

SATURDAY 03 MAY 2008**SAT 00:00 News and Weather (b00b3z3f)**

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00b2lg7)

The Sky Is Always There

Episode 5

Camilla Carr and Jon James tell the story of the 14 months they spent in captivity, having been taken hostage by Chechen rebels. After alternating between hope and despair, freedom finally arrives.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00b3z3h)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00b3z3k)

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

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00b3z3m)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00b3z3p)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00b3z3r)

Daily prayer and reflection with Andrew Graystone.

SAT 05:45 The Rook and Me (b0076vqx)

Winter - Roosting

Mark Cocker indulges his obsession as he follows a colony of rooks over the course of a year

At dusk, 40,000 rooks gather in the Yare Valley in Norfolk, a black carpet covering entire fields before they disappear into the trees.

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00b3z3t)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00b3z3w)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00b3z3y)

Helen Mark explores the Island of Mull, the second largest of the Inner Hebrides. She visits the town of Tobermory, location of the children's TV programme Balamory. Visiting a bird hide, she hopes to get a glimpse of Britain's biggest bird of prey, the sea eagle.

She also looks into the history of the island with the help of the Mull Historical Society and finds out more about the island's second biggest industry after tourism, fish farming.

SAT 06:35 Farming Today This Week (b00b3z40)

Rural magazine programme with Charlotte Smith.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00b3z42)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00b3z44)

With Edward Stourton and Evan Davis. Including a look at an effort to clean up oil on a beach in north east Scotland.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00b3z46)

Sheila McClellon is joined by ABC's Martin Fry. Plus the story of a former nun, the tales of a retired Formula 1 racing driver and a man who loves nothing more than some clutter.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00b3z48)

Architecture - Auvergne

ARCHITECTURE

John McCarthy talks to architectural historian Dan Cruickshank about the journeys he's made to and from the architectural treasures he visits all over the world.

AUVERGNE

Following in the footsteps of Robert Louis Stevenson, Andy Merrifield travels the Auvergne region of France by donkey and meditates on the benefits of slow, thoughtful travel.

SAT 10:30 Punt PI (b00b3z4b)

Series 1

Episode 1

Steve Punt turns private investigator, examining little mysteries that perplex, amuse and beguile. He explores the case of a couple who found 400 false legs hidden under their floorboards.

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00b3z4d)

A look behind the scenes at Westminster with Peter Osborne.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00b3z4g)

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

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00b4017)

Paul Lewis with the latest from the world of personal finance. Including a report on how some families are finding it hard to prove they should gain from inheritance tax changes.

SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b00b1p0v)

Series 65

Episode 1

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. Panellists include Jeremy Hardy, Andy Hamilton and Fred Macaulay.

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00b40t9)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News Headlines (b00b40tc)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00b1p0x)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from the Rose Theatre in Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey. Panellists include Harriet Harman, Caroline Spelman, Vince Cable and Peter Hall.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00b40ft)

Listeners' calls and emails in response to the week's Any Questions?

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b00b62ff)

Cigarettes and Chocolate

Anthony Minghella's Giles Cooper Award-winning radio play.

Gemma's unexplained silence is the catalyst for a reaction amongst her friends and lovers both unfaithful and unrequited, which starts as mild irritation but becomes increasingly uncontrolled as her passive but forceful refusal to speak drives them to distraction.

SAT 15:30 With Great Pleasure (b00b8w6c)

Anthony Minghella

As a tribute to writer and director Anthony Minghella who died recently, another chance to hear him discuss his favourite pieces of writing, including works by Beckett, Larkin and Pablo Neruda. Readers include Juliet Stevenson and Alan Rickman.

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b00b40th)

Highlights of this week's Woman's Hour programmes with Jane Garvey. Including features on Gwyneth Paltrow, women rowers, square pianos, reducing late abortions and women bishops.

SAT 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00b40tk)

3rd May 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Students protest in Paris and the US and North Vietnam finally agree where to hold peace talks.

SAT 17:00 Saturday PM (b00b40tm)

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

SAT 17:30 iPM (b00b40tp)

Eddie Mair presents the weekly interactive current affairs magazine featuring online conversation and debate.

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00b40tr)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00b40tt)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00b40tw)

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

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00b40ty)

Peter Curran's guests are Clarissa Dickson Wright, Warren Clarke, Roy Hudd, Robin Ince and John Mole.

SAT 19:00 From Fact to Fiction (b00b40v0)

Series 4

Artie and Zoe

This week's featured author is dramatist Marcy Kahan.

On election day, Artie has been given an ultimatum by his girlfriend Zoe. Travelling through London to the polling station, he contemplates his love of both Zoe and the city.

With Stephen Mangan and Helen Longworth.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00b410k)

Robert Downey Jr in Iron Man, The Old Bailey Online

The Year of Magical Thinking
Vanessa Redgrave stars in this solo show adapted from Joan Didion's memoir of grief. Didion experienced the loss of her husband, the writer John Gregory Donne, and her daughter in a two year period. As part of trying to come to terms with her grief she published a book about her state of mind and called it The Year of Magical Thinking. The well-known Broadway producer Scott Rudin persuaded her to adapt it for the stage and it was first performed in New York with Redgrave as Didion and directed by David Hare. Now the show has been brought to the National theatre.

Iron Man

Robert Downey Jr stars as Marvel comic's Iron Man in a piece of off-centre casting. Tony Stark, aka Iron Man, is the head of a vast weapons-making firm and has a predilection for women, alcohol and killing but undergoes a change of heart as a result of being captured by terrorists. The casting of 43 year old Downey Jr with his checkered past contributes a certain resonance to the film. In the original Marvel comic story Stark is captured by communists in Vietnam but the film has relocated to Afghanistan where he is captured and tortured by insurgents. Kept in captivity in a cave and commanded to use his engineering genius to build the terrorists a devastating weapon he instead uses the materials he's given to build himself an iron suit in which he can make his escape.

The Undersea World and Other Stories

An exhibition of the work of Simon Patterson
The National Maritime Museum has invited the British artist and former Turner Prize nominee Simon Patterson to hold an exhibition of his work as the next exhibition in the New Visions series of contemporary art commissions and exhibitions. The Undersea World and Other Stories is an anthology of the artist's work made over the last decade and features a newly commissioned work that takes as its starting point the figure of Jacques Cousteau.

The Old Bailey online

This website makes available a fully searchable, digitised collection of all surviving editions of the Old Bailey Proceedings from from 1674 to 1913. It allows access to over 210,000 trials and biographical details of approximately 3,000 men and women executed at Tyburn. In addition to the text, the website provides digital images of the 190,000 original pages of the Proceedings.

