

**SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2008****SAT 00:00 News and Weather (b0094ynn)**

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

**SAT 00:30 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.

**SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00947p2)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0094ynp)**

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 (b0094ynq)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b0094ynr)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b0094yng)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Fr Eugene O'Neill.

**SAT 05:45 Macbeth Remixed (b007vypc)**

The Myth of the Witches

The three witches boiling up trouble for the would-be king in their cauldron on the heath is one of the most famous and familiar dramatic images from Shakespeare's Macbeth.

But the witches didn't exist in the real Macbeth's time so how and why did they become part of the myth?

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 (b0094ynt)**

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

**SAT 06:04 Weather (b0094ynv)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 06:07 Open Country (b0094ynw)**

Little Switzerland

Countryside magazine.

Helen Mark visits the south Shropshire town of Church Stretton nestling in the hills that earned it the nickname of Little Switzerland. The town is currently divided over the issue of building affordable homes, which residents say will compromise the town's beauty and not help the local community.

**SAT 06:35 Farming Today This Week (b0094ynx)**

Rural magazine programme with Tom Heap.

**SAT 06:57 Weather (b0094yny)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 07:00 Today (b0094ynz)**

With James Naughtie and Carolyn Quinn. 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 (b0094yp0)**

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. Presenter Fi Glover is joined by Gervase Finn. Featured poet is Murray Lachlan Young.

**SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b0094yp1)**

US Veteran - New Zealand

US VETERAN

Sandi Toksvig is joined by barrister and writer John Gimlette and US Veteran Putnam Flint to hear of a profound war experience and a recent personal return journey.

John Gimlette is the author of a new book entitled Panther Soup - a reference to the mud created by tanks and trucks - chronicling his journey from Marseilles to Austria in the tyre tracks of US army veteran Putnam Flint, formerly of the 824th Panther tank busters unit.

Putnam first made the journey in 1944/45 in order to help flush out and destroy German observation posts and other obstacles to allied victory. In the company of John, and his grandson Jeff, Putnam revisited his wartime odyssey for the first time since his landing in Marseilles in October 1944.

NEW ZEALAND

Journalist and writer Duncan Fallowell tried to expunge a tyrannical wanderlust by travelling one last time as far away as he could so that he'd never need to travel again, and would at last be able to 'relax'. Duncan has chronicled his 'last' journey in a book Going as Far as I can.

**SAT 10:30 Nowhere Fast? (b0094yp2)**

Martin Plimmer looks at the ever-increasing pace of life and its consequences for modern human beings. He asks how much damage we are doing to our physical and emotional health and looks at ways to stem the tide.

**SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b0094yp3)**

A look behind the scenes at Westminster with Matthew D'Ancona.

**SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b0094yp4)**

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

**SAT 12:00 Money Box (b0094yp5)**

Paul Lewis with the latest news from the world of personal finance plus advice for those trying to make the most of their money. Including a look at the Budget.

**SAT 12:30 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.

**SAT 12:57 Weather (b0094yp6)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 13:00 News Headlines (b0094yp7)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00941gb)**

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

**SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b0094yp8)**

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 (b009hktf)**

The Dark Side

Episode 1

The Dark Side: Comic adventure by David Chapel. 1/2: James is an idealistic MP's researcher more concerned with ethics than power. This changes, however, when he is sacked.

**SAT 15:30 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.

**SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b0094ypb)**

Highlights of this week's Woman's Hour programmes with Jane Garvey. Including David Cameron on quotas for women, prostate cancer, female comedy duos and synchronised swimming.

**SAT 17:00 Saturday PM (b0094ypc)**

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

**SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b0094ypd)**

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 (b0094ypf)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 17:57 Weather (b0094ypg)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0094yph)**

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

**SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b0094ypj)**

Clive Anderson presents an eclectic mix of conversation, comedy and music. He talks to actors Jason Isaacs and Kate O'Mara and writer Jake Arnott. Emma Freud talks to Stefan Gates.

**SAT 19:00 Profile (b0094ypk)**

The Gurkhas

Series of profiles of people who are currently making headlines.

BBC Kathmandu correspondent Charles Haviland examines the history and culture of the Gurkhas, who are recruited from four ethnic groups in the Nepalese Himalayas. He explores their combat record in the British army and their reputation around the world. Next Wednesday some three thousand Gurkhas are expected to gather outside parliament to demand the right to stay in the United Kingdom after retirement from the army.

**SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b0094ypk)**

Brian de Palma's Redacted, Manil Suri's The Age of Shiva

Redacted

Brian de Palma's latest film was made for just \$5 million using high-definition video and using a cast of unknowns. It is a fictionalised account of a real-life event, concerning the rape of a 15-year-old Iraqi girl and the murder of her family by US troops. The film was fictionalised for legal reasons. It's presented as a reconstruction of events that has been concocted from a mixture of internet uploads, blogs, a TV documentary and camcorder footage.

Random

Debbie Tucker-Green's play is performed by one actress, Nadine Marshall, who plays all four members of a family - Mum, Dad, Sister, Brother - and takes place over the course of what starts out as a normal day but ends in tragedy.

China Design Now

The V&A's new exhibition, China Design Now, explores the recent explosion of new design in China and looks at the impact of rapid economic development on architecture and design. It focuses on three rapidly expanding cities - Beijing, Shanghai, and Shenzhen - and brings together architecture, fashion, and graphic design, as well as film, photography, youth culture, digital media, and product and furniture design.

The Age of Shiva

Manil Suri is a mathematics professor who found fame when his first book, The Death of Vishnu, became an international bestseller. His latest novel, The Age of Shiva, is the second book in what will eventually be a trilogy. The final book will be called The Birth of Brahma.

The Age of Shiva traces the fortunes of a family in the aftermath of Indian independence. Meera, the narrator, is seventeen years old when she catches her first glimpse of Dev, performing a song so infused with passion that it arouses in her the first flush of erotic longing. When Meera's reverie comes

true, it does not lead to the fairy-tale marriage she imagined. It is only when her son is born that Meera begins to imagine a life of fulfilment, but to the detriment of her child as she begins to smother him with her love.

#### The Curse of Comedy

This season of dramas on BBC Four reveals the turmoil and heartache found behind the laughter created by five great entertainers who rose to fame during the Sixties.

In *The Curse of Steptoe* Jason Isaacs and Phil Davis portray Harry H Corbett and Wilfrid Brambell, the stars of hit sitcom *Steptoe And Son*, in a tale of two incompatible men bound together by success.

Hancock and Joan tells the story of Tony Hancock's love affair with John le Mesurier's wife and his battle with drink. Ken Stott and Maxine Peake star.

