

SATURDAY 08 MARCH 2008**SAT 00:00 News and Weather (b009363s)**

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b0091ztz)

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.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b009366g)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b009366h)

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 (b009366j)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b009366k)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b009366l)

Daily prayer and reflection with Bishop George Stack.

SAT 05:45 Macbeth Remixed (b007vypb)

Lady Macbeth - Monster or Princess?

Was Lady Macbeth a barren, ambitious, overbearing monster who goes mad from guilt?

Or was she a true royal princess, hailed first queen of Scots, who had to marry the man who murdered her husband?

If you think you know all about Macbeth 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 Lanin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b009369t)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b009369v)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b009369w)

Ashdown Forest

Countryside magazine.

Matt Baker spends the day with a shepherdess in Ashdown Forest.

SAT 06:35 Farming Today This Week (b009369x)

Rural magazine programme with Charlotte Smith.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b009369z)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00936b0)

With James Naughtie 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 (b00936b1)

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. Presenter Fi Glover is joined by architect Sunand Prasad. Featured poet is Lemn Sissay.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00936b2)

Air Travel

AIR TRAVEL

As well as its collection of military aeroplanes, The Imperial War Museum, at Duxford near Cambridge, is home to many historically important civil aircraft. John McCarthy visits the airfield and hears about the connections between the forces' planes and those used by the airlines, how the famous wartime bomber, the Lancaster, became the York in post war civilian life.

John McCarthy is joined by Richard Ashton the museum director; Ken Pettit a member of the Duxford Aviation Society; Audrey Cartmell a former 'star girl' who tells of her days as an air stewardess on the Comet 1; Brian Barnett, a passenger in Comet 4 on the first transatlantic jet flight; and John Hutchinson former Concorde pilot.

SAT 10:30 Bad Nature (b00936b3)

Jo Brand discovers what wildlife presenters really think of the animals they talk about.

Highlights include David Attenborough dishing the dirt on rats and Alan Titchmarsh letting rip at the cockroach. Michela Strachan, Steve Leonard and Mike Dilger all share their experiences of being bitten in exotic places.

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00936b4)

A look behind the scenes at Westminster with Jackie Ashley.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00936b5)

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

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00937b3)

Paul Lewis with the news from the world of finance. Including reports on how Alistair Darling's budget may affect us, a new money guidance service and a quicker clearing system.

SAT 12:30 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.

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00937b4)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News Headlines (b00937b5)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 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.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00937b6)

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 (b00937b7)

Blinded by the Sun

Blinded by the Sun: A new radio version of Stephen Poliakoff's 1996 National Theatre play about a scientific fraud in an English university.

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b00937b8)

Highlights of this week's Woman's Hour programmes. Including features on Viagra, feminism in Italy, families of missing children, Mary Magdalene, women and cricket and haircuts.

SAT 17:00 Saturday PM (b00937b9)

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

SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b00937bb)

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 (b00937bc)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00937bd)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00937bf)

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

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00937bg)

Clive Anderson presents an eclectic mix of conversation, comedy and music. He is joined by actress Greta Scacchi, dub poet Linton Kwesi Johnson and social commentator Peter York.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b00937bh)

Nick Clegg

Series of profiles of people who are currently making headlines. John Kampfner profiles Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00937bj)

Tom Sutcliffe and guests review the cultural highlights of the week.

SAT 20:00 The Archive Hour (b00937bk)

Alan Parker on David Lean

Alan Parker on David Lean: Alan Parker offers a personal impression of David Lean on the centenary of the director's birth. He is joined by directors Hugh Hudson and Mike Figgis.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b0091xzj)

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.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00937bl)

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

SAT 22:15 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.

SAT 23:00 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.

SAT 23:30 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.

SUNDAY 09 MARCH 2008**SUN 00:00 News and Weather (b00937kj)**

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

SUN 00:30 Manchester Crime Wave (b00770xl)

Basic Skills

Crime stories set in Manchester. 4/5: Basic Skills, by Ann Cleeves. Maddy develops an obsession for one of her students, an 18-year-old living in a probation hostel.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00937kk)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00937kl)

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 (b00937km)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00937kn)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00937kp)

The sound of church bells from Christchurch, Radyr, in Cardiff.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b00937bh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00937kq)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00937kr)

Deeper than Desire

Deeper than Desire: Mark Tully considers the human experience of longing. What is longing, how is it different from other human desires and can it ever be satisfied?

SUN 06:35 Living World (b00937ks)

Netting at Snettisham

Netting at Snettisham: Lionel Kelleway presents a second programme from the Wash. He joins RSPB conservation officer Sarah Dawkins to track the waders' migratory patterns.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b0093800)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b0093801)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b0093802)

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

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b0093803)

Hannah Gordon appeals on behalf of the Tuberous Sclerosis Association. Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b0093804)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b0093805)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b0093806)

Pathways of Prayer: The Call of the Desert

Pathways of Prayer: The Call of the Desert. Nicholas Buxton visits Egypt to meet the monks of the ancient Coptic monasteries and to explore the path of desert spirituality.