An Arsonist's Guide to Writers' Homes in New England
Brock Clarke's book is the story of Sam Pulsifer, who has spent ten years in prison for accidentally burning down poet Emily Dickinson's house - and unwittingly killing two people in the process. When he emerges at the age of 28 he sets about creating a new life for himself, goes to college and gets married and has two children. Then one day, his secret past catches up with him, right at his own front door.

SAT 20:00 Archive on 4 (b00b410m)

Sir Anthony Eden

Former Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd uses the BBC Archives to explore the life of his predecessor Anthony Eden.

Eden's reputation is forever associated with the 1956 Suez crisis, but Hurd begins his journey much earlier with rare recordings of his radio talks and speeches from the 1930s before becoming Foreign Secretary at the age of 38.

He goes on to explore Eden's role in the front line of Churchill's government and his central role in settling the Indo-Chinese War in 1954.

Producer: Phil Tinline

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00b0g6d)

A Dance to the Music of Time

War

Michael Butt's dramatisation of Anthony Powell's epic series of novels.

When Nick joins his regiment in Wales, old acquaintances reappear.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00b410p)

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

SAT 22:15 Unreliable Evidence (b00b1lww)

The Laws of War

Our armed forces no longer have exclusive power to try and punish their own. In a series of high-profile cases over recent years, troops in action in Afghanistan and Iraq have had their actions scrutinised in ordinary British civil courts. What legal standards should be applied to troops in the line of fire?

SAT 23:00 Counterpoint (b00b0swg)

Series 22

2008 Heat 6

Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz, covering the whole musical spectrum from the classics to jazz, stage and film music, rock and pop.

From the BBC Radio Theatre in London, the three contestants battling it out are Howard Curtis from London, Jeffrey Darlington from Orpington, Kent, and Martin Leadbetter from Little Wymondley, Hertfordshire.

Producer: Paul Bajoria.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SAT 23:30 The Josephine Hart Poetry Programme (b00b0g6j)

Episode 3

Josephine Hart explores the work of great poets at live events at the British Library, with readings from some of Britain's finest actors.

She explores the dramatic monologues of Robert Browning with readers Robert Hardy and Greg Wise.

SUNDAY 04 MAY 2008

SUN 00:00 News and Weather (b00b42h9)

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

SUN 00:30 Original Shorts (b0076zdd)

Series 2

Snapshot

New short stories created by well-known authors. 2/5: Snapshot. Clare George's story of a female photo-journalist, recently wounded in Iraq, who is trying to regain her skills.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00b42hc)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00b42hf)

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SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00b42hh)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00b42hk)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00b42hm)

The sound of church bells from Great St Mary's, Cambridge.

SUN 05:45 When the Politician Meets the Architect (b00b1lvy)

Economics, Grand Designs and Vanity Construction

...the Architect: Jonathan Glancey ponders what the landmark buildings of a country tell us about its political life. 2/2: Economics, Grand Designs and Vanity Construction.

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00b42hp)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00b42hr)

To Change or Not to Change

To Change or Not to Change: Mark Tully asks how we can strike a creative balance between staying true to our essential nature and adapting to new needs and circumstances.

SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b00b42ht)

Country magazine. Elinor Goodman meets women farmers and artists who collaborated to produce pictures of life on Dartmoor.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00b42hw)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00b42hy)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00b42j0)

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

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00b42j2)

Collette Thain appeals on behalf of PBC Foundation. Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b00b42j4)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00b42j6)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00b434w)

After Sunday

After Sunday: Canon Stephen Cherry and Rev Peter Sinclair reflect on how our worship of God shapes our daily living. James Lancelot directs the Durham Cathedral Consort of Singers.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00b1p0z)

Snoop and Amy

Clive James explores the concept of talent and reflects on why gifted artists such as Amy Winehouse are so hell-bent on destroying their talent - and themselves.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00b434y)

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

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00b4350)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 The Reunion (b00b4352)

In a special edition of the programme, recorded in front of an

audience at the BFI Southbank, Sue MacGregor reunites the cast and director of the 1987 cult movie Withnail and I.

SUN 12:00 The Write Stuff (b00b0z0c)

Series 11

George Eliot

James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness, flanked by captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh with guests Peter Kemp and Andrew Davies.

The author of the week and subject for pastiche is George Eliot and the reader is Beth Chalmers.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00b4354)

Elvers

Elvers: Formerly a cheap and popular dish, the elver is now in short supply. Sheila Dillon finds out what is being done to protect this precious and shrinking resource.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00b4356)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00b4358)

A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

SUN 13:30 Bye Bye Lullaby (b00b5g38)

Is the lullaby a dying art? Women around the world celebrate bedtime songs and lament a disappearing tradition. Repeated as a tribute to producer Nigel Acheson, who died last month.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00b435b)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum. John Cushnie, Anne Swithinbank and Bob Flowerdew are guests of Lorton Vale Gardening Club, near Bassenthwaite in Cumbria.

SUN 14:45 Key Matters (b00b5ltz)

Series 1

B flat

Ivan Hewett examines five musical keys. Today: B flat - sad and heroic in Chopin, Mozart, and Beethoven. With John Dankworth.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00b435d)

A Dance to the Music of Time

Peace

A Dance to the Music of Time: Michael Butt's dramatisation of Anthony Powell's series of novels. 5/6: Peace. Nick is drawn into the world of the formidable Pamela Flitton.

SUN 16:00 Bookclub (b00b45s0)

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie joins James Naughtie and readers to talk about Half of a Yellow Sun, winner of last year's Orange Broadband Prize for Fiction.

SUN 16:30 The Josephine Hart Poetry Programme (b00b45s2)

Episode 4

Josephine Hart explores the work of great poets at live events at the British Library, with readings from some of Britain's finest actors. 4/4: She explores WH Auden's work.

SUN 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00b45s4)

4th May 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Britain's first heart transplant patient comes round and people in Beirut take to the streets.

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b00b1js1)

Julian O'Halloran investigates the events surrounding the fiasco of the opening of Terminal 5 at Heathrow and examines the record of BAA.

SUN 17:40 From Fact to Fiction (b00b40v0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00b45s6)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00b45s8)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00b45sb)

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

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00b45sd)

Steve Punt presents a selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00b45sg)

Kathy, Lynda and Mike watch the sun rise to the dawn chorus in the Millennium Wood. Mike's pleased that Abbie's out of hospital, and Lynda congratulates Kathy on her new job. Kathy explains that Nigel and Elizabeth have taken her resignation well and it's no longer a secret.

