berkeley, were able to tell which pictures volunteers had chosen by looking only at their brain activity on a scanning machine. Jack Gallant explains.

Hunting the hosts of HIV
Geoff visits Harvard Medical School to speak to some of the team involved in hunting down the key proteins involved in the development of HIV.

Optical clock
Researchers at the US National Institute for Standards and Technology have just announced the construction of the most accurate clock ever. Michael Banks considers the implications.

Conquering the queues
What's the quickest way for passengers to board a plane? Nuclear physicist Jason Steffen has applied his research to avoid the familiar passenger jam as we board a craft and arrange hand luggage en route to our seat.

Bach to the Future
What would an organ concert sound like in an alien world? New research suggests that Saturn's moon Titan may just be the place for a perfect rendition of Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, as Jo Keown reports.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b0092j0x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b0092821)
The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b0092822)
Will new laws force drugs companies to come clean on research trials? Plus, how to lose and save pounds, according to the Duchess of York. With Roger Hearing.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00930nt)
Arabella

Episode 4

Arabella: Georgette Heyer's comic romance set in the Regency period. 4/10: Arabella's excitement at reaching London is tempered by her duty to find a rich husband.

THU 23:00 One (b0092j16)
Series 2

Episode 3

David Quantick's critically acclaimed sketch show where no sketch features more than one voice.

Featuring the vocal talents of Graeme Garden, Johnny Daukes, Deborah Norton, Katie Davies, Dan Antopolski and Andrew Crawford.

Producer: Julian Mayers
A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 23:15 All Bar Luke (b00776ty)
Series 2

The Hounds

Poignant comedy drama series by Tim Key. Few people turn out for Luke's trip to the dog track, but a near-fatal accident for his brother brings him some luck.

THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b0092824)
News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Robert Orchard.

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FRI 00:00 News and Weather (b0091znw)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b0091ztr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0091znx)
The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0091zny)
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 (b0091znz)
The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b0091zpo)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b0091zp1)
Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Mary Stallard.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b0091zp2)
News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

FRI 06:00 Today (b0091zp3)
With James Naughtie and Carolyn Quinn. 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.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b0091xz9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b0091ztt)

My Father's Country

Episode 5

My Father's Country: Wibke Bruhns's chronicle of the life of her father. 5/5: The plot to assassinate Hitler fails.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b0091ztv)

Author Abi Morgan; Italy's Feminist Emergency;

Author Abi Morgan on tackling difficult topics in novels. Plus, the feminist disaster of gender inequality in Italy, and England batswoman Claire Taylor on women's cricket.

FRI 11:00 Fat City Challenge (b009399k)

Bradford has some of the worst rates for obesity in England. Mussy Abbasi finds out how the city's Obesity Champion and its citizens are fighting the battle of the bulge.

FRI 11:30 The Cavity Within (b007709x)

Episode 1

Marty has finally settled on a life in dentistry, like his father and grandfather before him. But the dysfunctional practice he's joined seems to have its own cavity within. Will he have the patients?

Written by Jim Poyser

Starring Chris O'Dowd as Marty, Jeff Rawle as Pete, Mark Straker as Tim, Christine Kavanagh as Anna, John Rowe as Mr Holmes, Emma Noakes as Sarah, Tracy Wiles as Mum and Sam Dale as Mr Burgess.

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00920yn)

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and John Waite.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00920yp)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00920yq)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b0092j6x)

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

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00926tt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b0092j6y)

New Metamorphoses

Phaethon

New Metamorphoses: Contemporary reworkings of tales by Ovid. 5/5: Phaethon, by Katie Hims. When Sol finally meets his son Liam, he makes him a promise that cannot be broken.

FRI 15:00 Shared Earth (b0092j6z)

Series 4

Episode 4

Dylan Winter reports on otters in the centre of Newport, a rare sighting of egrets arriving in Scotland and bird watchers dusting off their notepads for a new year.

FRI 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b0092284)

Liverpool Locations

All Aboard the Liver Building

Stories by writers with a Liverpool connection. 5/5: All Aboard the Liver Building, by Paul Farley. A woman embarks on a strange relationship. Read by Sue Jenkins.

FRI 15:45 The FBI at 100 (b00926sv)

Dirty Tricks - Hoover versus Martin Luther King

Tom Mangold presents a history of the first 100 years of the FBI. 5/10: Dirty Tricks - Hoover versus Martin Luther King. The FBI takes on the new hero of the civil rights movement.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b0092j70)

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

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b0092j71)

Mike Figgis on Bonnie And Clyde; Damian Lewis on what it's like to be directed by your younger brother.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00926f6)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00926f7)

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

FRI 18:30 The Now Show (b0092j72)

Series 23

Episode 1

Comedy sketches and satirical comments from Steve Punt, Hugh Dennis and the team including Marcus Brigstocke, Mitch Benn, Laura Shavin and Jon Holmes.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00926lx)

Unable to sleep, Mike calls Brenda. She's upset that Hayley's contractions might be her fault.

The doctor informs Hayley that she's fully dilated - the baby's on its way. In no time Roy's phoning Mike to tell him that Hayley's had a girl - a tiny, tiny little girl.

Over breakfast Jennifer gets a call from Mike asking if they'll help out with Phoebe. Brian's only concern is how he'll be affected and Jennifer's had enough of his selfishness. Brian knows she's using Ruairi to make a point about the inheritance and argues that she'll cause lasting damage to the family. She points out that he's the one causing the damage and reminds him of her sacrifices. Now he needs to do something for her children to make sure they're secure. If not, she'll make the ultimate choice that will divide the farm - she'll divorce him.

When Hayley and Roy finally see their baby, they're upset by all the tubes and monitors. But when she opens her eyes they immediately agree on her name. They've got so much love for little Abigail (Abbie) and they beg her to be strong and to fight to stay with them.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00926ly)

Arts news and reviews.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00926lz)

Writing the Century

Episode 5

Vanessa Rosenthal explores the 20th century through real correspondence. 5/5: Keep the Home Fires Burning. The war is over. Ada and her family reflect on the terrible loss of life.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b0092j73)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion from the Royal College of Music in London. Panellists include Ken Livingstone, Theresa May, Chris Huhne and Matthew D'Ancona.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b0092j74)

Princes into Battle

Clive James reflects on Prince Harry's time in Afghanistan and delves into the history books to find another warrior prince who found himself in a very similar situation.

FRI 21:00 The FBI at 100 (b0092j9p)

Omnibus (Episodes 1-5)

Tom Mangold presents a history of the first 100 years of the FBI.

1/2. From the establishment of the bureau in 1908 to the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b0092825)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b0092826)

With Roger Hearing. Including reports on prospects for peace in the Middle East after last night's killings, this weekend's Spanish elections and alleged corruption in Bulgaria.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b0092827)

Arabella

Episode 5

Arabella: Georgette Heyer's comic romance set in the Regency period. 5: Mr Beaumaris's interest in Arabella has developed, but a new arrival presents a new possibility.

FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b0092bz0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b0092828)

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