

SATURDAY 24 MAY 2008

SAT 00:00 News and Weather (b00bfcyz)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00bvlfm)
Speaking for Myself

Episode 5

Cherie Blair tells her story in her own words. Presidents, a pregnancy and a farewell to the press.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00bfcz1)
The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00bfcz3)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service, with news, reports and analysis from around the world.

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00bfcz5)
The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00bfcz7)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00bfczc)
Daily prayer and reflection with Canon Noel Vincent.

SAT 05:45 The Rook and Me (b0076vst)
Autumn - Roosting Again

Mark Cocker follows a colony of rooks over the course of a year. The summer's scattering of rooks is over and their communal urges bring them together.

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00bfczf)
The latest news headlines. Including a look at the papers.

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00bfczh)
The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00bfczk)
Helen Mark looks into the demise of rural pubs in Yorkshire and finds a family-run pub in Rippondale which is maintaining its popularity and continuing to serve its local community.

SAT 06:35 Farming Today This Week (b00bfczm)
Rural magazine programme with Charlotte Smith.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00bfczp)
The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00bfczr)
With Edward Stourton and John Humphrys. Including Sports Desk, Thought for the Day, Weather.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00bfczt)
Fi Glover welcomes novelist Kate Mosse. We talk about clouds with Richard Hamblin and hear an extraordinary story of forgiveness. The poet is Elvis McGonagall.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00bfczw)
American Travel - Vegetarian

AMERICAN TRAVEL
BBC's former Washington correspondent Matt Frei talks about his new book *Only in America*, a collection of his thoughts and personal experiences of the time he has spent in the States and examines the American attitude to tourism and travel.

VEGETARIAN
Vegetarians and vegans can find their diet put to the test in some countries outside the UK where the concept of not eating meat is less well established or non-existent. While restaurants, in a carnivorous culture, might not always be as helpful as they could, being invited into people's homes can turn out to be even trickier.

John McCarthy meets two travellers who have managed to stick to their principles; Alex Bourke is a vegan and a writer of guides on how to avoid eating meat around the world, and Lyn

Hughes is a vegetarian and the Editor in Chief of Wanderlust magazine.

SAT 10:30 The Bond Correspondence (b00bfczy)
Lucy Fleming embarks upon a quest to discover more about her mysterious uncle Ian, creator of James Bond. Roger Moore is the voice of Ian Fleming.

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00bfd00)
A look behind the scenes at Westminster with Elinor Goodman.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00bfd02)
BBC foreign correspondents with the stories behind the world's headlines. Introduced by Kate Adie.

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00bfd04)
Paul Lewis has news from the world of personal finance. With reports on banks speeding up electronic payments, fairness of bank charges, Barclays' ISAs and travel insurance.

SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b00bcw26)
Series 65

23/05/2008

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. Panellists include Jeremy Hardy, Andy Hamilton, Francis Wheen and Carrie Quinlan.

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00bfd06)
The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News Headlines (b00bfd08)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00bcw28)
Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Chester. Panellists include Chris Grayling, Tony Wright, Sarah Teather and Johann Hari.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00bfd0b)
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 (b00bfd0d)
Dr No

A distinguished cast, headed by Toby Stephens and David Suchet, takes part in this 'radio movie' of Ian Fleming's 1958 novel, dramatised by Hugh Whitmore.

Bond is sent to investigate a strange disappearance on the island of Jamaica, and discovers that the heart of the mystery lies with a sinister recluse known as 'Dr No'. Another chance to hear this classic Bond adventure - the first in Radio 4's ongoing all-star series.

Cast:
'M' John Standing
Money Penny Jamie Dee
James Bond Toby Stephens
The Armourer Peter Capaldi
Chief of Staff Nicky Henson
Airport Announcer/Receptionist Inika Leigh Wright
Airport Official/Pus-Feller/ Henchman Kobna Holdbrook-Smith
Quarrel Clarke Peters
Miss Chung/Sister Lily Kosha Engler
Pleydell Smith Samuel West
Miss Taro/ Telephonist/ Sister May/Tennis girl..... Jordanna Tin
Librarian Lucy Fleming
Honey Rider Lisa Dillon
Guard/Henchman/Crane Driver Jon David Yu
Dr No David Suchet
Acting Governor of Jamaica Simon Williams
Voice of Ian Fleming Martin Jarvis

Original music by Mark Holden and Sam Barbour

Producer: Rosalind Ayres
Director: Martin Jarvis
A Jarvis & Ayres Production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b00bfdmn)
Highlights of this week's Woman's Hour programmes with Jane Garvey. Including: Do female politicians have to be good looking?

SAT 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00bfdmq)
24th May 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Turmoil in France continues. The Kray brothers are charged with conspiracy to murder. The Liverpool bus strike ends.

SAT 17:00 Saturday PM (b00bfdms)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news, plus the sports headlines. With Carolyn Quinn.

SAT 17:30 iPM (b00bfdmv)
Eddie Mair presents the weekly interactive current affairs magazine featuring online conversation and debate.

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00bfdmx)
The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00bfdmz)
The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00bfdn1)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00bfdn3)
Peter Curran's guests are Phill Jupitus, Robert Sellers and Paul Merton. Jon Holmes talks to Giles Coren. Comedy from Isy Suttie, music from the Felice Brothers and Eric Bibb.

SAT 19:00 From Fact to Fiction (b00brvns)
Series 4

Family Snaps

In response to the credit crunch, Richard Monks looks at the personal cost of a national crisis.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00bfdn7)
Tom Sutcliffe and guests review the cultural highlights of the week.

SAT 20:00 The Archive Hour (b00brvny)
Reith at 60

Episode 1

Laurie Taylor trawls the BBC archives in the first of two programmes exploring 60 years of the Reith Lectures, named in honour of the first director-general of the BBC, Lord Reith.

The programme starts with the inaugural lectures, recorded by the philosopher and Nobel laureate Bertrand Russell in 1948. It reveals the controversies that emerged in the early days of the Reith Lectures - from the suggestion that pre-marital sex might be healthy for relationships, to stoking the growing animosity with Russia during the Cold War.

Conveying a lost age of deference, the Archive Hour features rarely heard extracts from the BBC sound archives - including distinguished voices such as the "father of the atomic bomb" Robert J Oppenheimer, and the first female lecturer, Dame Margery Perham.

In turn, written archives yield secrets about behind-the-scenes struggles in the BBC which frequently cast doubt on the long-term survival of the lectures, which have now been broadcast across eight decades.

Laurie Taylor speaks to former programme editors and historians who reveal how the series survived, despite conflict and controversy, and celebrates the wisdom of past Reith Lecturers many of whose ideas proved to be truly ahead of their time.

Presenter: Laurie Taylor
Producers: Sheila Cook & Richard Fenton-Smith.

SAT 21:00 The Mayor of Casterbridge (b00bbdmb)
1. Burying the Past

Thomas Hardy's tragic story of a man who spends his life trying to atone for the terrible action that led to the loss of his wife and child. But his past refuses to be buried no matter how hard he tries to conceal it.

Dramatised in three parts by Helen Edmundson

MICHAEL HENCHARD.....John Lynch
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DONALD FARFRAE.....Paul Higgins
FURMITY WOMAN.....Maggie Steed
SUSAN HENCHARD.....Olwen May
ABEL WHITTLE.....Burn Gorman
JOPP.....Conrad Nelson
NEWSON.....Jonathan Keeble
SOLOMON LONGWAYS.....Russell Dixon
CHRISTOPHER CONEY.....David Fielder
MOTHER CUXSOM.....Sue Ryding
MARTHA.....Vashiti Maclachlan

Director: Nadia Molinari

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00bfdn9)

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

SAT 22:15 Unreliable Evidence (b00bcglm)

Bail

Clive Anderson presents the series analysing the legal issues of the day. Many serious crimes are allegedly committed by suspects on bail. Is it granted too often?