SUN 08:50 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.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b0093807)

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

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b0093808)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b0093809)

Liz Smith

Kirsty Young's castaway this week is the actress Liz Smith. Her story is a triumph of talent and perseverance over circumstance. Her mother died when she was tiny, her father walked out of her life and for many years she was brought up by her grandmother who was in mourning for her only child and her own husband. For Liz, acting and making people laugh was an escape from the often harsh realities of life, but she had to wait until she was 50 for her first real break - a role in Mike Leigh's film Bleak Moments. By that time, she'd raised her two children on her own with very little money and knew that this was her opportunity to prove what she could do.

She won critical acclaim and was later awarded a Bafta for her appearance in Alan Bennett's A Private Function and finally, when she was in her 70s, she became a household name through her roles in The Vicar of Dibley and The Royle Family. She's now 86 years old and, although she concedes the characters she plays have a habit of dying on screen, she isn't planning to retire any time soon.

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

favourite track: Only The Lonely by Roy Orbison

Book: A very large catalogue

Luxury: A complete artist's set.

SUN 12:00 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.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b009380b)

Food Waste

Richard Johnson investigates food waste created by restaurants and the food industry. Millions of tonnes of food are sent to landfill each year, but what are the alternatives?

SUN 12:57 Weather (b009380c)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b009380d)

A look at events around the world.

SUN 13:30 The Price of Peace (b009380f)

Dealing with the Big Man

John Ware examines the events which led up to the signing of the Good Friday peace agreement in Northern Ireland. 2/3:

Dealing with the Big Man.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b009380g)

Peter Gibbs chairs the popular horticultural forum. Peter Seabrook, Bunny Guinness and Bob Flowerdew are guests of Great Notley Gardens Club, near Braintree in Essex.

SUN 14:45 Men Read Maps Women Gossip (b007j7pc)

Episode 1

Vivienne Parry and Quentin Cooper compete in a battle of the sexes. 1/4: Prof Robin Dunbar presides over tests to determine whether men or women are the worst gossips.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00938p4)

Mr Standfast

Episode 1

Mr Standfast: Bert Coules's dramatisation of John Buchan's WWI thriller. 1/2: Richard Hannay is recalled to London from the trenches to hunt down the leader of a German spy ring.

SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00938p5)

Justine Picardie

Mariella Frostrup talks to Justine Picardie, who explains how studying a cache of letters led her to write a novel combining the worlds of the Bronte family and Daphne du Maurier.

SUN 16:30 John Hegley's Poetry in the Gallery (b0094vz3)

Episode 1

Poetry inspired by works of art.

Looked at, written and performed by John Hegley, with Rothko, Picasso, Ofili and co.

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b0092bz2)

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

SUN 17:40 Profile (b00937bh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00938p7)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00938p8)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00938p9)

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

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00938pb)

David Stafford presents a selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00938pe)

Brian tells Jennifer he can't do anything about the inheritance until he's spoken to his financial advisor. When David learns that Jennifer's threatening to divorce Brian, he tries to be practical and reminds Brian of everything that Jennifer's done to keep the family together. Brian doesn't want a divorce but he's not prepared to sacrifice Ruairi's future.

David tells Ruth, who sympathises with Jennifer. David thinks Brian's being ridiculous, and acknowledges that there's no point thinking about the digester scheme while this is going on.

Caroline can't believe Roy's back working but realises it's what Roy needs to do to take his mind off the dread of losing Abbie.

Hayley and Roy are overwhelmed with Abbie and try hard to be positive. Hayley thinks Phoebe should meet Abbie so that if the worst happens, then at least she's had the chance to get to know her sister. Roy brings Phoebe to hospital and Hayley explains about Abbie's problems. Phoebe's fine and doesn't seem bothered by all Abbie's tubes. But when Phoebe asks why Abbie's eyes are yellow, it's Roy and Hayley who have to try to stay calm. Roy insists that Abbie's fine. She just needs a few more tests.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00938pd)

Barney Harwood presents the children's magazine. Three children discuss their experiences of bereavement with Barney and Michael Rosen, author of The Sad Book.

SUN 19:45 A Brush with Fame (b00771mf)

Night after Night

Specially commissioned stories by new writers. 4/5: Night after Night, by Clare Wigfall. A young woman is touched first by notoriety and then by stardom. Read by Tracy-Ann Oberman.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b0092j6x)

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

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b0092j70)

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

SUN 21:00 Money Box (b00937b3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b0093803)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 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.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00938pf)
The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00938pg)
Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including at 1 **0.45pm** Boom or Bust: Michael White assesses some of the most significant budgets from the past (1/3).

SUN 23:00 The Learning Curve (b00927c9)
Libby Purves presents a guide to the world of learning, with practical advice, features and listeners' views.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00937kr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 10 MARCH 2008

MON 00:00 News and Weather (b0093907)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

MON 00:15 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.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00937kp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0093908)
The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0093909)
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 (b009390b)
The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b009390c)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00938y8)
Daily prayer and reflection with Bishop George Stack.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b009390d)
News and issues in rural Britain with Mark Holdstock.

MON 05:57 Weather (b009390f)
The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b009390g)
With John Humphrys 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 (b0093928)
Andrew Marr sets the cultural agenda for the week. Guests include former Liberal Democrat leader Menzies Campbell discussing his new autobiography.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b0093986)
Three Cups of Tea

Episode 1

Three Cups of Tea: By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. 1/5: Following a failed bid to ascend K2, Mortenson stumbles into Korphe, an impoverished village in northern Pakistan.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b009397x)
David Cameron on Political Quotas; Meaghan Delahun

David Cameron discusses why he has pledged to give one third of cabinet posts to women. Plus, author Meaghan Delahun on her relationship with Buddhism, and how to have zero waste.