Lynda thinks Kathy's brave to be attending court for Taylor's sentencing on Wednesday but Pat and Lynda are concerned about how it's affecting Kathy. Lynda's enthused by Pat's plans for a transition community and believes Robert will be equally keen.

Will is troubled by his decision to take Eddie's advice and bury the dead buzzard. Clarrie thinks there's nothing Will can do now the bird is buried. Will's not so sure - he's convinced the bird was poisoned and believes his actions will catch up with him. He should have reported it, regardless of the consequences.

Mike tries to reassure Will that no-one holds him responsible for the poisoned red kite, and offers to patrol the Estate to look out for strange goings on. It's the final straw for Will. He tells Clarrie that his conscience won't allow him to cover up his actions - he's going to tell Brian the truth about the buzzard.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00b45sj)

Barney Harwood presents the children's magazine. Philip Pullman tells Natalie Barrass why he is writing a comic strip. Barney visits the Dan Dare exhibition at the Science Museum.

SUN 19:45 West End by the Sea (b00774r1)

A Stage in Life

Lynne Truss introduces a series of theatrical short stories. A Stage in Life, by Cathy Feeny. Penelope Keith plays Amy Sedgwick, a thrice-married Victorian actress.

SUN 20:00 The Message (b00b1nrg)

Jenni Murray and guests in conversation about how current media trends affect our lives.

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00b1p0q)

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

SUN 21:00 Money Box (b00b40t7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00b42j2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 In Business (b00b45sl)

Big Spenders

Big Spenders: Russia's new prosperity, fuelled by the oil and gas industries, is creating a nation of middle-class consumers for the first time. Peter Day reports.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00b45sn)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00b45sq)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including at 1 0.45pm The Sermon on the Mound.

SUN 23:00 1968 Day by Day Omnibus (b00b45ss)

Week ending 4th May 1968

Another chance to look back at the events making the news 40

years ago with John Tusa.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00b42hr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 05 MAY 2008**MON 00:00 News and Weather (b00b46qs)**

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

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00b1lvr)

Passenger - Superclass

PASSENGERING

Dr Eric Laurier is a research fellow in the Department of Geography at the University of Edinburgh; together with his colleagues he recently made a study of the distinctive ways in which people behave in cars. He reveals his findings about the conversational conventions and rituals of car passengers.

SUPERCLASS

The global superclass is made up of 6,000-7,000 people whose influence is so great that it dwarfs the power of nation states. Laurie Taylor is joined by David Rothkopf the author of a new book called Superclass: The Global Power Elite and the World They Are Making and Saskia Sassen Centennial Professor in the Department of Sociology at the LSE to discuss who the members of this superclass are, how they affect our lives, and whether or not we should be doing anything to regulate their incredible power.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00b42hm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00b46qv)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00b46qx)

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 (b00b46qz)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00b46r1)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00b46lz)

Daily prayer and reflection with Andrew Graystone.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00b46r3)

News and issues in rural Britain. Mark Holdstock investigates how the British evolved from hunter-gatherers into farmers.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00b46r5)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b00b46r7)

With Sarah Montague and Evan Davis. Including Sports Desk at 6.25am, 7.25am, 8.25am; Weather at 6.05am, 6.57am, 7.5 7am; Thought for the Day at 7.48am.

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00b47nt)

Andrew Marr sets the cultural agenda for the week. Guests include authors Nicholson Baker, Jeffrey Sachs and Leo Hollis.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00b47tx)

The Morville Hours

Episode 1

In the form of a medieval Book of Hours, her book charts the formation of her garden across the seasons. It is also a story of finding one's place in the world and putting down roots.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00b4829)

Fitness Special

Jane Garvey presents a special programme on women and fitness. What should we be doing in this country to make

exercise a regular part of women's lives and improve our fitness?

MON 11:00 Kenya: Healing the Rift (b00b4j51)

Episode 2

Mike Wooldridge explores what lay behind the conflict that erupted in Kenya last year. Killings and destruction of property spread across the land, leaving many displaced (2/2).

MON 11:30 As Told To Craig Brown (b00b4j53)

Episode 3

Satirist Craig Brown presents a bundle of parody, satire, social observation and nonsense.

Narrated by Juliet Stevenson and Steve Wright.

With the help of John Humphrys, Ronni Ancona, Jon Culshaw, Lewis McLeod, Sally Grace, Ewan Bailey and Margaret Cabourn-Smith.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00b4jcr)

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson and John Waite.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00b4jct)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00b4jcw)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

MON 13:30 Counterpoint (b00b4jcy)

Series 22

2008 Heat 7

Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz, covering the whole musical spectrum from the classics to jazz, stage and film music, rock and pop.

Three contestants battle it out – Tom King from Wickford in Essex, Tim Vick from Woodbridge in Suffolk, and Geoff Wickham from Bishopston in Bristol.

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00b45sg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b00b4jd0)

Far North

By Louis Nowra.

A boy and his young mother take to the road across Australia in search of the freedom and love she craves.

Directed by Jane Ulman.

A Corporation for Independent Media production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 15:00 Money Box Live (b00b4jkh)

Paul Lewis and guests answer calls on financial issues. Listeners can call 08700 100 444 from 1.30pm until 3.30pm [calls from land lines cost no more than 8p a minute].

MON 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00b4mhv)

North African Short Stories

The Crop

Stories translated from Arabic. 1/5: The Crop, by Gamal el-Ghitani. An Egyptian farmer is dazzled by a proffered deal from a glitzy hotel.

MON 15:45 Musical Migrants (b00b4mhx)

Series 1

From Japan to Chicago

Stories of people who relocated to other countries, influenced by music.

Japanese singer Yoko Noge became passionate about the blues as a schoolgirl. After her mother's suicide, she set off for Chicago, the capital of blues music. Her first stop was a Westside joint, where master bluesman Willie Kent was playing. When Yoko told him she had come so far just for the music, he asked her to sing.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00b4354)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 More or Less (b00b4nx4)

Can Work Cause Health Problems? - Simpsons' Theory - Housing Gloom

Can Work Cause Health Problems?

It has become the orthodoxy that stress at work can cause heart attacks. The famous Whitehall II study into the working patterns and lifestyles of civil servants found that those who felt they were not in control at work had more health problems. But is this really true?

On the programme this week, Tim Harford discusses the issue with Professor Sir Michael Marmot, the director of the Whitehall II study, and John MacLeod, a GP and an epidemiological researcher at Bristol University, who believes that material deprivation is the key.

We also hear from occupational health physiotherapist, Merran Barber and trainer Joan Keevill who run stress management workshops.