#### SAT 20:00 The Archive Hour (b00ph82h)

The My Lai Tapes

Robert Hodiern reveals the truth about the infamous My Lai massacre of 16 March 1968, based on the transcript of a Pentagon enquiry conducted by Lt General William Peers. The findings of the investigation were so uncomfortable for the US Military that they were suppressed. Some 400 hours of tape show that US soldiers raped and murdered hundreds of civilians in not just one but three villages in an orgy of killing that proved to be a turning point in the Vietnam War.

#### SAT 21:00 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.

#### SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b0094ypn)

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

#### SAT 22:15 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.

#### SAT 22:55 Budget Response (b0094ypq)

On behalf of the Scottish National Party.

#### SAT 23:00 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.

#### SAT 23:30 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.

### SUNDAY 16 MARCH 2008

#### SUN 00:00 News and Weather (b0094znw)

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

#### SUN 00:30 Manchester Crime Wave (b00770y7)

The Witch

Crime stories set in Manchester. 5/5: The Witch, by Mandasue Heller. A policewoman investigates a stolen dog and uncovers a crime nearly half a century old. Read by Olwen May.

#### SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b0094znx)

The latest shipping forecast.

#### SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b0094zny)

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 (b0094znz)

The latest shipping forecast.

#### SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b0094zp0)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

#### SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b0094zp1)

The sound of church bells from St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

#### SUN 05:45 Profile (b0094ypk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

#### SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b0094zp2)

The latest national and international news.

#### SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b0094zp3)

Risk Assessment

Risk Assessment: Mike Woodriddle explores the implications of our increasingly risk-averse attitude to life, adventure, decision-making and bringing up children.

#### SUN 06:35 Living World (b0094zp4)

Rooks and a Winter Roost

Rooks and a Winter Roost: Lionel Kelleway watches an extraordinary spectacle as tens of thousands of rooks gather together to roost for the night.

#### SUN 06:57 Weather (b0094zp5)

The latest weather forecast.

#### SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b0094zp6)

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

#### SUN 07:10 Sunday (b0094zp7)

Edward Stourton and guests discuss the religious and ethical news of the week.

#### SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b0094zp8)

Helena Kennedy QC appeals on behalf of Prison Advice and Care Trust. Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144.

#### SUN 07:58 Weather (b0094zp9)

The latest weather forecast.

#### SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b0094zpb)

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

#### SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b0094zpc)

The Charismatic Tradition

The Charismatic Tradition: Bishop Basil Richards leads a Palm Sunday service from the Church of God of Prophecy in Birmingham's Aberdeen Street. Preacher: Bishop Dr Joe Aldred.

#### SUN 08:50 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?

#### SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b0094zpd)

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

#### SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b0094zpf)

The week's events in Ambridge.

#### SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b0094zpg)

Tariq Ali

Kirsty Young's castaway this week is the radical thinker, writer

and broadcaster Tariq Ali. Forty years since the streets of London were filled with demonstrators, Tariq Ali describes how he came to be involved in anti-establishment politics and how, from an early age, he felt drawn towards those people who were the underdogs of society. He was born to privileged, atheist parents in Pakistan, he led his first street protest at 12 and his first strike at 15. He became increasingly political until, after a military coup, his parents were advised to send him out of the country for his own safety and so he came to study at Oxford.

He travelled to Vietnam at the height of the war to observe and document the suffering there and also travelled to Bolivia and Palestine. His role as an anti-establishment agitator was cemented when he led two revolutionary marches in London in 1968. Forty years on – and after a successful career as a filmmaker and writer – he says it remains important to voice dissenting views and he insists that despite his privilege and status he remains firmly outside the establishment.

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

Favourite track: Meda Ishq Vi Toon by Pathaney Khan  
Book: The collected works by Marcel Proust  
Luxury: A mini DVD player.

#### SUN 12:00 Just a Minute (b0094gt2)

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.

#### SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b0094zph)

Speciality Salts

Today, we worry about eating too much salt, but speciality salts have never been more popular. Simon Parkes investigates.

#### SUN 12:57 Weather (b0094zpj)

The latest weather forecast.

#### SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b0094zpk)

A look at events around the world.

#### SUN 13:30 The Price of Peace (b0094zpl)

A Shared Future

John Ware examines the events which led up to the signing of the Good Friday agreement in Northern Ireland. 3/3: A Shared Future. Peace is here but reconciliation seems distant.

#### SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b0094zpm)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum. Chris Beardshaw, Bob Flowerdew and Anne Swithinbank answer questions from gardeners in Gloucestershire.

#### SUN 14:45 Men Read Maps Women Gossip (b007jdgq)

Episode 2

Vivienne Parry and Quentin Cooper compete in a battle of the sexes. 2/4: Stephen Monsell, professor of cognitive psychology, analyses their multi-tasking ability.

#### SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b0094zpn)

Mr Standfast

Episode 2

Mr Standfast: Bert Coules's dramatisation of John Buchan's WWI thriller. 2/2: The action moves to France as Richard Hannay and Mary Lamington search for the German spy Moxon Ivery.

#### SUN 16:00 Open Book (b009507z)

Manil Suri, Working in a bookshop, Independent Publishers, Books about Berlin

The Age of Shiva by Manil Suri  
Mariella Frostrup talks to Manil Suri about his new novel *The Age of Shiva*. Set in India in 1955 it takes the form of an extended love letter from the protagonist Meera to her son Ashvin tracing the fortunes of one family in the aftermath of Indian independence. Manil Suri was born in Bombay and is now a Professor of Mathematics at the University of Maryland Baltimore County. His first book *Death of Vishu* was on the Booker long list.

Booksellers: what its like to work in a bookshop  
A number of writers have worked in bookshops from George Orwell to David Mitchell. Open Book decided to go behind the scenes and talk to three very different booksellers talk about their respective jobs. Best selling author of *The Cutting Room* Louise Welsh used to run a second hand bookshop in Glasgow in the early 90s. Guy Ramage is manager of Borders Superstore in London's Oxford Circus. Robert Williams, winner of the 2007 National Book token Competition whose own book is being published by Faber, is a bookseller in Waterstones in Manchester.

#### The Rise of Independent Publishers

This week Templar children's publishers won the Independent Publisher of the Year Award, in the face of stiff competition from the increasingly successful independent sector. Random House keen to cash in on their success are founding their own independent imprint Preface. Joel Ricketts deputy editor of the Bookseller looks at the reasons behind the buoyancy of independent publishing including the impact of technological advances.