SAT 23:00 Counterpoint (b00bbwp2)

Series 22

2008 Heat 9

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: Stephen Banks from Bristol, Michael Barrell from Eastbourne, and William Cole from Winchester.

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SAT 23:30 Poetry Please (b00bf36)

Sonnet 130 by William Shakespeare
From: The Viking Portable Library - Shakespeare

Loving Unsuitable People by Gavin Ewart
From: Gavin Ewart – Selected Poems 1933-1993
Publ: Hutchinson

From: Lyrics from the Chinese translated by Helen Waddell
From: Chinese Lyrics
Publ: Constable

Down by the Salley Gardens by W.B. Yeats
From: Yeats, Poems
Publ: Everyman

In Memory of W.B. Yeats by W.H. Auden
From: W.H. Auden – Collected Poems
Publ: faber

Patterns by Amy Lowell (This poem is only featured in the Saturday night programme)
From: The Albatross Book of Living Verse
Publ: Houghton Mifflin Co

Memorabilia by Robert Browning (This poem is only featured in the Sunday afternoon programme)
From: The Poetical Works of Robert Browning Volume 1
Publ: John Murray

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

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

Musée des Beaux Arts by W.H. Auden
From: W.H. Auden – Collected Poems
Publ: faber

Dirge From Cymbeline by Shakespeare
The Viking Portable Library - Shakespeare

SUNDAY 25 MAY 2008

SUN 00:00 News and Weather (b00bfjyk)

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

SUN 00:30 Original Shorts (b0076zg0)

Series 2

Only in Front of the Children

New short stories created by well-known authors. Patricia Hodge reads Christopher Matthew's witty tale of one-upmanship amongst well-heeled parents.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00bfjym)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00bfjyp)

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SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00bfjyr)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00bfjyt)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00bfjyw)

The sound of church bells from St Chad's in Headingley, Leeds.

SUN 05:45 For whom the Division Bell Told (b00bcglp)

Episode 2

Michael Portillo explores the history of one of Westminster's most curious institutions, the backbench MP. He recalls the good and noble works of backbenchers from the past.

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00bfjyy)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00bfjz0)

Committees

Are committees good or bad for us? Mark Tully asks whether they are an efficient way of making decisions or an excuse for postponing or avoiding difficult problems.

SUN 06:35 Living World (b00bfjz2)

Adders

Naturalist Lionel Kelleway meets veteran adder watcher Sylvia Sheldon on her local patch in Worcestershire, learning about some interesting facets of the snakes' biology.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00bfjz4)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00bfjz8)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00bfjzb)

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

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00bfjzd)

Martha Kearney appeals on behalf of International Childcare Trust. Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b00bfjzg)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00bfjzj)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00bfjzl)

The Power of the Sea

Angela Tilby visits the Suffolk coast with writer Kevin Crossley-Holland and Clive Young, Bishop of Dunwich, to reflect on our uneasy relationship with the sea.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00bcw2b)

A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Lucy Kellaway.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00bfjzn)

News and conversation about the big stories of the week with Matthew Bannister.

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00bfjqz)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00bfjzs)

Howard Goodall

Kirsty Young's castaway this week is the composer Howard Goodall. He's a man of eclectic musical tastes and talents creating choral works, popular TV show themes like Black Adder and The Vicar of Dibley and movie scores and musicals. His enthusiasm and deep-rooted commitment to his life's work has regularly propelled him away from the score and onto our television screens where he's presented award winning documentaries like How Music Works. In January 2007 he was appointed as England's first ever National Ambassador for Singing, leading a £40 million scheme to improve group singing in primary schools.

Howard says he hears music in his head all the time - and can't imagine life without it.

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

Favourite track: The first movement of Introitus from the Durufle Requiem by Maurice Durufle
Book: The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank
Luxury: Ice-cold vanilla vodka and tonics.

SUN 12:00 The Unbelievable Truth (b00bc0x9)

Series 2

Episode 3

David Mitchell hosts the game show in which panellists are encouraged to tell lies. With Adam Buxton, Ed Byrne, Lee Mack and Tim Vine.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00bfjzv)

African Food Security

Sheila Dillon presents the food magazine. She reports from a project in Ethiopia in which farmers are rising to the challenge of boosting agricultural productivity.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00bfjzx)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00bfjzz)

A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

SUN 13:30 Tibet: The Story of a Feud (b00bv10l)

Rob Gifford explores the history of Tibet and the counter-claims of ownership by Chinese and Tibetans. Unfortunately, neither side appears to be entirely correct.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00bfk01)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum. Anne Swithinbank, Pippa Greenwood and John Cushnie answer questions from members of Kingsley Garden Club near Frodsham, Cheshire.

SUN 14:45 A Guide to Woodland Birds (b00bfk03)

Classic Woodland Birds

Brett Westwood presents a series to help listeners identify different species.

Brett is joined by keen bird watcher Stephen Moss in the Forest of Dean. With the help of wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson, they identify some classic woodland birds, including nuthatches and tree-creepers.

SUN 15:00 The Mayor of Casterbridge (b00bfk05)

2. Revelations

Henchard attempts to hold his life together despite painful revelations and the unexpected arrival of someone from his past.

Thomas Hardy's tragic story of a man who spends his life trying

to atone for the terrible action that led to the loss of his wife and child.

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SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00bfk07)

Open Book at the Hay Festival; including Andrew Davies, Philip Kerr, Catherine O'Flynn and Tim Smit

Mariella Frostrup presents a programme recorded in front of an audience at the Hay Festival.

Her guests include Andrew Davies, whose celebrated TV adaptations of classic fiction from *Pride and Prejudice* to *Bleak House* have introduced millions to the world of nineteenth-century literature. He chooses his Five of the Best - his selection of his favourite novels - and reveals how Jane Austen changed his life (but not necessarily in a good way).

Mariella also talks to the writer Philip Kerr, author of the celebrated *Bernie Gunther* novels set in Third Reich-era Germany. He talks about his new book *A Quiet Flame* and the business of incorporating the people and events of European history into his thrillers.

Catherine O'Flynn, the winner of the 2007 Costa First Novel Award, presents a specially-commissioned piece on the subject of her new profession as a full-time writer, and the distractions she has to overcome in order to get any work done.

And Mariella also talks to Tim Smit, the founder of the Eden Project, about reading and the workplace. He explains why all his employees have to read books - the less relevant to their work, the better.

SUN 16:30 Poetry Please (b00bfk09)

A wide selection of requests in this week's programme. Starting with good ingredients is always advisable, and so we kick off with 'Ratatouille' by Douglas Dunn. Food, however, is less important to the main character in Carol Ann Duffy's poem, 'Elvis's Twin Sister'. Also, listen out for work by the great 16th century poet Pierre de Ronsard, and verse both by, and about Anna Akhmatova

Ratatouille by Douglas Dunn
From: *Being Alive* (anthology)
Publ: Bloodaxe

I'd like to be a Teabag by Peter Dixon
From: *I'd Like to be a Teabag* (anthology)
Publ: BBC Books

Idleness by Andrew Young
From: *The Poetical Works of Andrew Young*
Publ: Secker and Warburg

The Paradox of Time by Pierre de Ronsard, translated by Henry Austin Dobson
From: *The Complete Poetical Works of Austin Dobson*
Publ: Oxford University Press

Elvis's Twin Sister by Carol Ann Duffy
From: *The World's Wife*
Publ: Picador

An Immorality by Ezra Pound
From: *The Golden Journey* (anthology)
Publ: Evans Brothers Ltd

The Paper Smokers by Cesare Pavese, translated by Duncan Bush
From: *The Faber Book of 20th Century Italian Poems*
Publ: faber

Ironing with Sue Lawley by Pauline Prior-Pitt (This poem only features in the Saturday night edition)
From: *Ironing with Sue Lawley*
Publ: Spike Press

Diary entry by Anna Akhmatova, translated by D.M. Thomas
From: *You Will Hear Thunder*

Publ: Secker and Warburg

Akhmatova in Leningrad by Carol Rumens
From: *Carol Rumens 1968-2004*
Publ: Bloodaxe

Epilogue by Anna Akhmatova, translated by D.M. Thomas
From: *You Will Hear Thunder*
Publ: Secker and Warburg

An Exequy by Peter Porter
From: *Collected Poems - Volume 1*
Publ: Oxford University Press

SUN 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00bfk0c)

25th May 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Reporters witness the aftermath of street battles across France. Welsh nationalists detonate a bomb in Cardiff.