Simpsons' Theory

One of the great joys of The Simpsons is that there are jokes for everyone: slapstick for kids and adult humour for the parents. But have you ever noticed the maths gags? Many Simpsons writers studied mathematics at university and take delight in sneaking maths jokes into the programme.

Jeff Westbrook, a Simpsons writer with a PHD from Princeton, tells us why maths jokes in the Simpsons always add up. And Sarah J. Greenwald of Appalachian State University explains how she uses The Simpsons to teach maths to her more mathphobic students.

Housing Gloom

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) recently calculated the mood of house surveyors. It said that 78.5% more surveyors reported a fall than a rise in house prices in March. The number was widely reported, but how many of us really understood what it meant?

Tim asks its chief economist, Simon Rubinsohn, how they arrived at their headline-grabbing figure and tries to suggest a few alternative ways of presenting the information.

In these uncertain economic times, sentiment surveys, like the RICS housing survey, are snatched upon by the media. But can you really accurately measure mood? More or Less reporter Ruth Alexander speaks to a man who has been investigating this - Dr James Mitchell from the National Institute for Economic and Social Research. She also hears the confessions of a sentiment survey insider - economist Ruth Lea.

MON 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00b4rqj)

5th May 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Parisian students take to the streets. Harold Wilson talks about race relations in Birmingham.

MON 17:00 PM (b00b4rqs)

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

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00b4vny)

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

MON 18:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b00b4r5f)

Series 2

Episode 1

David Mitchell hosts the game show in which panellists are encouraged to tell lies. With Alan Davies, Simon Evans, Tony Hawks and Phill Jupitus.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00b4rht)

Adam's getting the caravans ready for the imminent arrival of

his seasonal workers. He's also busy coordinating the construction of the themed dino-maze. Adam's pleased that Brian has recognised his talents as a manager and is finally prepared to leave the farm in his and Debbie's capable hands. David, aware that Brian has merely buckled under pressure from Jennifer, says very little.

David and Ruth are preparing for the open day at Brookfield, and Pip's busy practicing for the YFC disco-dancing competition. Ruth is enjoying getting back into the swing of farming life but David remains very protective.

Will tells Brian about the buzzard he buried. Astounded, Brian insists Will talks to the police and suggests he double-checks Malcolm's references. Will informs the police of his actions and the buzzard is taken for a post-mortem. Will's not convinced the police believe him, and Malcolm's former employers reaffirm Malcolm's reliability.

When Brian notifies Matt of Will's actions, Matt is ready to sack Will. Brian convinces him not to be hasty but Matt warns that if Will doesn't get the situation under control, he'll know what to expect.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00b4rqv)

Kirsty Lang talks to top violinists, including Maxim Vengerov and Tasmin Little, about their early experiences of music and their desire to take the violin beyond the concert hall.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00b4rhw)

Writing the Century: 1918-1930: A Land Fit for Heroes?

Episode 1

Vanessa Rosenthal explores the 20th century through real correspondence. 1/5: 1918-1930: A Land Fit For Heroes? Stanley Baldwin is a rising star in the Conservative Party.

MON 20:00 British Jews and the Dream of Zion (b00b4rqs)

Episode 2

To mark the 60th anniversary of the creation of the state of Israel, in which Jonathan Freedland explores the complex relationship between British Jews and the Jewish homeland.

Religious and secular Jews explain what Israel means to them today.

MON 20:30 Crossing Continents (b00b1m9d)

Somalia

Just over a year ago, Ethiopia sent its troops into Somalia to chase an Islamist movement from the capital, Mogadishu. But anger at the presence of Ethiopian troops has boosted support for radical Islamist groups, and in recent weeks violence has increased. Rob Walker meets the Somali insurgents fighting against the Ethiopian troops and asks whether Ethiopia's intervention has helped to create precisely the threat they had hoped to eradicate.

MON 21:00 Frontiers (b00b4rqz)

Mission to Mars

Mission to Mars: Early next year, six Russian cosmonauts will simulate a mission to Mars, spending 500 days confined in an imitation spacecraft. Richard Hollingham reports.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00b47nt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00b4vnx)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00b4vny)

A cyclone in Burma has killed thousands of people. How is the country coping and are the Burmese accepting international aid? Plus a look ahead to Tuesday's Democratic primaries.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00b4vp1)

Sebastian Barry - The Secret Scripture

Episode 6

Despite mourning his late wife, Dr Grene tries to learn more about his patient, Roseanne. Read by Doreen Keogh and Alex Jennings.

MON 23:00 Happy Mondays (b00b4tz3)

John Finnemore. Apparently

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Series showcasing new ideas in comedy.

Sketch show written by John Finnemore, featuring Kevin Baker, Tom Goodman-Hill, Sarah Hadland and Marianne Levy.

MON 23:30 Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow? (b008h3xl)

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

TUESDAY 06 MAY 2008

TUE 00:00 News and Weather (b00b46m1)

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

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00b47tx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00b46m3)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00b46m5)

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 (b00b46m7)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00b46m9)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00b46mc)

Daily prayer and reflection with Andrew Graystone.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00b46mf)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00b46mh)

With Sarah Montague and Evan Davis. Sports Desk at 6.25am, 7.25am, 8.25am; Weather at 6.05am, 6.57am, 7.57am; Thought for the Day at 7.48am.

TUE 09:00 On the Ropes (b00b4wd3)

Louise Campbell

John Humphrys talks to people who have weathered storms in their careers.

He interviews Louise Campbell about her life as a convert to Islam and her battles for custody of her children after her marriage ended in divorce.

TUE 09:30 A Sunparched Country (b00b4wd5)

Farming Waterwise

Caroline Holmes discovers how Australians are adapting to the reality of climate change. 2/5: Farming Waterwise. She discovers how farmers are facing the worst drought on record.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00b47td)

The Morville Hours

Episode 2

The Morville Hours: Katherine Swift narrates the story of how she created her beautiful garden at Morville. 2/5: Katherine's progress is shaped by the wintry weather.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00b482c)

Mothers and sons; Self-harming

Journalist Yasmin Alibhai-Brown and author William Sutcliffe on the mother-son relationship. Plus the prevalence of self-harming, and the older women who surf in any weather.

TUE 11:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b00b4wd7)

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

TUE 11:30 That's All Folks! The Mel Blanc Story (b00b54z3)

The Mel Blanc Story: Jimmy Hibbert tells the story of the 20th century's greatest cartoon voice. Mel Blanc provided the speech for countless animated cartoon characters.