#### Reading Clinic

Anne McElvoy, former foreign correspondent on the Times answers listeners request for books about Berlin where she herself lived and worked.

**SUN 16:30 John Hegley's Poetry in the Gallery (b0095080)**  
Episode 2

...in the Gallery. Poetry inspired by works of art.

**SUN 17:00 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.

**SUN 17:40 Profile (b0094ypk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b0095081)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SUN 17:57 Weather (b0095082)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b0095083)**

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

**SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b0095084)**

Sue MacGregor presents a selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

**SUN 19:00 The Archers (b0095085)**

Adam admits to Ian that unless something miraculous happens at the 'summit meeting' with Brian on Wednesday, he's unlikely to commit the next twenty years to Home Farm. Ian's supportive saying that if Adam needs to move, then he's happy to go with him, just as long as they're together.

Ed turns up unexpectedly at Emma's to discuss his concerns about Nic's behaviour towards George. Emma agrees to talk to Will when he drops George back later. Initially annoyed at Ed sticking his nose in, Will's thrown when Emma mentions that Ed had been there when Nic had shut George in his room. Feeling confused, he accuses Emma of poisoning George's mind against Nic. When Emma says she just doesn't want George going to Casa Nueva if Will's not there, Will storms out saying that she won't stop him seeing his son just because of his "crackhead" brother's lies. Later, when Emma tells Susan she's going to ask George about it, Susan says not to; she knows who she'd believe between Nic and Ed.

When unsettled Will gets back to Casa Nueva he looks fondly on as Nic's reading Jake a bedtime story and impulsively tells her he really loves her. Puzzled Nic replies that she loves him too.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

**SUN 19:15 Go4it (b0095086)**

Barney Harwood presents the children's magazine, taking a look at music and film making. Conductor Chris Gayford explains what a conductor really does.

**SUN 19:45 A Brush with Fame (b00771n4)**

Brief Encounter

Stories exploring encounters between celebrities and lesser mortals. 5/5: Brief Encounter, by Peter Hobbs. A specially commissioned tale set in a contemporary television studio.

**SUN 20:00 Feedback (b0093zsw)**

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

**SUN 20:30 Last Word (b0093zvh)**

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

**SUN 21:00 Money Box (b0094yp5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b0094zp8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

**SUN 21:30 Analysis (b0093zb0)**

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.

**SUN 21:58 Weather (b0095087)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b0095088)**

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including at 1 **0.40pm** Boom or Bust: Michael White assesses some of the most significant budgets from the past (2/3).

**SUN 22:55 Budget Response (b00950yx)**

On behalf of Plaid Cymru.

**SUN 23:00 The Learning Curve (b00937d)**

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

**SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b0094zp3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

### MONDAY 17 MARCH 2008

**MON 00:00 News and Weather (b00951x0)**

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

**MON 00:15 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'.*

**MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b0094zp1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

**MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00951x1)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00951x2)**

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 (b00951x3)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00951x4)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00951cv)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Fr Eugene O'Neill.

**MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00951x5)**

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

**MON 05:57 Weather (b00951x6)**

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

**MON 06:00 Today (b00951x7)**

With John Humphrys and Sarah Montague. 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 (b00951x8)**

Andrew Marr sets the cultural agenda for the week. Guests include Susan Pinker, who discusses her new book *The Sexual Paradox*.

**MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b009521m)**

Nothing to Be Frightened Of

Episode 1

Nothing to Be Frightened Of: Julian Barnes reads from his book which combines family memoir with reflections on art, religion and death. 1/5: He recalls how lost his faith.

**MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b009521x)**

Pre-nuptial Agreements; Songwriter Amanda Ghost

What are the pros and cons of pre-nuptial contracts? Plus, Amanda Ghost on writing songs for Beyonce, and journalist Siatta Scott Johnson discusses the 'Iron Ladies' of Liberia.

**MON 11:00 Sex in the City Shanghai Style (b009547x)**

Shenshen, a modern young Shanghai woman, explores the new China, a neon-lit world of cocktail bars, designer clothes and exclusive clubs.

**MON 11:30 Dixon of Dock Green (b0076scm)**

Series 1

Needle in a Haystack

Ted Willis's classic TV series, dramatised for radio by Sue Rodwell. 2/6: Needle in a Haystack. A baby's life is in danger when some pep pills go missing.

**MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00954d8)**

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and Winifred Robinson.

**MON 12:57 Weather (b00954d9)**

The latest weather forecast.

**MON 13:00 World at One (b00954db)**

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

**MON 13:30 The Garden Quiz (b00954dc)**

Episode 11

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

**MON 14:00 The Archers (b0095085)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

**MON 14:15 Drama (b00954dd)**

Baldi (series 5)

## A Very Neglected Fish

Baldi: A series of murder mysteries. 2/4: A Very Neglected Fish, by John Murphy. Paolo investigates a murder set among the competitive world of celebrity chefs.

**MON 15:00 Money Box Live (b00954n7)**

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 (b009fp13)**

Pier Shorts

Ghost Train

Stories by new writers, inspired by Brighton's Palace Pier.

By Ambreen Hameed, read by Nina Wadia.

A young Muslim girl has a devastating experience on a school trip to Brighton. Haunted by the past, she finds herself mysteriously drawn back to the pier 20 years later.

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

**MON 15:45 The People in the Playground Revisited (b009fp15)**

Episode 1

Children's Laureate Michael Rosen explores life in the playground today. 1: Fifty years ago, Iona and Peter Opie began their ground-breaking research on the subject.

**MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b0094zph)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

**MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b009gl01)**

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 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b009frlc)**

17th March 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago.

Robert Kennedy announces his candidacy for President of the United States, the UK is in the midst of a financial crisis and London witnesses anti-Vietnam protests.

**MON 17:00 PM (b009frlf)**

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

**MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b009frlh)**

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

**MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b009frp6)**

Series 52

Episode 11

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game from the Colston Hall, Bristol. Panellists include Paul Merton, Sue Perkins, Tony Hawks and Graham Norton.

**MON 19:00 The Archers (b009frzh)**

Hayley's discharged from hospital and chats to Amy about her midwifery course while waiting for Roy to pick her up. Later Hayley rings Brenda to invite her round to Willow Farm tomorrow.

Amy and Usha have fun going clothes shopping together. Later Usha visits Ruth where she admits that because it's Alan's busiest time of year she's not seeing a lot of him. But she did go to the Palm Sunday service and they're doing the parish walk together. As the smell of one of Jill's casseroles wafts over, Ruth explains that Jill's using her oven. Phil's teaching Bert to cook because of Freda's diet. However, the unfortunate side effect of this is that Bert's been making too much and has been trying to force the somewhat "stodgy" leftovers on Lower Loxley staff.