MON 11:00 Austria: A Convenient Victim (b0092j6w)
Seventy years ago many Austrians welcomed Hitler as he annexed their country. But after the war Austria was depicted as a victim of Nazism. Charles Wheeler investigates.

MON 11:30 Dixon of Dock Green (b0076s8k)
Series 1

London Pride

Ted Willis's classic TV series, dramatised for radio by Sue Rodwell. 1/6: London Pride. George Dixon is showing new boy Andy Crawford the ropes on the beat of Dock Green.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b0093b8r)
Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson and John Waite.

MON 12:57 Weather (b0093b8s)
The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b0093b8t)
National and international news with Shaun Ley.

MON 13:30 The Garden Quiz (b0093b8v)
Episode 10

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

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00938pc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b0093b8w)
Baldi (series 5)

The Million Dollar Question

Baldi: A series of murder mysteries. 1/4: The Million Dollar Question, by Barry Devlin. Paolo investigates the mysterious deaths of members of a rockabilly band.

MON 15:00 Money Box Live (b0093b8x)
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 (b0093bdf)
Love in the Afternoon

A Voice from the Past

By Penny Vincenzi.

When Anna befriends Rose - a grand and very stylish resident of her grandfather's nursing home - she finds herself enchanted by vivid tales from a racy past. Atmospheric short story by the bestselling romantic novelist Penny Vincenzi.

Read by Joanna Lumley.

Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

MON 15:45 The FBI at 100 (b0093r0t)
End of the Empire

Tom Mangold presents a history of the first 100 years of the FBI. 6/10: End of the Empire. J Edgar Hoover finally relinquishes his grip over the FBI and America - by dying.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b009380b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b0093r0v)
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 (b0093r9v)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Including at **5.57pm** Weather.

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0093r9x)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b0094gf2)
Series 52

Episode 10

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game from the Greenwich Theatre. Panellists include Paul Merton, Clement Freud, Jack Dee and Liza Tarbuck.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b0093rw4)
Pip does a great job helping with a difficult lambing. When David says her granddad wants her to go star-watching again, Pip's clearly more interested in Jonathan.

Roy won't answer Brenda's calls. Mike's also feeling helpless and they're relieved when Roy says the jaundice that Abbie has isn't uncommon in babies but he tells Brenda that there's plenty that could still go wrong. When Mike suggests Brenda goes with them to see Abbie, they sense that Roy's not keen. Brenda's convinced Roy blames her for Abbie being premature.

Mike tells Brenda that he has a solution to the house problem. If he goes ahead as planned, when Brenda decides to buy a property Mike can release equity in his share to give her a deposit.

Brenda realises Roy's right - it's her fault. Tom thinks that's nonsense but Brenda's terrified Abbie might die. Tom suggests she talks to Hayley but Brenda thinks Hayley might feel the same way. Tom decides he'll ring Roy. To his surprise, Roy tells him that Brenda's right, and with a sick baby to look after, Roy hasn't got time to worry about Brenda's feelings. Brenda will just have to come to terms with what she's done on her own.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b0093thm)
Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson, who looks at how Hollywood has depicted prehistory with the release of 10,000 BC, a new film about a young mammoth hunter.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b0093rw5)
Ladies of Letters Go Green

Episode 1

Comedy by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman. Irene and Vera turn their hand to saving the planet. 1/5: With Patricia Routledge, Prunella Scales.

MON 20:00 The Rainbow Tribe (b0088mrv)
How cabaret star Josephine Baker adopted children from around the world to bring different nationalities together. From November 2007.

MON 20:30 The Learning Curve (b00937d)
Libby Purves presents a guide to the world of learning, with practical advice, features and listeners' views.

MON 21:00 City Limits (b007vzmk)
Episode 1

Series looking at the fringes where suburbia meets the countryside. 1/2: The ancient country estate of Scadbury lies on the edge of south London.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b0093928)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b0093thn)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b0093tfq)

News and analysis with Roger Hearing. Including reports on an EU warning that energy shortages could trigger global conflict and how inflation figures are calculated.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b0093thp)

Arabella

Episode 6

Arabella: Georgette Heyer's comic romance set in the Regency period. 6/10: Mr Beaumaris's interest in Arabella has developed into a serious pursuit, but she doesn't seem impressed.

MON 23:00 A Charles Paris Mystery (b00t9yfl)

Sicken and So Die

Episode 2

The lascivious actor-sleuth fails to impress his ex-wife Frances. Meanwhile, could there be another victim? Stars Bill Nighy.

MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b0093thq)

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

TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2008**TUE 00:00 News and Weather (b00938y9)**

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TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b0093986)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00938yb)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00938yc)

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 (b00938yd)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00938yf)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00938yg)

Daily prayer and reflection with Bishop George Stack.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00938yh)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00938yj)

With John Humphrys and Edward Stourton. 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 What's the Point of...? (b0093v41)

Series 1

The Football Association

2/4: The Football Association. Quentin Letts takes a witty but thought-provoking look at some great British institutions.

TUE 09:30 Team Spirit (b0092bys)

Episode 1

Claudia Hammond looks at the psychology of team dynamics.