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b00bc41v)

Major issues at home and abroad.

SUN 17:40 From Fact to Fiction (b00brvns)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00bfk0f)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00bfk0h)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00bfk0k)

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

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00bfk0n)

John Wilson presents a selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00bfk0q)

Jennifer pressurises Brian to talk to Matt about the Bridge Farm packhouse. Matt tells Brian the Borchester Land board agreed to everything in a previous meeting. Brian struggles to remember. Matt says they didn't discuss Bridge Farm specifically but all of the unused buildings on Borchester Land holdings. Brian realises he unknowingly formed part of the agreement. Matt says you can't let sentiment cloud your judgement.

Nigel is unhappy with the way the ha-ha looks. Elizabeth says he must ensure he gets it fixed properly or will regret it. Jennifer's buying some wine from Elizabeth at Lower Loxley when Nigel enters and asks Jennifer if it's true about Matt trying to take over Pat and Tony's barn. Jennifer confirms this but says it's a Borchester Land decision, including Brian.

Tom and Tony discuss Matt's proposal. Tom tells Tony to stay positive and assures Tony they won't lose the barn. Brian arrives, saying that although he thought Matt was doing this without the knowledge of the board, his information was incorrect. Everybody was in favour of it, including Brian. Matt is determined to press ahead and nothing Brian can do or say is going to change his mind.

Episode written by Caroline Harrington.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00bfk0s)

Barney Harwood presents the children's magazine. He meets Maria Harris, author of *The Joshua Files*. The book is an adventure set in Mexico, inspired by the ancient Mayan beliefs.

SUN 19:45 West End by the Sea (b00774vv)

Nell's First Night

Lynne Truss introduces a series of theatrical stories. In Roy App's tale, there can be no better way for Nell to give her god-daughter a treat than to take her to a proper theatre.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b00bcw20)

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

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00bcw22)

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

SUN 21:00 Money Box (b00bfd04)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00bfjzd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 In Business (b00bcv9k)

What's in Store?

Peter Day looks at the history of retail in this country and what new ideas about shopping are being designed to tempt the buying public.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00bfk0v)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00bfk0x)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including For whom the Division Bell Told.

SUN 23:00 1968 Day by Day Omnibus (b00bfk0z)

Week ending 25th May 1968

Another chance to look back at the events making the news 40 years ago with John Tusa.

Forged tickets cause havoc at the cup final. France is almost brought to a standstill by strikes. The Nigerian army captures the Biafran stronghold of Port Harcourt.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00bfjz0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 26 MAY 2008

MON 00:00 News and Weather (b00bflyh)

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

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00bcglh)

Population Control - Torture and Democracy

POPULATION CONTROL

Reduction of fertility is estimated to have contributed to about thirty percent of the huge improvement in living standards in the East Asian tiger economies and there are claims it has averted mass starvation in many developing countries. A new book *Fatal Misconception* by Professor Matthew Connelly debates the value of control projects and highlights the often extreme human rights violation they entail. Professor Connelly debates the issue with John Cleland, Professor of Medical Demography at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

TORTURE AND DEMOCRACY

Does the need for security justify the increasing use of 'clean torture', torture such as sleep deprivation, electro-torture and the infamous water-boarding? Despite a number of international condemnations of torture from bodies like the United Nations, the Council of Europe and Amnesty International, some argue in favour of torture as an efficient way of detecting plots that might otherwise lead to the deaths of a great number of innocent citizens. Professor Darius Rejali monumental new work *Torture and Democracy* documents the history of torture in modern democracy and debates its efficacy.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00bfjyw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00bflyk)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00bflym)

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 (b00bflyp)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00bflyr)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00bflv)
Daily prayer and reflection with Canon Noel Vincent.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00bflyt)
News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00bflyw)
The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b00bfly)
With Sarah Montague and John Humphrys. Including Sports Desk; Weather; Thought for the Day.

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00bfn8s)
Andrew Marr sets the cultural agenda for the week. Guests include Robert Kagan, foreign policy adviser to John McCain, novelist Andrew O'Hagan and historical writer Helen Rappaport.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00bfwwm)
Bearded Tit

Episode 1

Rory McGrath reads from his comic memoir, a story of love and birdwatching. In 1974, Rory is about to enter his second year at Cambridge. He is determined to lose his virginity.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00bfndw)
Trisha Goddard; The life of Barbara Pym; Laughter therapy

Daytime TV presenter Trisha Goddard on her eventful life. Plus designer topiary, the life and work of novelist Barbara Pym, and is laughter really the best medicine?

MON 11:00 The Homecoming (b00bfp2g)
The story of a Kosovan immigrant who has chosen to return home. After nearly ten years of living in the UK, Fehmi Islami is returning to a free and independent homeland.

MON 11:30 As Told To Craig Brown (b00bfp2j)
Episode 6

In the crosshairs of satire are hysterical media and busty starlets.

Craig Brown introduces a mixture of satire, social observation and nonsense.

Narrated by Juliet Stevenson and Steve Wright

With John Humphrys, Ronni Ancona, Jon Culshaw, Lewis MacLeod, 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 (b00bfp2c)
Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson and Liz Barclay. Including What Disability Means to Me: Rabbi Lionel Blue describes how suffering from epilepsy has changed his life.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00bfp4)
The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00bfp6)
National and international news with Shaun Ley.

MON 13:30 Counterpoint (b00bfp8)
Series 22

2008 Semi-final 1

Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz.

The pace hots up as the series enters its semi-final stage, with three of this year's heats winners going into battle for a place in the Final in a few weeks' time. The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop.

Three contestants battle it out: Stephen Banks from Bristol, Brian Davies of Middlesex and Diane Hallagan from Leeds.

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00bfk0q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b0076z46)
Kaffir Lilies

By Sue Eckstein. When the dashing young Charles Middleton arrives in Nigeria in 1929, he strikes up an immediate friendship with Louisa, a married woman.

MON 15:00 Money Box Live (b00bfpcb)
Vincent Duggleby and guests answer calls on financial issues.

MON 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00bfq0b)
The Hair of the Dog

Short story by Jane Gardam. Humour and tenderness colour Eleanor's reflections on her daughter Rosie's wedding 25 years before. Abridged by Jules Wilkinson.

MON 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00bfpzq)
The Sky's the Limit

Astronomer Heather Couper charts the history of our growing understanding of the universe and progress of astronomy. From 2008.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00bfjzv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 More or Less (b00bfqnj)
Street Value of Drugs - Stress & Heart Disease - Stock Market

Street Value of Drugs
When we hear a new report about the police seizure of a large quantity of illegal drugs, it usually includes an estimate of the "street value" of the drugs.

Presenter Tim Harford spoke to Greg Poulter, an expert witness and director of the Drugs Education and Research Unit - and Tim meets a couple of ex-dealers to find out how realistic the official street values are.