Pat chats to Tony about putting in an objection to the planning application for the anaerobic digester, but Tony tells her to leave him out of it - it's a waste of time and it will cause bad

feeling in the family. He tells her to think very carefully before putting in an objection and if he were Pat he wouldn't bother. When Pat says he's not her, Tony replies that's what he's afraid of.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

**MON 19:15 Front Row (b009frzk)**

Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson. Including an interview with musician Mike Oldfield, whose new release is billed as a classical album.

**MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b009frzm)**

Amanda Whittington - Bollywood Jane

Episode 1

Amanda Whittington's story of a young woman who discovers the magic of Indian cinema.

1/5. Jane and Kate move to yet another new flat and Jane has an exciting encounter.

Jane ..... Joanne Froggatt  
Kate ..... Katherine Dow Blyton  
Dini ..... Sacha Dhawan  
Aamir ..... Pal Aron  
Mac ..... Sean Connolly

Directed by Kate Chapman.

**MON 20:00 The Mysterious Commander (b0088nvw)**

James Maw visits Hull to investigate a Cold War operation in which people were recruited to spy on the Russian fleet. Some were asked to take photographs, others to make recordings.

**MON 20:30 Crossing Continents (b0093z11)**

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.

**MON 21:00 City Limits (b007wfld)**

Episode 2

Series looking at the fringes where suburbia meets the countryside.

2/2. The experiences of people living in the 1960s housing development of Ballymun, near Dublin, are interwoven with analysis and reflections from planners and sociologists including Michael Grace, Sheena McCambley, Terry Robinson of Natural England and folklorist Georgina Boyes.

**MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00951x8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 21:58 Weather (b009fsmn)**

The latest weather forecast.

**MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b009fsnp)**

News and analysis with Ritula Shah. Including reports on growing concerns over the US economy and clashes between peacekeeping troops and Serbs in Northern Kosovo.

**MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b009fsnr)**

Sadie Jones - The Outcast

Homecomings

In 1957 a 19-year-old boy is released from jail. Emma Fielding reads Sadie Jones's novel about transgression and redemption.

**MON 23:00 A Charles Paris Mystery (b009zq7)**

Sicken and So Die

Episode 3

Twelfth Night opens to rapturous reviews. But could the actor-cum-sleuth be the poisoner's next victim? Stars Bill Nighy.

**MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b009ftm1)**

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

**TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2008****TUE 00:00 News and Weather (b00951cw)**

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

**TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b009521m)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

**TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00951cx)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00951cy)**

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 (b00951cz)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00951d0)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00951d1)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Fr Eugene O'Neill.

**TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00951d2)**

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

**TUE 06:00 Today (b00951d3)**

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**.

**TUE 09:00 1968 - The Year of Revolutions (b009fwp9)**

Episode 1

John Tusa and guests discuss the impact of the tumultuous world events of 1968, from civil rights marches in the US to riots in Paris and violence in Prague.

Contributors include Peter Hain, Joan Bakewell, Martin Kettle and Ann Leslie.

**TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b009gfb7)**

Nothing to Be Frightened Of

Episode 2

Nothing to Be Frightened Of: Julian Barnes reads from his book which combines family memoir with reflections on art, religion and death. 2/5: He recalls his suburban childhood.

**TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b009521n)**

The Drapchi Nuns; Photographer Sonia Katchian

Interviews with former Tibetan nuns who were imprisoned in China for demonstrating. Plus, photographer Sonia Katchian on Muhammed Ali, and how did Caroline Norton changed the law?

**TUE 11:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b009fwpc)**

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

**TUE 11:30 Hovis Has Left the Building (b009fwpf)**

Mark Radcliffe celebrates the Bolton poet and comedian Hovis Presley, whose gentle humour and wordplay earned him the respect of comedians, musicians and writers in the 1990s.

**TUE 12:00 Call You and Yours (b009548h)**

Consumer news and issues with John Waite and Peter White.

**TUE 12:57 Weather (b0095491)**

The latest weather forecast.

**TUE 13:00 World at One (b009549m)**

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

**TUE 13:30 Ken Clarke's Jazz Greats (b009fwpb)**

Series 6

Episode 3

Former chancellor Ken Clarke profiles great jazz musicians of the 20th century. 3/4: He is joined by jazz writer Steve Voce to explore the career of alto saxophonist Art Pepper.

**TUE 14:00 The Archers (b009frzh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

**TUE 14:15 Drama (b009fwpk)**

Mrs Mabb

Susanna Clarke's short story, dramatised by Judith Adams.

Handsome Captain Fox has been spirited away by the amazing Mrs Mabb, and audacious heroine Venetia wants him back. But she has Mrs Mabb's malign magic to contend with.

Narrator ..... Emma Fielding  
Venetia ..... Jasmine Hyde  
Fanny ..... Lucy Akhurst  
Captain Fox ..... Bertie Carvel  
Mr Hawkins/Mr Grout ..... Philip Fox  
Lucas/John Purvis ..... Sam Pamphilon  
Marje ..... Poppy Friar  
Nan ..... Millie Binks.

**TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b009fwpm)**

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

**TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b009fp17)**

Pier Shorts

Love Lessons from Cephalopods

Stories by new writers, inspired by Brighton's Palace Pier.

By Kay Sexton, read by Susannah Harker.

A marine scientist challenges a Russian gangmaster to a swimming contest.

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 15:45 The People in the Playground Revisited (b009fp19)**

Episode 2

Children's Laureate Michael Rosen explores life in the playground today. 2: He visits St Paul's Primary in the East End of London for the first of three audio snapshots.

**TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b009fwpp)**

Prosecuting Sexual Offences

Clive Coleman looks at the legal issues in the news. He asks how the prosecution of sexual offences can be made more effective and what changes to the law are needed.

**TUE 16:30 A Good Read (b009fwpr)**

Sheena McDonald and Sally Lindsay

Kate Mosse is joined by broadcaster Sheena McDonald and actress Sally Lindsay to talk about favourite books by FH Burnett, Steven Johnson and Patrick Suskind.

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
Publisher: Penguin

The Ghost Map: A Street, an Epidemic and the Hidden Power of Urban Networks by Steven Johnson  
Publisher: Penguin

Perfume by Patrick Suskind  
Publisher: Penguin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2003.

**TUE 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b009frlk)**

18th March 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago.

Central London cleans up after Sunday's anti-Vietnam riots, the London stock market opens amidst a financial crisis and the search for gold continues in Devon.