TUE 12:00 Call You and Yours (b00b4j8d)

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and Peter White.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00b4j8g)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00b4j8j)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

TUE 13:30 Tales from the Stave (b00b4wtm)

Series 4

The Marriage of Figaro

Frances Fyfield tracks down the stories behind the scores of well-known pieces of music. 4/4: The Marriage of Figaro. Frances visits Berlin with Jane Glover and Rebecca Evans.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00b4rht)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b00b4wtq)

Eve Blinked

Eve Blinked, by Margaret Heffernan. Four American businesswomen get caught in New York when their flight to Boston is cancelled. As the evening unfolds they share their stories.

TUE 15:00 Making History (b00b4wts)

Empire Settlement Act

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An email from one of our listeners to Making History has uncovered a tale of state-sponsored child migration to the furthest reaches of the British Empire. The listener's father was born around 1914 and orphaned but ended up at public school in Cambridge from where he was sent to Canada. Dr Marjory Harper, an expert on migration at the University of Aberdeen, explained that far from being a one-off, it seems the listener's father was one of about 100,000 children sent to the British dominions from around 1870 to the 1930s. Originally organised and paid for by charities such as Barnardo's and the Salvation Army, from 1922 this juvenile migration received some of the £3 million a year the government made available through the Empire Settlement Act.

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00b4m1l)

North African Short Stories

The Furnace

Stories translated from Arabic. 2/5: The Furnace, by Rachida El-Charni. A young girl who finds work in a textile factory suffers degradations.

TUE 15:45 Musical Migrants (b00b4nsl)

Series 1

From England to Scotland

Stories of people who relocated to other countries, influenced by music.

Scotland-based band Lau won the 2008 Radio 2 Folk Music Best Group Award. Lau comprises two Scottish musicians and English accordionist Martin Green, who describes how Scotland's astonishingly vibrant folk music scene lured him north.

TUE 16:00 Word of Mouth (b00b4wtw)

Michael Rosen presents the series that takes a close look at the words we use, where they come from and how we play with them.

TUE 16:30 Great Lives (b00b4wty)

Series 15

Ian Curtis

Series of biographical discussions with Matthew Parris.

Poet Simon Armitage nominates Joy Division singer Ian Curtis, who took his own life in 1980 at the age of 23. Curtis's fellow band member Peter Hook remembers his friend.

TUE 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00b4pcl)

6th May 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Spain closes its border with Gibraltar. The Virgin Mary is seen by thousands in Cairo. The Viet Cong attack Saigon.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00b4pl1)

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

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00b4pl3)

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

TUE 18:30 Robbie Williams and Jon Ronson Journey to the Other Side (b00b4wv0)

Journalist Jon Ronson accompanies singer Robbie Williams to a UFO conference in Laughlin, Nevada. Williams has a genuine interest in the paranormal and has been researching UFO sightings and abductee stories.

Among the people whom they meet are Ann Andrews, who believes her son is an indigo child placed on Earth by aliens to save the world, and Dr Roger Leir, who claims to have metallic objects that are not from this planet.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00b4rhy)

Tony's injured back is still keeping him out of action. He complains to David that Tom is unsympathetic and the extra responsibility is falling on Pat. Tony unenthusiastically agrees to see a chiropractor.

Pat attempts to rope Susan into the transition community working group. Susan seems keen but later says she and Neil feel the project may be a waste of time so they're not ready to commit.

Susan and David discuss their concerns for Will. They are both certain he has had no involvement in the bird poisoning and are irritated by local speculation and gossip.

Elizabeth and Kathy discuss Nigel's excitement at achieving 'regional wine status'. He hopes to be fully operational in time for English wine week but at the moment he's got two other concerns: getting a dry stone waller to repair the wall by the ha-ha and, more importantly, practising for his team chase. Kathy still can't relax but suggests that Lorna, who has been temporarily covering her, would be a suitable full-time replacement when she departs.

Elizabeth tries to persuade Kathy not to attend the sentencing tomorrow but Kathy says it's just something she has to do. Elizabeth reassures her that everyone will be thinking of her.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00b4rj0)

Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00b4rj2)

Writing the Century: 1918-1930: A Land Fit for Heroes?

Episode 2

Vanessa Rosenthal explores the 20th century through real correspondence. 2/5: 1918-1930: A Land Fit for Heroes? It is 1923, and Baldwin faces an election.

TUE 20:00 Fallujah (b00b4zp1)

Paul Wood chronicles the bloody and protracted campaign waged by American forces in 2004 for control of the city of Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00b4zp3)

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

TUE 21:00 Case Notes (b00b4zp5)

Knees

Dr Mark Porter investigates health issues of the day. He looks at knee injuries and how to treat them.

TUE 21:30 On the Ropes (b00b4wd3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00b47fT)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00b47h)

With Robin Lustig. Reports on trying to help the people of Burma but not the regime; the lessons from last year's floods; and on the Russian presidency.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00b47k)

Sebastian Barry - The Secret Scripture

Episode 7

Roseanne McNulty remembers when she secretly met another man behind her husband's back. Read by Doreen Keogh and Alex Jennings.

TUE 23:00 4 Stands Up (b008jf20)

Series 1

Episode 3

Michael McIntyre hosts the stand-up comedy show featuring top names on the circuit, including Shappi Khorsandi, Wil Hodgson and Rhod Gilbert.

TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00b4vmt)

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

WEDNESDAY 07 MAY 2008**WED 00:00 News and Weather (b00b46mk)**

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00b47td)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00b46mm)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00b46mp)

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 (b00b46mr)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00b46mt)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00b46mw)

Daily prayer and reflection with Andrew Graystone.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00b46my)

News and issues in rural Britain with Mark Holdstock.

WED 06:00 Today (b00b5184)

With James Naughtie and Evan Davis. 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 (b00b529p)

Lively and diverse conversation.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00b47tg)

The Morville Hours

Episode 3

The Morville Hours: Katherine Swift narrates the story of how she created her beautiful garden at Morville. 3/5: The scents of spring promise new beginnings in the garden.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00b482f)

Soprano Amanda Roocroft; Rebecca Walker on pregnancy

Lancashire-born soprano Amanda Roocroft talks about her career with Jenni Murray. Plus, writer Rebecca Walker on why we should reassess our view of having children.

WED 11:00 Mind Changers (b00b529r)

Case Study: Kitty Genovese

When a young woman was brutally killed in an attack in New York in 1964, not one of 38 witnesses called for help. The case led to the naming of the phenomenon as Bystander Effect.