Does Stress Cause Heart Disease?
A few weeks ago presenter Tim Harford went to quiz Professor Sir Michael Marmot, the director of the famous and highly influential Whitehall II study of health in civil servants, about his claim that a demanding job could cause heart problems.

So we approached statistician Prof Stephen Senn of Glasgow University and Prof Kevin McConway of the Open University to examine the evidence.

The Worst Day for the Stock Market
Forget Friday the 13th, it is this Friday - the 30th May - that you might want note as a day to avoid buying shares on the London Stock Market.

Presenter Tim Harford spoke to Stephen Eckett, author of The UK Stock Market Almanac 2008, to find out about the worst day, week, month and six month period in which to sell shares.

MON 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00bfqx9)
26th May 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Anarchists in London try to storm the French embassy.

MON 17:00 PM (b00bfqxc)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Carolyn Quinn.

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00bfqxf)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

MON 18:30 The Unbelievable Truth (b00bfqxh)
Series 2

Episode 4

David Mitchell tries to sort facts from fiction. With Alan Davies, Simon Evans, Tony Hawks and Phill Jupitus. From May 2008.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00bfsb)
Susan and Neil attempt to feed George but he is being difficult. Mike pops round and decides to tag along with them to the fair at Lower Loxley. Mike says that Roy and Hayley were saddened after visiting Jack. After being such a sharp businessman, it's hard to believe how he is now.

At the fair, Pat tells Nigel they will put up a fight about the barn. Nigel says they will miss Kathy when she leaves but are hoping that Lorna, the temp, will apply for the job. Mike tells Nigel that he has found someone who should be able to fix the ha-ha. Susan stops at Pat's stall and mentions Matt and the barn. News is spreading!

When Ed's car breaks down, he leaves a message for Eddie, asking him to collect him. As he starts walking, Emma's car approaches. She persuades him to get in and, after an awkward start, Emma apologizes for overstepping the mark previously. She says she accepts he's happy with Fallon but wants to be friends. Ed says it's not possible. There's too much history and he's moved on. Emma's not convinced and presses him but Ed says it's not going to happen and not to keep asking him.

Episode written by Caroline Harrington.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00bfsbn)
Arts news and reviews. Mark Lawson talks to Leonard Cohen about the art of songwriting, his paintings and his retreat from the world in the 1990s.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00bfr44)
Barbara Pym - Jane and Prudence

Episode 1

Unconventional 1950s vicar's wife Jane arrives in a new parish, keen to marry off ex-pupil Prudence. Barbara Pym's delightful comedy of rural relationships stars Emma Fielding.

MON 20:00 James Bond, the Last Englishman (b00bfr6l)
As part of the Ian Fleming centenary, Prof David Cannadine sets James Bond and his creator in their historical context. He suggests that Bond was popular not just because he was sexy and suave - he was seen as a consoling fantasy for a country that had lost an Empire but not yet found a role in the world.

MON 20:30 The Learning Curve (b00bfrdl)
Libby Purves presents a guide to the world of learning, with practical advice, features and listeners' views.

MON 21:00 Frontiers (b00bfrdn)
Coral Reefs

Andrew Luck-Baker visits the Pacific islands of Palau to witness the mass spawning of the coral reefs. He meets the marine biologists inspired by this phenomenon.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00bfn8s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00bfsbq)
The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00bfsbs)
National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00bfsbv)
Helpless

Episode 1

By Barbara Gowdy. Celia Fox and her pretty young daughter Rachel are living in amicable poverty in a smart suburb of Toronto. What they don't know is that Rachel is being stalked.

MON 23:00 Happy Mondays (b00bfsbx)
The Odd Half Hour

Episode 2

Sketch show starring Stephen K Amos, Jason Byrne, Justin Edwards and Katherine Parkinson looking at modern life's pains, large and small.

MON 23:30 Lonely Nights (b00bfxhq)
Self-confessed nocturnal hermit Brian Skiff, discoverer of countless asteroids and a dozen comets, reflects upon the night sky in this impressionistic sound portrait.

TUESDAY 27 MAY 2008

TUE 00:00 News and Weather (b00bflvn)

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

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00bfwvm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00bflvq)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00bflvs)

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 (b00bflvq)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00bflvx)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00bflvz)

Daily prayer and reflection with Canon Noel Vincent.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00bflw1)

News and issues in rural Britain with Mark Holdstock.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00bflw3)

With Sarah Montague and Evan Davis. Including Sports Desk; Weather; Thought for the Day.

TUE 09:00 On the Ropes (b00bfyby)

John Prescott

John Humphrys talks to successful people who have weathered storms in their careers. In a special edition, his guest is former deputy prime minister John Prescott.

TUE 09:30 A Sunparched Country (b00bfc0)

Green Buildings, Cool Cities

Caroline Holmes discovers how Australians are adapting to the reality of climate change. She explores a pioneering generation of environmentally friendly buildings.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00bs1xf)

Bearded Tit

Episode 2

Rory McGrath reads from his comic memoir, a story of love and birdwatching. He appears to be in love with the dazzling JJ. And he likes what she likes, namely birds.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00bfndc)

With Jenni Murray.

TUE 11:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b00bfc2)

Philippa Forrester and Brett Westwood present the series following the movement and migration of animals across the planet. This special edition comes from The Hay Festival.

TUE 11:30 The Frost Collection (b00bfc4)

Series 1

War and Peace

David Frost and guests look back at some of the most memorable interviews of his long career. Guests include Max Hastings and Charles Kennedy.

TUE 12:00 Call You and Yours (b00bfp79)

Road Congestion

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and Peter White.

Congestion, says the Department for Transport and RAC Foundation, is bad for motorists, business and the environment, and it will only get worse. But what is the best way to tackle overcrowding on our roads?

With guests:

Gareth Elliot, Transport policy advisor, British Chamber of Commerce.

Stephen Glaister, Director Designate of the RAC Foundation.

Nigel Humphries, Association of British Drivers.

Phil Blythe, Director of the Transport Operations Research Group.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00bfp7c)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00bfp7f)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

TUE 13:30 Lost Albums (b00bfc6)

Series 2

Denis Wilson: Bambu

Music journalist Pete Paphides reveals the stories and music behind some of the great albums which were never released. He explores a solo album by former Beach Boy Denis Wilson.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00bfsbl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b00bfc8)

A Wedding in Krakow

Ewa Banaszekiewicz's tender story offers a fresh perspective on the lives of Polish people living in England.

Staszek returns to Krakow for his daughter's wedding. He has been dreading the visit, having abandoned his pregnant girlfriend 20 years before. Not only is he tortured by guilt at having never lived up to being a father, he also has a secret that he would like to keep.

Staszek Peter Czajkowski

Sandra Helen Longworth

Zuzza Aneta Piotrowska

Wojtek Sebastian Palka

Ela Joanna Kanska

Stefan Wojtek Piekarski

Maria Ruth Posner

Directed by Pam Marshall.

TUE 15:00 Making History (b00bfcyb)

Operation Polo, Hyderabad 1948 - Moats

Operation Polo, Hyderabad 1948
Making History listener Janet Bishop contacted the programme to find out more about the circumstances surrounding the death of a great uncle in Hyderabad in 1948. It appears that he was working for a notorious gun runner called Sydney Cotton and got caught up in the Indian invasion code named Operation Polo in September 1948. Making History consulted Dr Taylor Sherman from Royal Holloway, University of London.

Moats

John Murphy runs a successful brewery at St Peter's Hall near Bungay in Suffolk. Like many historic houses in East Anglia, this wonderful 13th century building has a moat. John contacted Making History to find out why? Making History consulted landscape historian Professor Tom Williamson at the University of East Anglia.