By talking to academics and visiting teams across the UK she

finds out what makes them tick.

She begins with members of the London Air Ambulance Service, who daily deal with life and death.

Producer: Michelle Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b009397y)

Three Cups of Tea

Episode 2

Three Cups of Tea: By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. 2/5: Greg engages in a lengthy bargaining process to buy all he needs to construct the school he promised to build.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b009397z)

Reva Mann; Sex Under Your Roof?; Bluestocking Women

Author Reva Mann on her orthodox Jewish roots and her wild adolescence. Plus, exploring the life of Bluestocking Elizabeth Montague and allowing teenagers to have sex in your home.

TUE 11:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b0093v42)

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

TUE 11:30 A Blunt Instrument (b0093v43)

Michael Rosen tells the story of Wilfred Scawen Blunt, atheist, libertine, adventurer and poet.

TUE 12:00 Call You and Yours (b00939nd)

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson and Peter White.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00939nf)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00939ng)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

TUE 13:30 Ken Clarke's Jazz Greats (b0093v44)

Series 6

Max Roach

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

2/4. He is joined by alto saxophonist Peter King to explore the life and music of drummer Max Roach. Roach was one of the pioneers who changed the face of jazz in the 1940s by redefining the drummer's role from simple time-keeping duties to that of a fully-fledged and equal member of the band.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b0093rw4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b0093v45)

Needle

Needle, by Christina Balit. Creating the Bayeux Tapestry for their Norman conquerors is a bitter task for the women of Canterbury.

TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b0093v46)

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

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b0093bdg)

Love in the Afternoon

Room Service

Series of love stories by bestselling romantic novelists. 2/5: Room Service, by Jojo Moyes. Sara's husband surprises her with a weekend break, but who is to look after the dog?

TUE 15:45 The FBI at 100 (b0093bdh)

The Mafia and the Mob on Wheels

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

FBI. 7/10: The Mafia and the Mob on Wheels. The FBI takes on the Mafia and confronts another mob, the Hell's Angels.

TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b0093v47)

Judicial Review

Clive Coleman takes his weekly look at the legal issues in the news. He examines the process of judicial review, how it works and how it will change our lives in the future.

TUE 16:30 A Good Read (b0093v48)

Colin Murray and Tim Pigott-Smith

Kate Mosse and her guests - radio presenter Colin Murray and actor Tim Pigott-Smith - talk about their favourite books by Flannery O'Connor, David Peace and Thomas Eidson.

Wise Blood by Flannery O'Connor
Publisher: Faber

The Damned Utd by David Peace
Publisher: Faber

The Last Ride by Thomas Eidson
Publisher: HarperCollins

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

TUE 17:00 PM (b0093r1r)

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

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0093r1t)

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

TUE 18:30 Rudy's Rare Records (b00p1jb7)

Series 1

Get Up, Stand Up

Grandad's part-time career as a DJ is in jeopardy.

The collisions of life for Grandad Rudy, father Adam and son Richie living crammed together over an old record store in Birmingham.

Generational comedy 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
Tasha Natasha Godfrey
Clifton Jeffery Kissoon
Alison Tracy-Ann Oberman
DJ Karel Andrew Brooke
Landlord Gresby Nash
Diabolicus Adam de Ville

Producer: Lucy Armitage.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b0093rw6)

Brian tells Adam he appreciates everything he does but Adam can't see it. Even though the digester is Adam and Debbie's enterprise, it's still dependent on the rest of the farm, and it'll have to make them a hell of a lot if they have to buy Ruairi out in thirteen years time! Brian agrees to discuss any possible changes with Adam and Debbie, and Jennifer's delighted to hear that Debbie's hoping to come over next week. She thinks Brian might have a change of heart but there's no convincing Adam.

Nigel's grateful that Kathy's running Hayley's school visits. She's also researched a replacement boiler. Although it's expensive, Nigel's going for a "green" biomass version. Lower Loxley wine is finally almost ready to sell.

Bert's not happy that Nigel and Mr Booth think Freda's looking great with her new haircut, so he decides to turn up after the slimming club meeting. He's most put out to see Freda with Mr Booth - who appears to be squeezing her arm. Nigel presumes he's congratulating her but Bert's not reassured. He's convinced that Neville Booth is Freda's fancy man.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b0093rw7)

Arts news and reviews with John Wilson, who reports on random, a new play from Olivier Award-winning dramatist

debbie tucker green.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b0093rw8)

Ladies of Letters Go Green

Episode 2

Comedy by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman. Irene and Vera turn their hand to saving the planet. 2/5: Irene is appalled when Vera dumps an unwanted fridge in a river.

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b0093v4b)

Julian O'Halloran reports on a new compensation scheme for wounded soldiers which began in 2005 but appears not to have met victims' expectations.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b0093v4c)

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

TUE 21:00 Am I Normal? (b0093v4d)

Series 4

Dyslexia

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

She looks at dyslexia and questions the value of tests to identify children at risk. Geneticist Robert Plomin argues that dyslexia is not a disorder but a variant of normal learning ability.

TUE 21:30 What's the Point of...? (b0093v41)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b0093tfr)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b0093tfs)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b0093tft)

Arabella

Episode 7

Arabella: Georgette Heyer's comic romance set in the Regency period. 7/10: Mr Bertram Tallant has arrived in town, but this doesn't stop Mr Beaumaris from making his move.