WED 11:30 No Commitments (b01773xl)

Series 9

Houseroom

Anna's love-life seems to be on an even keel, but can the same be said for Roger? Stars Angela Thorne. From January 2003.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00b4j8l)

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and Sheila McClennon.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00b4j8n)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00b4j8q)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

WED 13:30 The Music Group (b00b529t)

Series 2

Episode 5

Comedian and GP Dr Phil Hammond asks three guests to play the track of their choice. With Nick Clegg, Kate Adie and Robin Denselow.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00b4rhy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b0076wqm)

To Serve them All my Days

Episode 3

To Serve Them All My Days: Shaun McKenna's dramatisation of RF Delderfield's classic novel. 3/5: Davy has immersed himself in school life to try to forget the death of his wife.

WED 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00b435b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00b4m1n)

North African Short Stories

If She Comes

Stories translated from Arabic. 3/5: If She Comes, by Tayib Saleh. Three young people fantasise about opening a travel agency.

WED 15:45 Musical Migrants (b00b4nsn)

Series 1

From New York to Rio de Janeiro

Stories of people who relocated to other countries, influenced by music.

In the early 90s, Scott Feiner was a successful jazz guitarist on the highly competitive New York circuit before he became disillusioned and gave up. Then he discovered Brazilian music. He became entranced and visited Rio de Janeiro, where a brief encounter changed his life.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00b529w)

Hearing Voices - Paganism

HEARING VOICES

The phenomenon of hearing voices might not be as unusual as we think, and many people even live quite happily with the voices they hear. Sometimes the voices have helpful advice, or words of encouragement to offer. But where do the voices come from? Might they be the sound of society itself? Dr Julie Kirby, senior Lecturer at Edge Hill University talks about her research study of over sixty people who live with voice hearing.

PAGANISM

Laurie Taylor is joined by Dr Graham Harvey, Reader in Religious Studies at The Open University and the author of paper entitled Recent developments in Paganism and Professor Wendy Griffin, co-founder of the Pagan Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion, to discuss the nature of contemporary paganism and to find out if it can ever become more accepted as a religion in the future.

WED 16:30 Case Notes (b00b4zp5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00b4pc3)

7th May 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Sikh candidates from both Labour and Conservative parties canvass in local elections for the first time.

WED 17:00 PM (b00b4pl5)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00b4pl7)

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

WED 18:30 Look Away Now (b00b529y)

Series 2

Episode 6

Garry Richardson presents a topical sports comedy show. With Laurence Howarth, Richie Webb, Dave Lamb, Mark Evans, Katherine Jakeways and special guests.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00b4rj4)

Clarrie is still furious with Eddie for advising Will to bury the buzzard. Eddie plans to talk to Baggy; he knows a lot of people and Eddie's asked him to check out who might be doing the poisoning. When Eddie suggests opening their field to the public on Farm Sunday, Clarrie dismisses the idea - they have enough on their plates already.

Clarrie asks Ed to look after George until Emma collects him. Emma is surprised to find Ed enjoying time with George. Relaxing in Ed's company, she begins to reminisce. Ed becomes uncomfortable. He doesn't want to think about it and hints that it's time for her to leave.

Kathy and Kenton are back at court. Kenton reassures Kathy that her ordeal is almost over. Kathy confesses her fear that Taylor's sentence will be minimal - she is clearly terrified at the thought of her attacker being free within three or four years. Kathy and Kenton are elated when the judge passes a sentence of 15 years. Though still anxious that Taylor may secure an early release, Kathy finally allows herself to feel relieved and tells Kenton she feels her ordeal is finally over.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00b4rj6)

Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson, including a report on the proposals for a giant public art work in Ebbsfleet, Kent - the so-called 'Angel of the South'.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00b4rj8)

Writing the Century: 1918-1930: A Land Fit for Heroes?

Episode 3

Vanessa Rosenthal explores the 20th century through real correspondence. 3/5: 1918-1930: A Land Fit for Heroes? The General Strike means very different things to different people.

WED 20:00 Unreliable Evidence (b00b5x0k)

Litigants in Person

Clive Anderson presents the series analysing the legal issues of the day. 2/4: Litigants in Person. An expert panel discuss the pros and cons of representing oneself in court.

WED 20:45 The Sermon on the Mound (b00b52b2)

Twenty years ago, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher came to Scotland to speak to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland on the Mound in Edinburgh. Her speech included that quotation from St Paul and was a disaster. It marks the key moment when the Scottish middle classes rejected Thatcherism. Alan Cochrane tries to make sense of Thatcher's controversial gaffe and assesses its legacy of the Sermon on the Mound to politics in Scotland and the UK.

WED 21:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b00b4wd7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 21:30 Midweek (b00b529p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00b4t7m)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00b4t7p)

With David Eades. Including reports on the Burmese junta's alleged blocking of visa applications from aid workers and the use of lie detectors to curb benefit fraud.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00b4t7r)

Sebastian Barry - The Secret Scripture

Episode 8

Roseanne remembers how her husband, Tom, left her after she was discovered with John. Read by Doreen Keogh and Alex Jennings.

WED 23:00 Hercule Poirot (b007vydf)

Dead Man's Folly

Episode 2

Another case for Hercule Poirot, dramatised by Michael Bakewell. 2/4: Ariadne Oliver's worst fears have been realised and her murder game has become a reality.

WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00b4vmw)

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

THURSDAY 08 MAY 2008

THU 00:00 News and Weather (b00b46n0)

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

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00b47tg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00b46n2)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00b46n4)

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 (b00b46n6)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00b46n8)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00b46nb)

Daily prayer and reflection with Andrew Graystone.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00b46nd)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

THU 06:00 Today (b00b46ng)

With John Humphrys and James Naughtie. 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 (b00b54yx)

The Brain

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss the history of ideas about the human brain. Since time immemorial people have puzzled over the brain and its functions. In the 5th century BC the Greek physician Hippocrates confidently asserted: "Men ought to know that from the brain and from the brain only arise our pleasures, joys, laughter and jests, as well as our sorrows, pains, grieves and tears." This might suggest that people have never doubted the importance of the brain, but for Aristotle the heart was the ruler of the body and the seat of the soul. Only in the 17th century, with new scientific advances, did the true importance of the brain begin to be appreciated. In 1669 the Danish anatomist, Nicolaus Steno, still lamented that, "the brain, the masterpiece of creation, is almost unknown to us." How far have our perceptions of how the brain works and what it symbolises changed over the centuries? And, in amongst the matter or our little grey cells, are we still searching for our souls? With Vivian Nutton, Professor of the History of Medicine at University College London; Jonathan Sawday, Professor of English Studies at the University of Strathclyde; Marina Wallace, Professor at the University of the Arts, London, Central St Martin's College of Art and Design

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00b47tj)

The Morville Hours

Episode 4

The Morville Hours: Katherine Swift narrates the story of how she created her beautiful garden at Morville. 4/5: Katherine and her garden suffer in the relentless summer heat.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00b482h)

Granny childcare: The life of Kathy Kirby

Is too much today being asked of grandma's role? Plus the life of Kathy Kirby, golden girl of light entertainment in the 60s, and the number of women in top arts jobs examined.