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00bfpzm)

Hay-on-Wye Stories 2008

The Hilltop Singer

There are few job prospects in Filippo's small Umbrian village and he's determined not to be merely a greengrocer or barber. When a job comes up working in the village's pride and joy - the smallest theatre in the world - Filippo leaps at the chance. So what if it's just selling postcards to tourists in the foyer? Filippo dares to dream that he shall one day sing on that gilded stage. Perhaps he'll be discovered and be able to pursue his ambition of becoming a famous opera singer?

Read by Angela Huth

Producer: Emma Harding.

TUE 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00bfpzp)

Cathedrals of the Cosmos

Astronomer Heather Couper reflects on the importance of the sun to ancient agrarian society. With Timothy West.

TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b00bg0fg)

Too Much Trust in Forensic Evidence?

Clive Coleman takes his weekly look at the legal issues in the news. He asks if forensic scientific evidence is given too much weight in prosecuting crime.

TUE 16:30 Great Lives (b00bg0fj)

Series 15

AE Housman

Series of biographical discussions with Matthew Parris.

Author Colin Dexter nominates scholar and poet AE Housman. With Oxford academic Robert Douglas-Fairhurst.

TUE 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00bfqtg)

27th May 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. There is student unrest in Germany, but French protest leader Daniel Cohn-Bendit is the star attraction.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00bfqtj)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair.

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00bfqtI)

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

TUE 18:30 Clare in the Community (b00zf76j)

Series 3

We Need To Talk About Brian

Clare prepares to move to a new home with Brian - until a disturbing discovery she makes while packing forces her to question the decision.

Clare Barker is a social worker with all the politically correct jargon but none of the practical solutions. Award-winning sitcom by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Starring Sally Phillips as Clare, Alex Lowe as Brian, Andrew Wincott as Simon, Richard Lumsden as Ray, Gemma Craven as Helen, Ellen Thomas as Irene and Nina Conti as Megan.

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00bfr40)

For Farm Sunday, Eddie wants to rub the digger down and charge people to have a go. Clarrie thinks it's a bad idea. They have completely different ideas of how the day should be. Ed has a lot on his mind and isn't himself. Clarrie tries to find out what's bothering him but he won't say.

David and Ruth also discuss Farm Sunday. Tony arrives, asking for the name of the consultant who sorted a similar problem to his, at Waterley Cross. Tony says the Tenant Farmers Association has looked at his lease agreement. It seems Matt's within his rights but Tony's going to fight it. According to the TFA, there is a good chance they could win. They'll need a lot of public support. David's surprised to learn that Brian voted in favour of the idea, albeit unknowingly.

At Bridge Farm yard, Eddie's shocked at Tony's news. Ruth arrives with the consultant's details. Eddie asks Ruth if she'd mark Brookfield's signs for Farm Sunday, pointing them in the direction of Grundys' Field also. She politely refuses. Thinking about how expensive the consultant might be and the fact that they might not win, Tony feels downhearted. He says it doesn't feel like it's worth all the effort.

Episode written by Caroline Harrington.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00bfr42)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Including:

David Hare pays tribute to Sydney Pollack, whose award-winning career as an actor and director includes *Out of Africa*, *Tootsie* and *Three Days of the Condor*, and whose death was announced today.

Writer Natasha Walter joins Mark to discuss *Sex and the City*, as the exploits of New York columnist Carrie Bradshaw, her three friends and her shoes finally make it to the big screen.

Novelist Ian McEwan has written the libretto for a new opera by composer Michael Berkeley. The chamber opera called *For You* is about sexual jealousy in the middle-class household of an ageing composer and premieres at this year's Hay Festival.

Liza Minnelli's current show pays tribute to songwriting partners Kander and Ebb and her godmother Kay Thompson, arranger and vocal coach at MGM Studios. Minnelli recreates highlights from Thompson's life interspersed with anecdotes about her own. Adam Mars-Jones reviews.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00bs4rs)

Barbara Pym - Jane and Prudence

Episode 2

Vicar's wife Jane looks around her new parish, while Prudence nurses an unrequited love for her employer. Comedy of rural relationships stars Susie Blake.

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b00bg0fn)

Allan Urry reports from Liverpool. The city is celebrating its status as European Capital of Culture, yet the City Council is the subject of scathing reports by government auditors.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00bg0fn)

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

TUE 21:00 Case Notes (b00bg0fq)

Back Problems

Dr Mark Porter investigates health issues of the day. He has recently undergone an operation on his back to relieve his sciatica and reports on how the treatment has gone.

TUE 21:30 On the Ropes (b00bfyby)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00bfs8t)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00bfs8w)

News and analysis with Ritula Shah. Including reports on international aid to Burma, the alleged benefits of high fuel prices and a growing feud amongst chefs in Spain.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00bfs8y)

Helpless

Episode 2

By Barbara Gowdy. Celia and her nine-year-old daughter Rachel are unaware of Ron's dangerous obsession with the young girl. Read by Kathryn Akin.

TUE 23:00 Mouth Trap (b00bg0fs)

Health and Fitness

Comedy show looking at the modern woman, offering a mixture of satire and silliness. Written by and starring Katy Brand and Katherine Parkinson.

TUE 23:30 LA Stories (b0076y9d)

The Pitch

Paul Jackson explores the inner workings of the Californian TV industry. Insiders reveal what it takes to persuade a network to consider a new idea.

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 2008

WED 00:00 News and Weather (b00bflw6)

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00bs1xf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00bflw8)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00bflwb)

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 (b00bflwd)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00bflwg)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00bflwj)

Daily prayer and reflection with Canon Noel Vincent.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00bflwl)

News and issues in rural Britain with Mark Holdstock.

WED 06:00 Today (b00bflwn)

Presented by James Naughtie and Evan Davis.

Including:

Researchers say that the number of dementia sufferers in England will increase by almost two thirds over the next 20 years because of the ageing population.

Dan Griffiths in Beijing reports on new aftershocks in Sichuan province.

The curse of Shakespeare's tomb means that workmen will be treading carefully in Stratford today.

Amnesty International's Secretary General Irene Khan claims there is an opportunity for the UK to lead the world on human rights as long as it put its own house in order.

Protests over rising fuel prices are spreading across Europe.

Inspired by historian Robert Lacey's *Great Tales* from English History, schoolchildren from years 10-13 were asked to write their own great tale.

Thought for the Day with Anne Atkins, novelist and columnist.

Can the Left be tax-cutters? With MP Dennis MacShane and Will Hutton.

A look at the state of child protection in this country. With Berthe Climbie, the mother of eight-year-old Victoria who was tortured and murdered in 2000.

Michael Palin is championing the cause of Oxford University as it tries to raise over a billion pounds to safeguard its future.

What is the best strategy to deal with knife crime?

Primatologist Dr Jane Goodall is visiting the European Parliament to call for the EU to replace animal experiments.

Was Mary Whitehouse right about declining moral standards on TV?

With oil and food prices rocketing and house prices falling, should politicians try to intervene in the markets?

WED 09:00 Midweek (b00bg333)

Lively and diverse conversation.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00bs1x3)

Bearded Tit

Episode 3

Rory McGrath reads from his comic memoir, a story of love and birdwatching. Rory's romance with JJ is taking its time, until a brief encounter interferes.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00bfnfd)

Cynthia Nixon; Miss Landmine

Sex and the City actress Cynthia Nixon on the cast's reunion for the film. Plus, the controversial 'Miss Landmine' pageant for survivors of Angolan landmine injuries.

WED 11:00 Mind Changers (b00bg335)

Case Study: Little Hans

Claudia Hammond presents a series on case studies that have made a significant contribution to psychological research.