TUE 23:00 The Arts and How They Was Done (b007767y)

The Birth of Art and How They Done the Cave Paintings

Desmond Olivier Dingle and the National Theatre of Brent explore the Lascaux Caves. Stars Patrick Barlow. From April 2007.

TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b0093tfv)

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

WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2008

WED 00:00 News and Weather (b00938yk)

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b009397y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00938yl)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00938ym)

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 (b00938yn)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00938yp)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00938yq)

Daily prayer and reflection with Bishop George Stack.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00938yr)

News and issues in rural Britain with Mark Holdstock.

WED 06:00 Today (b00938ys)

With John Humphrys 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.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b0093ws3)

Lively and diverse conversation.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b0094k1y)

Three Cups of Tea

Episode 3

Three Cups of Tea: By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. 3/5: Before work on Korphe school can begin, Greg and the villagers get to grips with constructing a suspension bridge.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b0093981)

Benjamin Zephaniah on Prostate Cancer; Director Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy

Benjamin Zephaniah discusses the affects of prostate cancer and symptoms to look out for. Plus, award winning documentary maker Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy on uncovering injustice.

WED 11:00 In Living Memory (b0093ws4)

Series 7

1990 Poll Tax Riots

Contemporary history series. 2/4: Jolyon Jenkins recalls the Poll Tax demonstration of March 1990 which led to the worst rioting the UK had seen for over a hundred years.

WED 11:30 Potting On (b0011pkk)

Curse of the Pharaoh

Gordon gets so addicted to a computer game that Pam has to get a dog for company.

Sitcom about a couple at odds over running a garden centre and growing older...

Written by Chris Thompson and Peter Reynolds.

Starring Pam Ayres as Pam and Geoffrey Whitehead as Gordon.

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 Budget Special (b00943p2)

Live from Westminster, Alistair Darling presents his budget to the House of Commons.

WED 13:57 Weather (b00939nj)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b0093rw6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b0093ws6)

Investigating Mr Thomas

Based on a true story, Rob Gittins's play draws on archive material.

When Time magazine printed a warts-and-all article about Dylan Thomas in 1953, the poet sued them for libel. Needing to gather more evidence, the magazine hired a private detective to shadow Thomas in New York.

Detective Trevor White

Editor Doug Ballard

Beth Genevieve Adam

Nora Laurel Lefkow

Taxi Driver Rhys Parry Jones

Guard Richard Elfyn.

WED 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b009380g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b0093bdj)

Love in the Afternoon

Restoration Woman

Series of love stories by bestselling romantic novelists. 3/5: Restoration Woman, by Elizabeth Buchan. A portrait in the National Gallery sparks an epiphany in a young widower.

WED 15:45 The FBI at 100 (b0093bdk)

The Federal Bureau of Incompetence

Tom Mangold presents a history of the first 100 years of the FBI. 8/10: The Federal Bureau of Incompetence. The FBI fails to cope with the high-tech computer age.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b0093ws7)

Euro-Islamophobia - Viewing the Recently Dead

EURO-ISLAMAPHOBIA

Pulitzer Prize winning historian David Levering-Lewis talks about his new book God's Crucible: Islam and the Making of Europe 570-1215, a period during which "Islam and Christianity uneasily co-existed on the continent just beginning to be known as Europe".

VIEWING THE RECENTLY DEAD

In the past the parlour, or sometimes the kitchen table would be used to lay out the body of a recently deceased loved one or family member. But as attitudes changed, and the embalmers' art developed, the funeral home became the new focus for a more formal kind of 'viewing'. Laurie Taylor is joined by Sheila Harper and Kate Berridge author of Vigor Mortis: a cultural commentary on death to discuss how our responses to viewing the 'recently dead' have changed. Do we mourn differently? Do we still want to be confronted with the physical evidence of death? Sheila Harper will be presenting the findings of her research at the forthcoming BSA Annual Conference in a paper entitled 'Shh! Granddad is sleeping!': Viewing the recently-dead in England and the United States'.

WED 16:30 Am I Normal? (b0093v4d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b0093r1v)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0093r1w)

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

WED 18:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b0093ws8)

Series 1

Episode 4

John Lloyd and Bill Bailey host a panel show in which guests donate fascinating exhibits to a vast imaginary museum. With Kevin Day, Alistair Fothergill and Victoria Finlay.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b0093rw9)

Usha tells Ruth that Alan wants to have more happening in the church. Ruth remarks on Usha's involvement, and Usha admits it's a nice way to spend more time with Alan. She's even taking time off over Easter to join in with the events.

Jennifer takes Phoebe to hospital again, and is pleased that Abbie's no longer under the lamps for her jaundice. Hayley notices that Roy's looking tired. Roy insists he's ok but Hayley realises how worried he is about Abbie. Hayley insists he can't keep blaming Brenda - even the doctors don't know why Abbie was premature but Roy reminds her that there was no medical reason for it. Hayley insists they need to be a family now. They have enough problems without falling out with one another.

Peggy's surprised that Jennifer's gone as far as threaten divorce but agrees that she's let Brian walk over her too many times. Jennifer's still not convinced that Brian thinks she means it though.