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b00b54z1)

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

THU 11:30 The Bard of Salford (b00b4wtl)

Paul Morley traces the life and works of Manchester punk poet John Cooper Clarke.

Paul looks back at the punk movement in the mid 1970s, its DIY ethic and popular appeal and how Cooper Clarke, as the poet of the people, fit into the scene.

Through exclusive new interviews with Cooper Clarke, Paul delves into the most significant moments of his life and career, from his first job as a lab technician at Salford University to touring with some of the world's most famous punk bands, his domestic partnership and shared heroin addiction with Nico, the use of one of his songs in The Sopranos, his signing to the same label as Bob Dylan and his appearance in a Sugar Puffs advert.

Cooper Clarke has continued to tour and write new work for 30 years and despite being exasperated by the 1980s' flamboyant reaction to punk's DIY ethic, his influence today should not be underestimated. Jarvis Cocker, Noel Gallagher, Alex Turner of the Arctic Monkeys, Lily Allen and Kate Nash have all cited Clarke as an influence, as his distinctive style continues to pervade popular music.

Contributors include Mark E Smith, Pete Shelley, Kate Nash, Phill Jupitus and Clarke himself.

An All Out production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00b4j8s)

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson and John Waite.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00b4j8v)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00b4j8x)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Open Country (b00b3z3y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00b4rj4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00b54z7)

Landscape

Two plays by Harold Pinter.

1/2. Landscape

A man and a woman sit deep in recollection. While the man's thoughts are of his day in the park and a quarrel in the pub, the woman's are of an idyllic day spent many years ago on a beach with the man she loved.

Duff Harold Pinter
Beth Penelope Wilton

2/2. The Examination

A chilling yet playful monologue in which a man about to be questioned summons up every mental resource to empower himself over his interrogator.

With Michael Gambon.

Directed by Peter Kavanagh.

THU 15:00 Questions, Questions (b00b54zc)

Stewart Henderson answers those niggling questions from everyday life.

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00b42j2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00b4m1q)

North African Short Stories

Provisions of Sand

Stories translated from Arabic. 4/5: Provisions of Sand, by Said Al-Kafrawi. A man is ambushed by the past when he returns to his village.

THU 15:45 Musical Migrants (b00b4nsq)

Series 1

From Belgium to Buenos Aires

Stories of people who relocated to other countries, influenced by music.

Despite having little interest in Argentina or tango music, Belgian bandoneon player Eva Wolff won a scholarship and arrived in Buenos Aires in 2002, soon after Argentina's catastrophic economic meltdown. The slump triggered a post-crisis tango renaissance and, as Eva relates, the tango scene is now more vital than at any time since it first developed in the city's slums.

THU 16:00 Bookclub (b00b45s0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00b5517)

Tissue Engineering - Swarm Intelligence

Tissue Engineering

Scientists are turning to chemistry and engineering to develop a range of artificial skin and bone which can be used to improve the treatment of burns and bone diseases. Tissues are being grown by using complex man made 'scaffolds' to support them – not unlike scaffolding on a house – these scaffolds are not made from steel but of bio-ceramics and plastic polymers. Quentin Cooper is joined by Professor Shelia MacNeil, University of Sheffield and Dr. Molly Stevens, Imperial College, University of London.

Swarm Intelligence

Scientists are still trying to find out how such highly complex insect societies like termite mounds and bee hives are organised. This is the emerging science of Swarm Intelligence. Insect cities are coordinated when there is no 'insect mayor', no 'brain insect', controlling behaviour. How does this happen? Quentin Cooper is joined by Professor Nigel Franks, University of Bristol and Professor Alan Winfield, University of the West of England to find out.

THU 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00b4pc5)

8th May 1968

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

ago. The Krays are arrested. SNP trounce Labour in Scottish council elections.

THU 17:00 PM (b00b4p19)

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

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00b4plc)

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

THU 18:27 Burma Cyclone Appeal (b00b523)

An appeal on behalf of the Disasters Emergency Committee for people affected by the cyclone in Burma.

THU 18:30 Banter (b00b55f9)

Series 3

Episode 6

Andrew Collins hosts the show in which guests are invited to offer their definitive top threes. Guests include Richard Herring and Will Smith.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00b4rjb)

Alistair tells Alan that Adam's helping Shula organise this year's single wicket competition.

Usha's really distressed. The Echo has run a negative story about her engagement to Alan. Usha is desperate to uncover those who are against their forthcoming marriage. The article mentions an anonymous letter sent to the diocese. Alan reveals that the only other person aware of the letter is Shula. Usha wants to confront her.

Later, Shula and Alistair discuss the story. Shula is horrified. She spoke to the reporter but it's clear her words have been twisted. Shula's convinced Alan and Usha will know she's the 'source' being quoted. Alistair tries to reassure her that Alan would never hold it against her.

Eddie asks Ed to drop George's wellies off at Emma's. To Eddie's surprise, Ed adamantly refuses and then announces he might not be here for Clarrie's birthday meal on Sunday - he's just decided he's going to Fallon's gig on Saturday night.

Eddie receives some incriminating information from Baggy about Malcolm's past. Eddie wants Will to search Malcolm's car. When Will refuses, Eddie takes the keys and uncovers a syringe, gloves and a suspicious flask. He tells Will that they have found the poisoner.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00b4rjd)

Arts news, reviews and an interview with soprano Danielle de Niese.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00b4rjg)

Writing the Century: 1918-1930: A Land Fit for Heroes?

Episode 4

Vanessa Rosenthal explores the 20th century through real correspondence. 4/5: 1918-1930: A Land Fit for Heroes? The Holmes family are reeling from the loss of their daughter Nellie.

THU 20:00 It's My Story (b00b55tc)

Bravo November

John McDonald presents the history of the Boeing Chinook Bravo November helicopter, which has served the RAF with distinction for many years. He recalls stories of heroism spanning over a quarter of a century, from the Falklands War to today's conflict in Afghanistan.

THU 20:30 In Business (b00b55tf)

Adventure Capitalist

Adventure Capitalist: Peter Day talks to Welsh-born Michael Moritz, one of the venture capital stars of Silicon Valley USA.

THU 21:00 Costing the Earth (b00b55th)

Do Happy Animals Cost the Earth?