A phobia of horses developed by a small boy living in Vienna in

1904 seemed unlikely evidence for the Oedipus complex. But for Sigmund Freud, this was the proof he had been waiting for. His study of Little Hans was the first recorded case of child psychoanalysis, and, with its detailed recording of how a child makes sense of the world, continues to provide rich pickings for all who are interested in child development.

Claudia investigates the legacy of the study, and visits one of the centres run by Childhood First, which deals with some of the most disturbed and damaged children using a model informed by psychoanalysis.

WED 11:30 Hut 33 (b00vy861)

Series 2

Pigs n Spivs

It's 1941 and supplies are running short in Bletchley Park, centre of the Allies' codebreaking effort.

Archie reluctantly uses the services of Mrs Best's shady contact to get some extra food and Gordon is seduced by the promise of a Superman comic.

James Cary's sitcom set at Bletchley Park - the top-secret home of the Second World War codebreakers.

Charles Robert Bathurst
Archie Tom Goodman-Hill
Minka Olivia Colman
Mrs Best Lill Roughley
Gordon Fergus Craig
Joshua ... Alex McQueen
Spiv Stephen Critchlow

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00bg339)

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson and Sheila McClennon.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00bfp7h)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00bfp7k)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

WED 13:30 Quote... Unquote (b00bcccv)

Nigel Rees exchanges quotations and anecdotes with guests Alison Baverstock, Clive Coleman, Gwyneth Lewis and Arabella Weir. The reader is Peter Jefferson.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00bfr40)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b00bg33d)

The Antisocial Behaviour of Horace Rumpole

Rumpole on Trial

John Mortimer's two part Radio 4 Rumpole story brings us the magician of the Old Bailey at his implacable best as he defends our ancient freedoms, while remaining uneasy about exactly what his wife Hilda is up to in her continuing friendship with a high court judge

ASBOs may be the pride and joy of new Labour, but they don't cut much ice with Horace Rumpole; he takes the old fashioned view that if anyone is going to be threatened with a restriction of their liberty then some form of meaningful legal procedure ought to be put in place.

Not that Hilda agrees of course, but she's too busy completing her memoirs and planning a radical new career to dissuade him from taking an interest when one of the Timson children is given an ASBO for playing football in the street. And if that wasn't enough, Rumpole's colleagues have voiced some rather prudish objections to the small cigars and glasses of red wine he enjoys in his room in Chambers. They may even slap an ASBO on him, which won't help his cause of being appointed a QC at long last!

Cast:

Horace Rumpole Timothy West
Hilda Rumpole Prunella Scales
'Soapy Sam' Ballard Michael Cochrane
Bonny Bernard Nicholas le Prevost
Prosecutor Parkes Roger May
Madam Chair of Magistrates Jillie Mears
Graham Wetherby David Holt

Lars Bergman Matthew Morgan
 Judge Bullingham David Shaw-Parker
 Fig Newton Geoffrey Whitehead

Producer/Director: Marilyn Imrie
 A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00bfk01)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00br881)
 Hay-on-Wye Stories 2008

Travels with a Hydrosexant

With his polaroid hydrosexant in hand, young Willie Paterson, apprentice quantity surveyor, takes us on a tour of his beloved Glasgow. Little does he imagine that most of the streets and buildings he knows are about to be flattened by the wrecker's ball.

For this is the 1960s and over the next decade, the structure and architecture of Glasgow will change beyond all recognition. Whole swathes of tenements and back greens will disappear to make way for the new age of the tower block. And apprentice quantity surveyors are on the front line, helping to tally up the demolitions and measure the concrete on nearly 300 tower blocks all over Glasgow.

Read by Bill Paterson
 Producer: Emma Harding.

WED 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00bfprz)
 Stories of the Sky

Astronomer Heather Couper reflects on how early man mapped the stories of his mythology onto the constellations in the sky.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00bg3g7)
 Boxing - Urban Outcasts

BOXING
 Laurie Taylor is joined by Kasia Boddy, author of *Boxing: A Cultural history*, and Professor Loïc Wacquant, sociologist, ethnographer and former apprentice boxer to consider the sport's history in terms of race, class, and representation, from bare-knuckle fights to attempts to tame the Kray Twins.

URBAN OUTCASTS
 Loïc Wacquant, Professor of sociology at the University of California-Berkeley, looks at the trend amongst academics and certain commentators for talking about "ghettoisation" in Europe's cities, and questions the idea that our cities are becoming Americanised. He discusses his theory of 'advanced marginality', symptoms of which, he says, can be found on both sides of the Atlantic.

WED 16:30 Case Notes (b00bg0fq)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00bfqtq)
 28th May 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Douglas Bader returns to Bomber Command. Students take over Hornsey College of Art.

WED 17:00 PM (b00bfqtq)
 Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair.

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00bfqts)
 The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

WED 18:30 Double Science (b00bg3g9)
 Real Ale

Comedy by Ben Willbond and Justin Edwards about two science teachers. The annual Real Ale competition leads to a bitter feud. Alison despairs.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00bfr46)
 Jill prepares for her trip, making and freezing food for Phil. Ruth says they will keep an eye on Phil but Phil is adamant he can cope alone. Before Ruth can escape, Phil insists on showing her his latest star pictures.

Mike tells Ed he nearly lost more customers. Oliver wants to issue another leaflet explaining about TB. Mike thinks that's a

bad idea. He thinks it was the first one which that made people panic.

Usha tells Ruth she hasn't been sleeping well and is very jumpy. Mike and Ed pass them on the way to the pub. Usha heads off. Ruth asks after Fallon. Ed says she texts regularly and the band are well received. Mike says Ed's been miserable but Ed says that's because of the TB.

Walking alone, Usha believes she hears someone following her. Turning into the Vicarage, she urgently rings the doorbell, calling for Alan. Alan reassures her she's safe and goes to search for whoever it is. Returning, he tells her he couldn't see anyone. Usha's worried she's now imagining things. She blames Shula for stirring up the past. Alan tells her to let it go but Usha says she can't.

Episode written by Caroline Harrington.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00bfr48)
 Presented by Mark Lawson.

Including:

Crime writer Mark Billingham reviews *Devil May Care*, a new James Bond novel by Sebastian Faulks published to mark the centenary of Ian Fleming's birth. The story takes Bond from Paris to the Middle East at the height of the Cold War.

The first comprehensive exhibition of Austrian artist Gustav Klimt's work ever staged in Britain opens at Tate Liverpool this week.

Journalist Hunter Davies pays tribute to artist Beryl Cook, whose death has been announced.

For their finals exam, Cambridge University English students have been asked to compare the senses of lyric in a Walter Raleigh poem with those in Amy Winehouse's song *Love is a Losing Game*. UCL English Professor John Sutherland sits the exam.

Sarah Dunant reviews *Fat Pig*, a stage comedy by Neil LaBute starring Robert Webb (Mitchell and Webb) as the office worker who falls in love with a girl ridiculed for her size by his colleagues, played by Kris Marshall (*My Family*) and Joanna Page (Gavin and Stacey).

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00bs21b)
 Barbara Pym - Jane and Prudence

Episode 3

The life of the village is beginning to be revealed, and Jane receives an invitation. Comedy of rural relationships stars Susie Blake and David Thorpe.

WED 20:00 The Radio 4 Debate from Hay (b00btd6g)
 Francine Stock chairs a Hay Festival debate on whether the international community has failed the people of Burma following Cyclone Nargis.

WED 20:45 For whom the Division Bell Told (b00bg3gc)
 Episode 3

Michael Portillo explores the history of the backbench MP. He attempts to find out whether backbenchers always been more interested in keeping their job than changing the world.