Peggy offers Jennifer her support - whatever she decides to do. As Jennifer leaves, Jack notices how sad Peggy looks, and presumes he's done something wrong. Peggy assures Jack that there's nothing for him to worry about.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b0093rbw)

Mark Lawson with arts news, interviews and reviews.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b0093rwc)

Ladies of Letters Go Green

Episode 3

Comedy by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman. Irene and Vera turn their hand to saving the planet. 3/5: Irene nearly blows Vera up. With Patricia Routledge, Prunella Scales.

WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b0093ws9)

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

WED 20:45 Lent Talks (b0093wsb)

Ann Widdecombe

Well-known figures reflect on the story of Jesus from their own perspective. 5/6: Ann Widdecombe MP meditates on the psychological agony of Jesus on the cross.

WED 21:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b0093v42)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 21:30 Midweek (b0093ws3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b0093tfw)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b0093tfx)

With Robin Lustig. Including reports on the effects of Alistair Darling's budget, results of the surge in Iraq and criticism of China's human rights record ahead of the Olympics.

WED 22:40 Budget Statement (b009427r)

Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling explains his Budget.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b0093tfy)

Arabella

Episode 8

Arabella: Georgette Heyer's comic romance set in the Regency period. 8/10: Bertram's adventures have got him into hot water. Can Arabella save him? Read by Celia Imrie.

WED 23:00 Terry Pratchett (b010tzfb)

Night Watch

Episode 3

Thrown back in time, Commander Sam Vimes of the City Watch is training his young self in the art of policing - then runs into his old enemy, Carcer.

Terry Pratchett's Discworld novel dramatised by Robin Brooks.

Stars Philip Jackson as Sam Vimes, Carl Prekopp as Young Sam, Paul Ritter as Carcer, Clare Corbett as Rosie, Sam Dale as Colon, Ben Onwukwe as Dr Lawn, Peter Marinker as Tilden and Rachel Atkins as Lady Meserole.

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b0093tfz)

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

THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2008

THU 00:00 News and Weather (b00938yt)

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

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b0094k1y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00938yv)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00938yw)

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 (b00938yx)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00938yy)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00938yz)

Daily prayer and reflection with Bishop George Stack.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00938z0)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

THU 06:00 Today (b00938z1)

With Edward Stourton 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.

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b0093z1k)

The Greek Myths

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss the Greek myths from Achilles to Zeus. Are you a touch narcissistic? Do you have the body of an Adonis? Are you willing to undertake Herculean tasks or Promethean ventures? Perhaps you have an Oedipus complex? If you answer to any or perhaps all of these you owe something to the Greek myths, a collection of weird and wonderful stories that, like Penelope's shroud or the needlework of Arachne, were constantly woven and unpicked across centuries of Greek and Roman civilisation. The myths have a cast of thousands including mighty Zeus, Jason and the Argonauts, wily Odysseus, beautiful Aphrodite and Cerberus, the three-headed dog. They are funny, shocking, quirky and epic and have retained their power and their wisdom from the ancient world to the modern. With Nick Lowe, Senior Lecturer in Classics at Royal Holloway, University of London; Richard Buxton, Professor of Greek Language and Literature at the University of Bristol; Mary Beard, Professor of Classics at Cambridge University

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b0093982)

Three Cups of Tea

Episode 4

Three Cups of Tea: By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. 4/5: Korphe school is almost built. Greg seeks to build more schools in Pakistan, but soon finds himself in danger.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b0093983)

Miracle Babies; A L Kennedy; Female Comedy Duos;

Is it right to prolong a premature baby's life at all costs? Plus, Jan Ravens on classic female double acts, and author AL Kennedy about her career and comedy.

THU 11:00 Crossing Continents (b0093z1l)

French Housing Protesters

Jonny Diamond meets the new generation of French protesters who have been spurred into action by the housing crisis in their country.

THU 11:30 The Egg and I: Betty MacDonald Had a Farm (b0093z1m)

Betty MacDonald Had a Farm: Lynne Truss celebrates the centenary of comic genius Betty MacDonald, author of The Egg and I, an account of her life as a chicken farmer.

THU 12:00 Budget Call (b009429x)

Vincent Duggleby and Paul Lewis invite listeners to discuss the Chancellor's budget. Lines open at 10.30am. Call 08700 100 444 [calls from land lines cost no more than 8p a minute].

THU 12:57 Weather (b00939nm)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00939nn)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

THU 13:30 Open Country (b009369w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b0093rw9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b0093z9w)

Bearing the Cross

Ken Blakeson's play tells the story of the Battle of Rorke's Drift and the effect it had on three of the soldiers who fought in it.

William Jones VC Nigel Anthony
Robert Jones VC Sebastian Harcombe
Henry Hook VC Jon Strickland
Landlord/Bufalo Bill Robert Blythe
Barmaid Bethan Walker

Original music by David Chilton

A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 15:00 Check Up (b0093z9x)

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD)

You may have heard of chronic bronchitis, or of emphysema, but to doctors they are both different aspects of what they call chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD.

Both these conditions mean that the airways in the lung are damaged and it becomes hard for the air to get in and out, causing breathlessness.

COPD is the third biggest cause of respiratory death, and the fifth biggest killer overall, in the UK.

COPD is caused mainly by smoking, but also by airborne pollution. It can also be the result of an inherited genetic deficiency.

If you or someone you know is worried that their cough or shortness of breath may be a sign of a long term chronic disease then call the programme for advice.