Do Happy Animals Cost the Earth? Tom Heap demolishes some myths about free-range farming and its benefits for both animal welfare and the environment.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00b54yx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00b47t)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00b47w)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00b47y)

Sebastian Barry - The Secret Scripture

Episode 9

Father Gaunt's deposition refers to a baby born long after Roseanne's marriage was over. Read by Doreen Keogh and Alex Jennings.

THU 23:00 Look Away Now (b00b529y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00b4vmy)

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

FRIDAY 09 MAY 2008**FRI 00:00 News and Weather (b00b46nj)**

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00b47tj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00b46nl)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00b46nn)

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 (b00b46nq)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00b46ns)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00b46nv)

Daily prayer and reflection with Andrew Graystone.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00b46nx)

News and issues in rural Britain with Mark Holdstock.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00b46nz)

With John Humphrys and James Naughtie. 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 08:57 Burma Cyclone Appeal (b00b523)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:27 on Thursday]

FRI 09:00 The Reunion (b00b4352)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00b47li)

The Morville Hours

Episode 5

The Morville Hours: Katherine Swift narrates the story of how she created her beautiful garden at Morville. 5/5: Autumnal colours give way to the pleasures of winter.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00b482k)

Susan Sarandon; Midwifery crisis

Susan Sarandon on her longevity as a successful actress. Plus

the crisis in midwifery, and Cassandra Jardine, Kate Smurthwaite and Julie Bindel discuss issues of the week.

FRI 11:00 Sounding Post (b00b57ch)

Nina Perry takes a musical journey tracing the wood used in making musical instruments back to the forest.

FRI 11:30 The Casebook of Inspector Steine (b00b57ck)

Endgame

Comedy drama series by Lynne Truss set in 1950s Brighton.

Constable Twitten's idea of acquiring a police dog seems an excellent idea, especially when Bobby solves a notorious murder case. But why does Bobby keep attacking poor old Mrs Groynes, and why is Steine's life suddenly in great danger?

Inspector Steine Michael Fenton Stevens
Sergeant Brunswick John Ramm
Mrs Groynes Sam Spiro
Constable Twitten Matt Green
Mystery guest Ewan Bailey
Bobby David Holt.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00b4j8z)

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson and John Waite.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00b4j9l)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00b4j93)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00b57cm)

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

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00b4rjb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b007729k)

Nicola Baldwin - Edward Alleyn's Devil

Edward Alleyn's Devil

By Nicola Baldwin.

London, 1605. Edward Alleyn was the most famous actor of the Jacobean stage. At the height of his fame, he believed he saw a devil on stage. This snowy, sparkling play investigates what really happened and looks at the consequences that still influence us today.

Edward Alleyn Richard McCabe
William Grogan Brian McCardie
Philip Henslowe Philip Jackson
Ferdinand Black Desmond McNamara
Joan Alleyn Christine Kavanagh
Sir Francis Calton Sam Dale
John Pyg Joe Prospero
Robert Shaa Joseph Kloska
Miss Wills Bethan Walker
Isack Shackerley Paul Richard Biggin.

FRI 15:00 Costing the Earth (b00b55th)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Thursday]

FRI 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00b4m1s)

North African Short Stories

You Taught Me to Love Life, Father

Stories translated from Arabic. 5/5: You Taught Me to Love Life, Father, by Aroussia Naluti. A young man learns much about his country.

FRI 15:45 Musical Migrants (b00b4nss)

Series 1

From North to South

Stories of people who relocated to other lands, influenced by music.

In the early 1970s, Bruce Greene left New Jersey to embark on a decade-long road trip around Kentucky and the Southern Appalachians to collect old time fiddle tunes and immerse

himself in the traditional music that is part of that landscape. He yearned for the sort of lifestyle that the music seemed to convey and which he now recreates at his home in a log cabin in the North Carolina mountains.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00b57cq)

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

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00b57cs)

Morgan Spurlock, The director and star of the controversial documentary Super-Size Me tells Francine about his new work.

Kevin Jackson reviews a new box-set of British documentaries from the 30s to the 50s.

Jiri Menzel, the director of the Oscar winning classic Closely Observed Trains talks about his new comedy, and Ken Loach waxes lyrical about the Czech New Wave.

FRI 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00b4pe7)

9th May 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Labour suffers heavy losses in local elections. Sir John Barbirolli announces his last performance.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00b4plf)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00b4plh)

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

FRI 18:30 The News Quiz (b00b57cv)

Series 65

Episode 2

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. Panellists include Jeremy Hardy and Andy Hamilton.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00b4rjj)

Will has confronted Malcolm who immediately confessed to poisoning the buzzard. Brian tells Will he must report Malcolm to the police. Will is disappointed in himself for trusting Malcolm - he's certain that Matt will sack him and feels obliged to offer his resignation. Matt gives Will a really hard time but, as Will anticipates his fate, Matt throws him a life-line. After discussing the situation with Brian, Matt's been talked into giving Will another chance.

Worried Usha seeks solace in Ruth. Ruth says she's heard from Shula that Alistair sent the journalist packing. However, when Alan visits Shula she admits speaking to the journalist. Shula explains how sorry she is and says that her words have been twisted. What she meant to say was that she fully supported their marriage, and so did the church.

Alan informs Usha that Shula is the 'source' and Usha feels strongly about it. Whilst Alan doesn't believe that Shula has been intentionally malicious, he fears the article will bring public opinion to the fore. The damage has been done and he nervously anticipates the reaction of Sunday's congregation.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00b4rjl)

Arts news and reviews with John Wilson.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00b4rjn)

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FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00b57cx)

Jonathan Dimpleby chairs the topical debate from Brereton, Staffordshire. Panellists include Charles Kennedy, Frank Field, Alan Duncan and Alice Thomson.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00b57cz)

Gaffes

Clive James explores the world of the political gaffe – past and present. He argues that it isn't always the elegant speaker who has the competence for office, and at the end of the day he prefers the verbal bumblers.

FRI 21:00 Friday Drama (b00b57d1)

Fragile!

Fragile! Croatian author Tena Stivicic's darkly witty play about the reality of the immigrant experience in London. A traumatised foreign correspondent tries to rebuild his life.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00b4t80)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00b4t82)

With Ritula Shah. Including reports on aid to Burma, Hezbollah's takeover of most of western Beirut, and the Cuban blogger who wasn't allowed to pick up her award.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00b4t84)

Sebastian Barry - The Secret Scripture

Episode 10

Dr Grene must head to England to uncover the truth about Roseanne McNulty's child. Concluded by Doreen Keogh and Alex Jennings.

FRI 23:00 Great Lives (b00b4wty)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00b4vn0)

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