WED 21:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b00bfyc2)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 21:30 Midweek (b00bg333)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00bfs90)
 The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00bfs92)
 National and international news and analysis with David Eades.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00bfs94)
 Helpless

Episode 3

By Barbara Gowdy. Ron's obsession with nine-year-old Rachel is growing. Read by Kathryn Akin.

WED 23:00 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00bg3gf)
 Series 2

Episode 1

Laura reveals 1001 uses for peas, misses a meeting and shuns a caravan owner.

Award-winning comedian Laura Solon's sketch and character comedy series

With Rosie Cavaliero, Ben Moor and Ben Willbond.

Written by Laura Solon. With additional material by Holly Walsh and Jon Hunter.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

WED 23:30 LA Stories (b0076ydf)
 The Pilot

Paul Jackson explores the inner workings of the Californian TV industry. Networks and cable companies tend to produce their pilots during the same two months each year.

THURSDAY 29 MAY 2008

THU 00:00 News and Weather (b00bflwq)
 The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00bs1x3)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00bflws)
 The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00bflww)
 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 (b00bflwx)
 The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00bflwz)
 The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00bflx1)
 Daily prayer and reflection with Canon Noel Vincent.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00bflx3)
 News and issues in rural Britain with Mark Holdstock.

THU 06:00 Today (b00bflx5)
 With James Naughtie and Evan Davis. Including Sports Desk; Weather; Thought for the Day.

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b00bqf61)
 Probability

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss the strange mathematics of probability where heads or tails is a simple question with a far from simple answer. Gambling may be as old as the hills but probability as a mathematical discipline is a relative youngster. Probability is the field of maths relating to random events and, although commonplace now, the idea that you can pluck a piece of maths from the tumbling of dice, the shuffling of cards or the odds in the local lottery is a relatively recent and powerful one. It may start with the toss of a coin but probability reaches into every area of the modern world, from the analysis of society to the decay of an atom. With Marcus du Sautoy, Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford; Colva Roney-Dougal, Lecturer in Pure Mathematics at the University of St Andrews; Ian Stewart, Professor of Mathematics at the University of Warwick

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00bs1x5)
 Bearded Tit

Episode 4

Rory McGrath reads from his comic memoir, a story of love and birdwatching. At last Rory's relationship with JJ takes flight, but what happens next?

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00bfnhd)
Anti-ageing creams; Jules et Jim

Why do women continue to be seduced by an instant cure for wrinkles? Plus the legacy of Truffaut's 'Jules et Jim', the gender gap in solicitors' pay, and the last queen of Wales.

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b00bqf67)
BBC foreign correspondents with the stories behind the world's headlines. Introduced by Kate Adie.

THU 11:30 Off the Page (b00bqf69)
Luvvies

Dominic Arkwright chairs a special edition of the programme from the Hay-on-Wye Festival. Up for discussion is the word 'Luvvies'.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00bfp7m)
Consumer news and issues with John Waite and Liz Barclay.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00bfp7p)
The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00bfp7r)
National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Open Country (b00bfczk)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00bfr46)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00bqf6h)
The Antisocial Behaviour of Horace Rumpole

Going for Silk

Rumpole has successfully rebutted his colleagues attempts to quash his ebullient lifestyle with an ASBO, and now turns his attention back to the continuing case against young Bertie Timson whose sole 'crime' seems to be playing football in the street. Why are the residents pursuing their case against the boy quite so strongly? Could they have more sinister reasons for wanting him off their street? And could it be connected in any way to the lonely death of a prostitute across town, in which the prime suspect is a hapless young bachelor protesting his innocence; a call to arms Rumpole can scarcely ignore?

John Mortimer's two part BBC Radio 4 Rumpole story brings us the magician of the Old Bailey at his implacable best as he defends our ancient freedoms, while remaining uneasy about exactly what Hilda is up to in her continuing friendship with a high court judge.

Cast:
Horace Rumpole Timothy West
Hilda Rumpole Prunella Scales
Bonny Bernard Nicholas le Prevost
Police Doctor Roger May
Anna McKinnon Jillie Mears
Graham Wetherby David Holt
Prosecutor Noakes Matthew Morgan
Detective Inspector Belfrage David Shaw-Parker
Judge Barnes Geoffrey Whitehead

Director: Marilyn Imrie
A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 15:00 Questions, Questions (b00bqf6m)
Stewart Henderson answers those niggling questions from everyday life.

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00bfjzd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00br85h)
Hay-on-Wye Stories 2008

You've Got Everything Now

A married man is haunted by his school experiences and in particular, by his memories of his inscrutable, troubled

classmate, Quinn. Costa Award winning novelist Catherine O'Flynn reads her specially commissioned short story for BBC Radio 4 in front of an audience at the Hay Festival.

Read by Catherine O'Flynn
Producer: Emma Harding.

THU 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00bfpzt)
Mirror of the Earth

Astronomer Heather Couper looks at the history of astrology which began as a way of advising rulers on their military campaigns.

THU 16:00 Open Book (b00bfk07)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00bqf6r)
Science Vs the Rest of the World

Science Vs the Rest of the World
In a special programme recorded at this year's Hay festival, Quentin Cooper asks three leading scientific thinkers what happens when the frontiers of science come up against the realms of politics, religion and public opinion. Science is always pushing into disputed territory, such as the recent Parliamentary debates over human-animal embryos or the ongoing arguments over climate change. But when the different states of mind meet, where does the line get drawn? Is it the case that, when scientists propose unexpected or unwanted theories, they're dismissed as being unable to see the broader picture? Or, after disagreements and delays, does science eventually just march on restricted only by what is possible? To discuss these issues are Steve Jones, Professor of Genetics at University College London, science writer Philip Ball and the Government's former Chief Scientific Advisor, Professor Sir David King.

THU 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00bqfqt)
29th May 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. A Kennedy loses for the first time. Daniel Cohn-Bendit sneaks back into France.

THU 17:00 PM (b00bqfqt)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair.

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00bqfqtz)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

THU 18:30 Heresy (b00bqf6t)
Series 5

Episode 3

Victoria Coren hosts the show that thinks the unthinkable. With Jo Caulfield, Caitlin Moran and Peter Bradshaw. From May 2008.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00bfr4b)
Jill tells Shula that Phil is preoccupied with his latest hobby, building star pictures. Shula tells Jill that she feels uncomfortable when she sees Alan and wishes the whole business would blow over.

Shula apologises to Alan about her stupidity with the journalist, revealing that she has received shocking phone calls from racist customers. Alan defends Usha, saying that the past has come back to haunt her and her confidence has disappeared. Alan is annoyed that Shula betrayed his confidence with how Usha's family took the news of their engagement. He thought Shula was a friend as well as a colleague. He says she should think before speaking, leaving Shula clearly upset.

Adam tells Matt that it will cost around 60,000 pounds to connect their digester up to the mains! An urgent meeting is arranged. Matt tells Annabelle he's hoping to get information from Lilian about how Tony's intends to fight the planning application but Lilian's lips remain sealed. Adam arrives, explaining the high cost is because the grid requires a considerable upgrade to the local infrastructure. Annabelle thinks it's excessive and believes there's room for negotiation. She asks if Adam is prepared to leave it with her. He replies 'Err, yes. Yes, OK.'

Episode written by Caroline Harrington.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00bfr4d)
Arts news and reviews with Kirsty Lang.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00bs21d)

Barbara Pym - Jane and Prudence

Episode 4

Jane visits Prudence and meets Dr Grampion. Prudence visits Jane, in anticipation of meeting Fabian Driver. Comedy of rural relationships stars Emma Fielding.

THU 20:00 Tibet: The Story of a Feud (b00bv10l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Sunday]

THU 20:30 In Business (b00bw51z)
Hot Stuff

Some people think that global warming offers a huge business opportunity for companies who can find new ways of tackling climate change. Peter Day investigates.