**TUE 17:00 PM (b009frlm)**

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

**TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b009frlp)**

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

**TUE 18:30 Rudy's Rare Records (b00p4mcp)**

Series 1

The Heart of Saturday Night

Bad news for the trio when burglars ransack their record store in Brum.

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  
Doctor ..... Tracy-Ann Oberman  
DJ Karel ..... Andrew Brooke  
Trev the Hoodie ..... Doc Brown

Producer: Lucy Armitage.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

**TUE 19:00 The Archers (b009frzp)**

Jennifer leaves some gifts for Abbie, but Roy, still anxious about Abbie's condition, feels it's tempting fate. Hayley's understanding and they have a loving hug.

When Brenda turns up things are frosty between her and Roy. After he goes Brenda tells Hayley how sorry she is about everything and she's relieved when Hayley says none of it is her fault. Hayley's delighted when Brenda says that she's happy for Willow Farm to be split into two. When Roy returns and sees Brenda's bought a teddy for Abbie he hits the roof shouting hasn't she done enough? Why can't people leave them alone.

Eddie's confused while tucking into pie and chips at the Bull when Bert seems to contradict himself about Freda, one minute saying he's not cooking for her and the next saying he is.

Jennifer picks up Debbie from the airport. Debbie says that if Brian sticks to his plan of splitting the farm three ways, there won't be much to talk about at tomorrow's meeting. Jennifer admits that it's difficult, but asks Debbie to give Brian a fair hearing as there's so much at stake. Debbie says she'll try but she can't make any promises.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

**TUE 19:15 Front Row (b009frzr)**

Arts news and reviews with Kirsty Lang.

**TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b009frzt)**

Amanda Whittington - Bollywood Jane

Episode 2

Amanda Whittington's story of a young woman who discovers the magic of Indian cinema.

2/5. Jane starts work at the cinema, watches her first Bollywood movie and falls for Dini.

Jane ..... Joanne Froggatt  
Kate ..... Katherine Dow Blyton  
Dini ..... Sacha Dhawan  
Aamir ..... Pal Aron  
Mac ..... Sean Connolly

Directed by Kate Chapman.

**TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b009fwpw)**

Danny Shaw looks at government proposals to deal with prison overcrowding and asks whether bigger jails will solve the problem.

**TUE 20:40 In Touch (b009fwpy)**

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

**TUE 21:00 Am I Normal? (b009fwq1)**

Series 4

Dyscalculia

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

She investigates mathematical ability and the condition known as dyscalculia, a type of number blindness which makes learning maths very difficult.

**TUE 21:30 1968 - The Year of Revolutions (b009fwp9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 21:58 Weather (b009fsnt)**

The latest weather forecast.

**TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b009fsw)**

with Ritula Shah. Including reports on a further anticipated cut in US interest rates, splits in the Tibetan movement and Belgium's experience of surviving without a government.

**TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b009fsny)**

Sadie Jones - The Outcast

The River

It is 1947 and, home from prep school, Lewis's idyllic summer is set to come to a sudden and shocking end. Read by Emma Fielding.

**TUE 23:00 The Arts and How They Was Done (b00776jn)**

How Michelangelo Done the Sistine Chapel

Desmond Olivier Dingle and the National Theatre of Brent recreate the Renaissance. Stars Patrick Barlow. From April 2007.

**TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b009ftm3)**

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

**WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2008****WED 00:00 News and Weather (b00951d4)**

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

**WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b009gfb7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00951d5)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00951d6)**

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 (b00951d7)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00951d8)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00951d9)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Fr Eugene O'Neill.

**WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00951db)**

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

**WED 06:00 Today (b00951dc)**

With John Humphrys 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 (b009fwy4)**

Lively and diverse conversation with Francine Stock and guests.

**WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b009gfb9)**

Nothing to Be Frightened Of

Episode 3

Nothing to Be Frightened Of: Julian Barnes's book combines family memoir with reflections on art, religion and death. 3/5: He muses on the relationship between religion and fiction.

**WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b009521p)**

Anne of Green Gables; Loo Facilities; Women of the Maze

Budge Wilson on writing the prequel to the classic Anne of Green Gables. Plus how to resolve the lack of proper toilet facilities, and how wives with husbands in Maze prison coped.

**WED 11:00 In Living Memory (b009fwy6)**

Series 7

1967 Mossdale Caverns Tragedy

Ray Kershaw recalls the 1967 tragedy at Mossdale Caverns, when six young potholers met their deaths when the underground cave flooded. The cavern became their grave and was permanently sealed off.

**WED 11:30 Potting On (b0013pxx)**

Wedding

Invited to a big wedding, Pam wants to buy a big hat to wear and a big present for the bride and groom.

But Gordon's got a severe pain in his wallet...

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

Starring Pam Ayres as Pam and Geoffrey Whitehead as Gordon.

Written by Chris Thompson and Peter Reynolds with Pam Ayres.

With Trevor Bannister, Karl Theobald, Alex Tregear and Gemma Churchill.

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 (b009548j)**

Consumer news and issues with John Waite and Sheila McClennon. Including Shari Vahl reporting on 'boiler-room' scams and a look at the capacity of Britain's broadband networks.

**WED 12:57 Weather (b009549n)**

The latest weather forecast.

**WED 13:00 World at One (b009549p)**

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

**WED 13:30 Britain in a Box (b009nqry)**

Series 3

A Still Tongue

Paul Jackson explores the making of classic TV programmes. 3/5: A Still Tongue. Patrick McGoochan's The Prisoner has grown from a 1960s curiosity to a worldwide cult.

**WED 14:00 The Archers (b009frzp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 14:15 Drama (b009fxc2)**

The City Speaks

Episode 1

The City Speaks: Series of short radio dramas based on Peter Ackroyd's specially commissioned short story in which the Virgin Mary makes an appearance in the City of London.

**WED 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b0094zpm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

**WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b009fplc)**

Pier Shorts

Don't Turn Around

Stories by new writers, inspired by Brighton's Palace Pier.

By Marian Garvey, read by Claire Skinner.

Encouraged to skive off work and head for a fun weekend in Brighton, Lexy discovers that all is not quite as it seemed.

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 15:45 The People in the Playground Revisited (b009fplf)**

Episode 3

Children's Laureate Michael Rosen explores life in the playground today. 3: He visits Liss Junior in Hampshire to examine the influence of TV and computer games on today's culture.

**WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b009fxc4)**

Scottish Independence - Viewing the Recently Dead: Feedback

## SCOTLAND INDEPENDENCE

Laurie Taylor is joined by Professor Murray Pittock the author of a new book 'The Road To Independence? Scotland Since the Sixties' and Vernon Bogdanor, Professor of Government at Oxford University, to consider the reasons behind the rise of Scottish nationalism since the end of World War Two and to find out if the next step on the road will be a vote for full independence.

## VIEWING THE RECENTLY DEAD - FEEDBACK

Anthropologist, Adam Kuper discusses last week's responses on the cultural differences in the manner in which we choose to view the bodies of the dead.

**WED 16:30 Am I Normal? (b009fwq1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b009frlr)**

19th March 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago.

The Chancellor raises taxes by almost a billion pounds, Andy Warhol's first UK exhibition opens in London and England win the Fourth Test against the West Indies in Port of Spain.

**WED 17:00 PM (b009frlt)**

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

**WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b009frlw)**

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

**WED 18:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b009fxc6)**

Series 1

Episode 5

5/6. John Lloyd and Bill Bailey host a panel show in which guests donate fascinating exhibits to a vast imaginary museum. With Jonathan Miller, Marcus du Sautoy and Philip Ball.

**WED 19:00 The Archers (b009frzw)**

Debbie and Adam admit to each other that they have very low expectations for their meeting with Brian, sadly saying they may jump ship if necessary.

At the meeting Adam tells Brian that by splitting the farm three ways he's bequeathing them a nightmare - Ruairi included. Brian then proposes an idea he's had that might help matters. They'll both be responsible for managing their areas - Debbie the arable and Adam the livestock and fruit - and will no longer be managed by Brian. In addition they'll be taking a substantial share of the profits. Wrong-footed, Debbie and Adam agree on a one third share each of the profits. However, Brian's still going to split the farm three ways in his will. Debbie and Adam agree that although this isn't ideal, they would at least have the chance to build up enough capital to buy Ruairi out. The deal's agreed.

Later Brian tells Jennifer that he made the offer because he'd do anything to keep them together. To celebrate, he suggests taking Jennifer out to dinner. Seeing the positive side Jennifer says it

will mean they'll have more time together for holidays and travel - it's about time. Brian's thoughtful when he replies yes, yes it will.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

**WED 19:15 Front Row (b009frzy)**

Presented by John Wilson. Kit Davis discusses the musical Jersey Boys, the story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Plus a tribute to science fiction writer Arthur C Clarke.

**WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b009fs00)**

Amanda Whittington - Bollywood Jane

Episode 3

Jane is under pressure to bring home some wages from the cinema, and Dini has some urgent news. Stars Joanne Froggatt.

**WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b009fxc8)**

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

**WED 20:45 Lent Talks (b009fxcb)**

Tom Wright

Well-known figures reflect on the story of Jesus from their own perspective. 6/6: Tom Wright, Bishop of Durham, reflects on the interval between Jesus's death and resurrection.

**WED 21:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b009fwpc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 21:30 Midweek (b009fwy4)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 21:58 Weather (b009fsp0)**

The latest weather forecast.

**WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b009fsp2)**

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on Tibetan protests in China and forthcoming elections in Taiwan.

**WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b009fsp4)**

Sadie Jones - The Outcast

The Introduction

Lewis is still raw with grief when Gilbert asks him to meet the woman he has asked to be his second wife. Read by Emma Fielding.

**WED 23:00 Terry Pratchett (b010v3d7)**

Night Watch

Episode 4

Thrown back in time, Commander Sam Vimes of the City Watch relives the glorious revolution of his youth. But he must also protect his younger self from arch-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, Joseph Kloska as Reg Shoe and Peter Marinker as Major Clive.

Director: Claire Grove

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

**WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b009ftm5)**

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

**THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2008****THU 00:00 News and Weather (b00951dd)**

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

**THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b009gf9)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00951df)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00951dg)**  
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 (b00951dh)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00951dj)**  
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00951dk)**  
Daily prayer and reflection with Fr Eugene O'Neill.

**THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00951dl)**  
News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

**THU 06:00 Today (b00951dm)**  
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 (b009fyce)**  
Kierkegaard

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss the rich and radical ideas of Soren Kierkegaard, often called the father of Existentialism. In 1840 a young Danish girl called Regine Olsen got engaged to her sweetheart – a modish and clever young man called Soren Kierkegaard. The two were deeply in love but soon the husband to be began to have doubts. He worried that he couldn't make Regine happy and stay true to himself and his dreams of philosophy. It was a terrible dilemma, but Kierkegaard broke off the engagement – a decision from which neither he nor his fiancée fully recovered. This unhappy episode has become emblematic of the life and thought of Soren Kierkegaard - a philosopher who confronted the painful choices in life and who understood the darker modes of human existence. Yet Kierkegaard is much more than the gloomy Dane of reputation. A thinker of wit and elegance, his ability to live with paradox and his desire to think about individuals as free have given him great purchase in the modern world and he is known as the father of Existentialism. With Jonathan Rée, Visiting Professor at Roehampton University and the Royal College of Art; Clare Carlisle, Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of Liverpool; John Lippitt, Professor of Ethics and Philosophy of Religion at the University of Hertfordshire.

**THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b009gfbc)**  
Nothing to Be Frightened Of

Episode 4

Nothing to Be Frightened Of: Julian Barnes's book combines family memoir with reflections on art, religion and death. 4/5: He recalls his parents and the letters they left behind.

**THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b009521q)**  
Kids in the Military; Sylvia Townsend Warner; Hannah Hauxwell

How does it feel to have a son or daughter on active service? Plus, the life of popular 30s writer Sylvia Townsend Warner and Daleswoman and TV personality Hannah Hauxwell at 80.

**THU 11:00 Crossing Continents (b009fyce)**  
Egypt

Egypt: A UN report in 2005 declared that the gender equality issue threatened the creation of viable civil societies in the Arab world. Bill Law asks what progress has been made.

**THU 11:30 How Robin Ince Got His Groove Back (b009fyce)**  
Comedian Robin Ince asks if his was the last generation of truly obsessed pop fans. He is joined by guests including Stewart Lee and Andrew Collins. He also tries to reassemble his own precious record collection after it died in a freak sewage accident.

**THU 12:00 You and Yours (b009548k)**  
Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and Winifred Robinson.

**THU 12:57 Weather (b009549q)**  
The latest weather forecast.

**THU 13:00 World at One (b009549r)**  
National and international news with Shaun Ley.

**THU 13:30 Open Country (b0094ynw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

**THU 14:00 The Archers (b009frzw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 14:15 Drama (b009fyck)**  
The City Speaks

Episode 2

The City Speaks: More short radio dramas based on Peter Ackroyd's specially commissioned short story in which the Virgin Mary makes an appearance in the City of London.