Barbara Myers is joined by consultant Dr Keith Prowse to take listeners' calls on the symptoms of COPD, and the treatments available.

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b0093803)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b0093b8y)

Love in the Afternoon

Love in the Afternoon

Series of love stories by bestselling romantic novelists. 4/5: Love in the Afternoon, by Maeve Binchy. Dutch courage leads a young wife to make a shocking discovery.

THU 15:45 The FBI at 100 (b0093bdl)

9/11: The Catastrophe

Tom Mangold presents a history of the first 100 years of the FBI. 9/10: 9/11: The Catastrophe. The FBI failed to anticipate or prevent the biggest attack on America of all time.

THU 16:00 Open Book (b00938p5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b0093z9y)

Smart Holograms - Batteries of the Future

Smart Holograms

Imagine a contact lens that could colour depending on the health of the wearer. If you're dehydrated or even as an early warning signal for diabetes. In this week's Material World, Sue Nelson

investigates a new generation of smart holograms which could do just that. Sue is joined by Professor Chris Lowe, Director Institute of Biotechnology, University of Cambridge and John Pritchard, Chief technical officer, Smart Holograms.

Batteries of the Future

Also in the programme – the future of energy storage. The world of mobile technologies and hybrid cars are dependent on battery power – but the technology has yet to catch up with the high power demands of the future. How can scientists develop batteries that can power cars and microchips while being environmentally sustainable? Sue finds out about batteries that breathe oxygen like you and me, so they can be lighter, cleaner and more powerful than ever before. Sue is joined by Professor Peter Bruce, School of Chemistry, University of St. Andrews and Mike Kellaway, Provector Limited.

THU 17:00 PM (b0093r1x)

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

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0093r1y)

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

THU 18:30 Chain Reaction (b0093z9z)

Series 4

Arabella Weir interviews Paul Whitehouse

The story of 'Suits You, Sir' as two Fast Show stars are reunited in the relay interview show. From March 2008.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b0093rwd)

Bert doesn't want to hear Phil tell him how fit and healthy Freda looks, nor does he want to know that Jolene's been giving her make-up lessons. Bert tries to convince Phil that he wants to make good and hearty meals for himself. Phil offers to show him some recipes, and as they make a selection of cakes and pies Bert's determined that Freda will be unable to resist them.

Fallon's excited at the prospect of her band's tour.

Ed sees Nic with George and thinks she's being too rough with him again but it turns out that Will's with them so there's nothing he can do. Fallon tries to convince Ed not to say anything to Will but Ed's convinced something's wrong. When Ed gets Will on his own, he tells him what he saw today, and also last week. Will thinks Ed's unbelievable and this is just another attempt to mess up his life.

Back home, everything seems cosy with Nic and the children, and when he offers to help get them to bed Nic's says no worries - she just wants him to keep the sofa warm for her.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b0093rwf)

Mark Lawson with arts news, interviews and reviews.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b0093rww)

Ladies of Letters Go Green

Episode 4

Comedy by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman. Irene and Vera turn their hand to saving the planet. 4/5: Irene tries to keep Vera's nose out of her son's wedding plans.

THU 20:00 The Price of Peace (b009380f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Sunday]

THU 20:30 Analysis (b0093zbd)

What Are We Fighting For?

What Are We Fighting For? The campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan have stretched the armed forces and raised questions about Britain's use of military power. Edward Stourton reports.

THU 21:00 Leading Edge (b0093zb1)

Flood Prediction and The AD 365 Tsunami

Flood Prediction

A report from the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology concludes that the UK's summer floods were a blip, and unrelated to climate change. But what degree of flooding can we expect in future summers and winters, and how can storm modelling offer improved warning systems of imminent floods in unexpected areas?

The AD 365 Tsunami

Fresh analysis of the tectonics of the Mediterranean seafloor, suggests that a previously overlooked fault could be the source of the large earthquake and tsunami that destroyed Alexandria.

Horse Hydrotherapy

Gareth Mitchell reports on the discovery of an ancient horse bath in Bath city. Together with newly discovered documents it adds a new dimension to the history of Vet science and animal husbandry.

NASA Future

With an ever changing vision of NASA amongst candidates in the US primaries, David Kestenbaum predicts NASA's future under Bush's successor.

Monkey Talk

New research reveals monkeys can combine calls to make them meaningful in same way humans do. Dr Klaus Zuberbühler at St Andrews University predicts this will offer new insights into the evolution of human language.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b0093z1k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b0093tg0)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b0093tg1)

News and analysis with Roger Hearing. Including reports on problems with the US economy, the role of the Revolutionary Guard in Iran and a deadly fungus which attacks wheat.

THU 22:40 Budget Response (b0094281)

Shadow Chancellor George Osborne discusses Alistair Darling's Budget speech.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b0093tg2)

Arabella

Episode 9

Arabella: Georgette Heyer's comic romance set in the Regency period. 9/10: Arabella's proposition spurs Beaumaris into action. Read by Celia Imrie.

THU 23:00 One (b0093zb2)

Series 2

Episode 4

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, David Quantick and Andrew Crawford.

Producer: Julian Mayers

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 23:15 All Bar Luke (b007773s)

Series 2

The German

It's the last night of Luke's holiday in Turkey with the lads, but even skinny-dipping with a middle-aged German woman can't take his mind off Hayley.

THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b0093tg3)

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

FRIDAY 14 MARCH 2008

FRI 00:00 News and Weather (b00938z2)

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b0093982)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00938z3)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00938z4)

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 (b00938z5)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00938z6)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00938z7)

Daily prayer and reflection with Bishop George Stack.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00938z8)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00938z9)

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.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b0093809)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b0093984)

Three Cups of Tea

Episode 5

Three Cups of Tea: By Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. 5/5: Greg expands his school building project as conflict leads him to help Pakistan's poorest people in new ways.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b0093985)

Separate Beds; Police and Rape; Synchronised Swimming

Do separate beds sound the death knell of a relationship? Plus, assistant commissioner John Yates discusses police attitudes to rape, and the joys of synchronised swimming.

FRI 11:00 The Relationship People (b0093zsv)

Relationships and Society

Gwyneth Powell celebrates its 70th anniversary of Relate, Britain's largest and best-known counselling organisation for relationships. 1/2: Relationships and Society.

FRI 11:30 The Cavity Within (b00770f8)

Episode 2

Marty is settling into his new job at the newly privatised dental practice. But why are there suddenly no patients?

Written by Jim Poyser

Starring Chris O'Dowd as Marty, Jeff Rawle as Pete, Mark Straker as Tim, Christine Kavanagh as Anna, Sarah Crowe as Daisy, Mark Straker as Tim, John Rowe as Mr Holmes, Emma Noakes as Sarah, Tracy Wiles as Mrs Wenkins and Don Gilet as Leo.

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00939np)

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and John Waite.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00939nq)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00939nr)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b0093zsw)

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

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b0093rwd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b0093zxs)

Things to Do before You Die

Things to Do before You Die: By Tom Dalton Bidwell. David is critically ill in hospital. Given the chance to have his dying wish granted, he asks for what most normal boys want.

FRI 15:00 Shared Earth (b0093zsy)

Series 4

Episode 5

Dylan Winter presents a topical magazine series celebrating the natural world and how to preserve it. He contrasts our different attitudes to looking after animals.

FRI 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b0093bdm)

Love in the Afternoon

The Lion's Den

Series of love stories by bestselling romantic novelists. 5/5: The Lion's Den, by Josephine Cox. A young man discovers that his true desire is to be found in the unlikely place.

FRI 15:45 The FBI at 100 (b0093bdn)

Tomorrow's Bureau

Tom Mangold presents a history of the first 100 years of the FBI. 10/10: Tomorrow's Bureau. Can the FBI meet the challenges of cyber crime and the never-ending war on terror?

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b0093zvh)

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

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b0093zvj)

Francine Stock talks to Harmony Korine, the director and former enfant terrible of American independent cinema, about his new film Mr Lonely.

FRI 17:00 PM (b0093r1z)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0093r20)

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

FRI 18:30 The Now Show (b0093zvz)

Series 23

Episode 2

6/6. 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 (b0093rwh)

Roy's still not allowing himself to be positive about Abbie, even though Adam's full of joy for him. Caroline can see that Roy's not coping and tries her best to be helpful. Finally Roy admits that he's not getting anything done and agrees to take some rest. Caroline insists he takes a few days - and assures him it won't affect his paternity leave.

Will turns up at Willow Farm and Roy's grateful to talk to someone who finally seems to understand how he feels.

George is misbehaving so Nic shuts him in his bedroom to calm down. Ed turns up and is horrified to see what she's done. He manages to calm George down and Nic tries to explain that she hasn't done anything wrong.

Brian's been to see Bryce, his financial advisor, ahead of his meeting with Adam and Debbie next week. When he gets back, Adam's looking at the jobs in a farming magazine. He observes that there are quite a few decent management jobs out there and it's always important to keep an open mind.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b0093rzk)

Arts news and reviews with Kirsty Lang, including the verdict on the new stage musical Zorro, which features original music by the Gipsy Kings.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b0093rwl)

Ladies of Letters Go Green

Episode 5

Comedy by Lou Wakefield and Carole Hayman. Irene and Vera turn their hand to saving the planet. 5/5: Vera wreaks havoc at Irene's son's wedding.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00941gb)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate at Crammer Hall, Durham. Panellists include Nick Brown, Danny Alexander, Geoffrey Howe and Haleh Afshar.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00941gc)

Private Life

Clive James argues that 'private life' – an institution once regarded as vital to civilization – is now in danger of collapse. As amorous emails sent to a friend by an aide to the Mayor of London are published verbatim, he asks can it ever be right to help yourself to the private emails, phone calls or text messages of politicians, footballers... or your next door neighbour?

FRI 21:00 The FBI at 100 (b00941gd)

Omnibus (Episodes 6-10)

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

2/2. The story from J Edgar Hoover's death in 1972 to the present day and a look at what the future holds for the bureau.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b0093tg4)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b0093tg5)

National and international news and analysis with Roger Hearing. Including reports on violence in Lhasa, alleged corruption in Bulgaria and the state of British theatre.

FRI 22:40 Budget Response (b009428h)

Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman Vincent Cable discusses Alistair Darling's Budget speech.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b0093tg6)

Arabella

Episode 10

Arabella: Georgette Heyer's comic romance set in the Regency period. 10: As the plans for the elopement swing into action, Arabella wonders whether this can really be happening.

FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b0093v48)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b0093tg7)

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