THU 21:00 Costing the Earth (b00bqm5v)
All Wrapped Up and Nowhere to Go

Plastic bags and packaging are anathema to the environmentalist. Yet packaging can help to sell a product, and the issue is more complex than many of us realise.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00bqf6i)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00bfs96)
The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00bfs98)
National and international news and analysis with David Eades.

Including reports on reconstruction in Iraq, the healthiest and the sickest places in the UK and how the Bundesliga overtook English football.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00bfs9b)
Helpless

Episode 4

By Barbara Gowdy. During the chaos of a city-wide power cut, Ron has abducted nine-year-old Rachel and installed her in his basement. Read by Kathryn Akin.

THU 23:00 Nebulous (b00bts06)
Series 3

The Girl With The Liquid Face

Comedy series by Graham Duff, set in the year 2099. Nebulous and the team travel to Atlantis, where the Professor battles the Kraken and Paula receives some rather startling news.

THU 23:30 LA Stories (b0076yhj)
Programmes and Profits

Paul Jackson explores the inner workings of the Californian TV industry. He asks whether the industry can continue to spend so lavishly on material which will never be broadcast.

FRIDAY 30 MAY 2008

FRI 00:00 News and Weather (b00bflx7)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00bs1x5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00bflx9)
The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00bflxc)
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 (b00bflxf)
The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00bflxh)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00bflxk)

Daily prayer and reflection with Canon Noel Vincent.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00bflxm)

News and issues in rural Britain with Mark Holdstock.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00bflxp)

With James Naughtie and Evan Davis. Including Sports Desk; Weather; Thought for the Day.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00bfjzs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00bs1x7)

Bearded Tit

Episode 5

Rory McGrath reads from his comic memoir, a story of love and birdwatching. Twenty-five years on, and Rory and Tori are happily nested. But what happened to JJ?

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00bfndk)

Helen McCrory; Women fire-fighters

Helen McCrory on her successful acting career. Plus women fire-fighters, and should infertility be a topic for discussion in sex education classes? With Sheila McClenmon.

FRI 11:00 The Brits in Bollywood (b00bqp4l)

Sarfraz Manzoor reports on a new wave of talent reaching the screens of Bollywood. British Asians are retracing their roots and pursuing careers in the huge Indian cinema industry. There is even a Bollywood acting school opening in west London. Sarfraz visits Mumbai to meet some established stars and hopefuls, finding that the British influence spreads beyond the stage into screenwriting and production.

FRI 11:30 Paul Temple (b00bqp4q)

Paul Temple and the Madison Mystery

Eileen

The sleuth learns of a meeting at a remote farm that could reveal the activities of the counterfeit gang. Stars Crawford Logan.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00bfp7t)

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson and John Waite.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00bfp7w)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00bfp7y)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00bqp4s)

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

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00bfr4b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b00bqp4z)

The Ballad of Pickard Boots

A heady love story by the Annamaria Murphy. Jamaican street musician Pickard Boots is given shelter by Molly Pinks. He is wanted for murder. She is wanted by nobody.

FRI 15:00 Costing the Earth (b00bqm5v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Thursday]

FRI 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00br85k)

Hay-on-Wye Stories 2008

When Boreas Blows

When Perry is born, his parents plant a Japanese Acer outside

his window. And as Perry grows, so does the tree, tall, pale and delicate.

By the time Perry is three, the branches reach up to his bedroom window and creak as if they had something to say. That was when the North wind blew. 'It's only Boreas talking,' his father told him. 'King of the North wind. He's cold and strong but he looks after you.'

Read by Fay Weldon

Producer: Emma Harding.

FRI 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00bfpzw)

Three Wise Men

Heather Couper reviews ancient associations of stars and planets with deities and astrology's link to maths and the 24-hour day.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00bqp5l)

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

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00bqp55)

Francine Stock talks to producer and director Roger Corman, whose credits include Attack of the Crab Monsters, The Pit and the Pendulum and The Trip.

Matthew Sweet discusses the little-known silent masterpiece A Cottage On Dartmoor, directed by Anthony Asquith, the son of a prime minister and great uncle of Helena Bonham Carter.

John Hurt on his pilgrimage to the cinema to see Truffaut's masterpiece Jules Et Jim; poet Simon Barraclough's unique take on the love triangle.

A chance to hear a clip from Francine's archive interview with Sydney Pollack, whose death was announced this week.

FRI 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00bqdhw)

30th May 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. General De Gaulle is in a defiant mood. Manchester United win the European Cup.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00bfqv1)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Carolyn Quinn.

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00bfqv3)

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

FRI 18:30 The News Quiz (b00bqp57)

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Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. Panellists include Jeremy Hardy, Sue Perkins, Mark Steel and Hugo Rifkind.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00bfr4g)

Kenton ask David how Shula is. David says to ask her himself. When Kenton arrives at the Stables, he's surprised to find Shula mucking out. Shula tells him how Alan tore a strip off her over Usha. Shula says it was a genuine mistake and if it had been anyone else it would have been forgotten by now.

Adam brings David up to speed with the latest on the digester. Tony arrives to thank David for putting him on to the consultant, Martin Burridge. He knows his stuff and seems positive about getting the planning application thrown out. After he's left, Adam tells David that Annabelle's suggested employing a consultant for the digester project. David's concerned that the costs will spiral. Adam says that Annabelle thinks spending a few hundred pounds now could potentially save thousands.

Pat bumps into Adam at Home Farm. They have disagreed over a few things recently. Pat knows that Adam has asked for Matt's help with the digester, so is surprised to learn that he backs her over the barn. Pat and Tony start to see light at the end of the tunnel. Tony says if he can save the barn, he won't care about anything else.

Episode written by Caroline Harrington.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00bfr4j)

Arts news and reviews. Sheila Hancock talks to Mark Lawson

about her career, including her early days in rep with a young Harold Pinter, and reflects on her marriage to John Thaw.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00bs21g)

Barbara Pym - Jane and Prudence

Episode 5

Prudence goes to the whist drive, and Fabian Driver is there. But in the office Mr Manifold causes trouble. Comedy of rural relationships stars Emma Fielding.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00bqp5h)

Eddie Mair chairs the topical debate from Rugby. Panellists include Malcolm Wicks, Nick Herbert, Norman Lamb and Germaine Greer.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00bqp5m)

A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Lucy Kellaway.

FRI 21:00 Cosmic Quest Omnibus (b00c6bkh)

Ancient Visions

Heather Couper presents an omnibus edition of her major new narrative history of astronomy.

Since the dawn of modern humans more than 100,000 years ago, people have been looking into the sky in wonder. They have mapped and measured the heavens and slowly come to understand what they represent.

Much ancient mythology is based on the constellations in the sky, and astrologers have attempted to fit the Earth and themselves into the cosmic scheme of things. The rising and setting of the Sun dominated people's lives and they were dependent on the seasons for their livelihoods. In ancient civilisations, from Babylon to China, events in the sky were linked with what would otherwise seem to be random natural disasters and good or bad fortune. But the monitoring of the skies by astrologers produced some of the earliest accurate astronomical records, recording eclipses, comets and exploding stars thousands of years before our scientific era.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00bfs9d)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00bfs9g)

National and international news and analysis.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00bfs9j)

Helpless

Episode 5

By Barbara Gowdy and abridged for radio by Lauris Morgan-Griffiths. The police start to look for Rachel. Read by Kathryn Akin.

FRI 23:00 Great Lives (b00bg0fj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 The Penguin Cafe Orchestra: A Telephone and a Rubber Band (b00bv62l)

Simon Jeffes, founder of the Penguin Cafe Orchestra, died from a brain tumour in 1997. Robin Denselow meets the remaining members of the ensemble.