**THU 15:00 Check Up (b009fyem)**  
Posture

Many of us suffer with back pain at some time in our lives.

Sitting in front of a computer all day, driving for long periods, carrying heavy bags and slouching on the sofa can all contribute to bad posture.

Our posture often has a part to play in the state of our backs, and other parts of the body.

But what is the best way to improve our posture? Are our parents and teachers correct to tell us to stand up straight? What exercises can help?

If you suffer from back, neck or leg pain or sciatica, what is the best way to alleviate the pain?

On this edition of Check Up, Barbara Myers puts questions about posture to Dr Peter Skew, a GP who specialises in treating back pain.

**THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b0094zpb)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

**THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b009fplh)**  
Pier Shorts

Four Battenburgs

Stories by new writers, inspired by Brighton's Palace Pier.

By Michael Odell.

All teachers want a bright class, but can a child be too clever by half? Little Tommy Spence turns a school model-making project into a life-or-death situation.

Read By Stephen Tompkinson.

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 15:45 The People in the Playground Revisited (b009fplk)**  
Episode 4

Children's Laureate Michael Rosen explores life in the playground today. 4: He visits Chillingham Road Primary in Newcastle upon Tyne for his third audio snapshot.

**THU 16:00 Open Book (b009507z)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

**THU 16:30 Material World (b009fyep)**  
75th Anniversary of Polythene - Sound Perception

75th Anniversary of Polythene  
In 1933 a remarkable series of coincidences led to the discovery of a material that would change our lives forever. In this week's Material World, Quentin Cooper celebrates the 75th anniversary of the discovery of polythene. He is joined by Geoff Mitchell, Professor of Polymer Physics at the University

of Reading and by Professor Dame Julia Higgins from Imperial College London to find out about polythene's uses, abuses and why polymers and plastics are still at the front line of scientific research.

Sound Perception

How does the brain process sound? How exactly can we distinguish between the clatter of cutlery or the beauty of singing. Sounds are pressure waves moving through the air, but our brains somehow manage to interpret this one-dimensional information and reconstruct the object that created it. Quentin is joined by Jan Schnupp, Neuroscientist from the University of Oxford and Sophie Scott from the Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience to find out how.

**THU 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b009frly)**  
20th March 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago.

The Duke of Edinburgh becomes the first member of the Royal family to allow himself to be interviewed live on television. Retired US general David Shoup tells the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that a military victory cannot be won in South Vietnam alone.

**THU 17:00 PM (b009frm0)**

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

**THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b009frm2)**

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

**THU 18:30 Radio 4, This Is Your Life (b00801yf)**

Stephen Fry and Matt Lucas host an irreverent romp through Radio 4's history. Featured performers include Sue Perkins, Michael Fenton Stevens, Dave Lamb and Richie Webb.

**THU 19:00 The Archers (b009fs02)**

Jennifer chats to Peggy about yesterday's meeting. Peggy's just glad that Jennifer stood up to Brian and that he realised she was serious. Jennifer agrees that must have been why he made such a big compromise.

Bert's down in the dumps, telling David that he's lost Freda to another man. After some prodding from David it turns out that Bert thinks Neville Booth is his silver-tongued rival, but without much evidence. All that Bert can come up with is that he caught Neville squeezing Freda's arm after the slimming club. David tells Bert he might be overreacting a little bit and suggests that he asks Freda directly what's going on.

Oliver has his herd routine tested for TB. Nigel tells Oliver about an idea he's had for the hunt; team chasing. Oliver thinks it's a good idea and suggests they make a date to discuss it.

Later, Oliver learns from Ed that Alistair's found three TB reactors who are being taken off for slaughter. The good thing is that they can still sell the milk because it's pasteurised, but Sterling Gold cheese is going to be badly affected. Despondent Oliver exclaims the whole thing is a disaster.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

**THU 19:15 Front Row (b009fs04)**

Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson. Including an interview with dramatist Howard Brenton, whose new play is based on the life of Harold Macmillan.

**THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b009fs06)**  
Amanda Whittington - Bollywood Jane

Episode 4

Amanda Whittington's story of a young woman who discovers the magic of Indian cinema.

4/5. The cinema's future is in doubt and Kate has some earth-shattering news for Jane.

Jane ..... Joanne Froggatt  
Kate ..... Katherine Dow Blyton  
Dini ..... Sacha Dhawan  
Aamir ..... Pal Aron  
Mac ..... Sean Connolly

Directed by Kate Chapman.

**THU 20:00 The Price of Peace (b0094zpl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Sunday]

**THU 20:30 Analysis (b009fycr)**

Revealing Religion

Andrew Brown explores how believers and sceptics see the role of religion in thought and action.

**THU 21:00 Leading Edge (b009fyct)**

Insulin and Old Age

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The hormone insulin is normally associated with controlling our levels of blood sugar but as Geoff Watts discovers this week, researchers have uncovered an important new effect that insulin has on the body that could lead to a greater resistance to chronic disease and increased longevity.

Arthur C Clarke

Astrophysicist and writer Marcus Chown reflects on the scientific vision of Arthur C Clarke who's died aged 91.

Extinctions on Earth

Was a meteorite impact or volcanic activity responsible for dinosaur extinction 65 million years ago? Volcanologist Mike Widdowson discusses new evidence to suggest that volcanic gasses may have been sufficient to cause a mass extinction.

Artificial Muscle

Jon Stewart reports on the artificial alternative to biological muscle – “electroactive polymers” that change shape when you apply a current to them and offer up a host of applications from swimming robotic fish to airship navigation.

Bat Navigation

Gareth Jones of Bristol University, discusses new insights into how bats employ their famous echolocation in flight to home in on moving prey.

**THU 21:30 In Our Time (b009fycc)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 21:58 Weather (b009fsp6)**

The latest weather forecast.

**THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b009fsp8)**

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on the credit crunch and why the British government does not support a boycott of the Olympics.

**THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b009fspb)**

Sadie Jones - The Outcast

Soho

Unwelcome at home, Lewis finds his anger and hurt hard to control. An explosive moment ends in flight. Read by Emma Fielding.

**THU 23:00 One (b009fyew)**

Series 2

Episode 5

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

Featuring the vocal talents of Dan Maier, Lizzie Roper, David Quantick, Graeme Garden, Johnny Daukes, Deborah Norton, Katie Davies, Dan Antopolski and Michael Lerner.

Producer: Julian Mayers

A Random Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 23:15 All Bar Luke (b0077b8)**

Series 2

The Barbecue

Poignant comedy series by Tim Key. 5/6: The Barbecue. Luke is on a split shift at the pub. He has 20 minutes before a night of hell, but an appearance by Hayley changes everything.

**THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b009ftm7)**

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

FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2008

**FRI 00:00 News and Weather (b00951dn)**

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

**FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b009gfb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00951dp)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00951dq)**

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 (b00951dr)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00951ds)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00951dt)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Fr Eugene O'Neill.

**FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00951dv)**

News and issues in rural Britain with Mark Holdstock.

**FRI 06:00 Today (b00951dw)**

With James Naughtie 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**.

**FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b0094zpg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

**FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b009gfbf)**

Nothing to Be Frightened Of

Episode 5

Nothing to Be Frightened Of: Julian Barnes's book combines family memoir with reflections on art, religion and death. 5/5: He looks at the memories that are left behind when we die.

**FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b009521r)**

Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen on DIY; Catholic Feminists; Sudan Olympics;

Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen discusses the merits of chucking out the chintz. Plus, how sport is uniting South Sudan, and is there a place for feminists within the Catholic church?

**FRI 11:00 The Relationship People (b009fygj)**

We Can Work It Out

Gwyneth Powell celebrates its 70th anniversary of Relate, Britain's largest and best-known counselling organisation for relationships. 2/2: We Can Work It Out.

**FRI 11:30 The Cavity Within (b00770js)**

Episode 3

Having lost their patients, the dental team take extreme measures to rustle up a clientele. So why are Marty and Pete dining in the dark?

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. Other parts played by Tracy Wiles, Sam Dale, Paul Biggin and Emma Noakes.

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

**FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b009548I)**

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and Winifred Robinson.

**FRI 12:57 Weather (b009549s)**

The latest weather forecast.

**FRI 13:00 World at One (b009549t)**

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

**FRI 13:30 Feedback (b009fygl)**

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

**FRI 14:00 The Archers (b009fs02)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 14:15 Drama (b009fygn)**

Fair Play

Fair Play: By Tove Jansson, translated by Thomas Teal and dramatised by Sue Glover. The play is a series of vignettes depicting the love between two older women.

**FRI 15:00 Good Friday Liturgy (b009fygq)**

Daughters of Jerusalem: The words of Carol Ann Duffy tell the Easter story from the perspective of the women who witnessed Christ's Passion. With Lesley Sharp as Mary Magdalene.

**FRI 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b009fplm)**

Pier Shorts

Symbiosis

Stories by new writers, inspired by Brighton's Palace Pier.

By Tom Fox.

Harold and Mary have lived together in the same Brighton house for 50 years. Harold makes all the decisions and Mary cannot leave the house - until a wrongly posted women's magazine lands on the doorstep.

Read by Sian Thomas.

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 15:45 The People in the Playground Revisited (b009fplp)**

Episode 5

Children's Laureate Michael Rosen explores life in the playground today. 5: Michael and a panel debate whether the private culture of children at play today is in a healthy state.

**FRI 16:00 Last Word (b009fybn)**

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

**FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b009fynd)**

Javier Bardem: The Oscar-winning star of No Country For Old Men reveals why he followed up the Coens' bleak film noir with an adaptation of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's acclaimed novel.

The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford: Nigel Floyd discusses the reasons why he thinks the Brad Pitt western was the best film of 2007.

Andrew Grieve, the director of the film adaptation of Bruce Chatwin's novel On the Black Hill looks back 20 years to its production.

Director Phillipe Aractingi explains why and how he placed actors in real situations in war-torn Lebanon for his new feature film Under the Bombs.

**FRI 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b009frm4)**

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John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago.

Trouble flares in the Middle East, troop numbers in Vietnam are dramatically increased, and a research team in Birmingham attempts to determine a woman's social status through the shape of her legs.

**FRI 17:00 PM (b009frm6)**

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

**FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b009frm8)**

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

**FRI 18:30 The Now Show (b009fyng)**

Series 23

Episode 3

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 (b009fs08)**

David's miffed when, having helped with the milking, Pip asks for a lift over to Jonathan's to help out there. There's lots of work to be done at Brookfield.

Jill takes Ruth and the children to Borchester for a day out. They discuss Phil's forthcoming 80th birthday. Jill thinks Ruth's idea of a visit to the National Space Centre is a good one.

Cheerful Bert is grateful to David. He asked Freda straight out if Neville Booth had turned her head and she fell about laughing. She'd been smartening herself up because she'd realised she'd become a bit dowdy, but confirmed it was to impress a man - Bert! The only drawback was she'd now put Bert on a diet.

Oliver tells Helen that because of the TB in the herd the worst case scenario is that Sterling Gold cheese might have to be scrapped. All he can do is hope for the best when the enforcement officer visits next Tuesday.

Helen puts her name to Pat's letter objecting to the planning application for the anaerobic digester. When Helen asks whether Pat thinks it's going to do any good, Pat comments that she can't stand by and do nothing.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

**FRI 19:15 Front Row (b009fs0b)**

Arts news and reviews. Mark Lawson examines why the life and works of William Shakespeare continue to inspire so many books, including historical studies and best-selling fiction.

**FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b009fs0d)**

Amanda Whittington - Bollywood Jane

Episode 5

Amanda Whittington's story of a young woman who discovers the magic of Indian cinema.

5/5. Jane discovers the truth about her father and Kate makes an unexpected decision.

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Directed by Kate Chapman.

**FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b009fynj)**

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Barrington, Somerset. Panellists include Ben Bradshaw, Polly Toynbee, Ruth Lea and Jesse Norman.

**FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b009fynl)**

State of Law

Clive James discusses the virtues of a court decision about a man and a grape - a decision which brought back memories of a painful moment in his own life. He reflects on just how much money is spent on cases that common-sense suggests should never have gone to court.

**FRI 21:00 Friday Drama (b009fynn)**

The Day King Hammer Fell from the Sky

The Day King Hammer Fell from the Sky, by Gregory Whitehead. A headless body falls to earth at the centre of one of America's most prestigious universities.

**FRI 21:58 Weather (b009fspd)**

The latest weather forecast.

**FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b009fspg)**

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

**FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b009fspj)**

Sadie Jones - The Outcast

Desecration

Increasingly alone and at odds with the world, self-loathing Lewis makes a dramatic gesture of despair. Read by Emma Fielding.

**FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b009fwpr)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

**FRI 23:30 Adrian's Wall (b008551w)**

Mike McCartney follows the construction of a remarkable memorial to the late Adrian Henri, the Liverpool poet and artist who became famous during the 1960s.