SATURDAY 21 JUNE 2008

SAT 00:00 News and Weather (b00c4fkf)

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00c0ldn)

The Pain and the Privilege

Ffion Hague reads from her book about the women in David Lloyd George's life. After Margaret's fatal accident, what of

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00c4fkh)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00c4fkk)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c4fkm)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00c4fkp)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00c4fkr)

Daily prayer and reflection with Mike Ford.

SAT 05:45 iPM (b00c4fkt)

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

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00c4fkw)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00c4fky)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00c4f10)

The countryside magazine visits the North Kent coast to examine the battle the coast has fought with the sea over the

SAT 06:35 Farming Today This Week (b00cjk3n)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00c4f14)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00c4f16)

Presented by John Humphrys and Edward Stourton.

Including:

The Olympic flame has arrived in Tibet. James Reynolds reports.

The opposition in Zimbabwe, Morgan Tsvangirai's Movement for Democratic Change, still has to decide whether it will fight the presidential election next week. Roy Bennett, the MDC's representative in South Africa, explains what is happening. Peter Biles assesses the situation.

17 girls in one school in Massachusetts are pregnant. Iain Mackenzie reports.

Thought for the day with Canon David Winter.

French actress Sandrine Bonnaire has directed a documentary about her autistic sister Sabine, who spent five years in a psychiatric hospital. The film has inspired much soul-searching in France about the provision of mental health facilities.

Why do we get so excited about Wimbledon? Maybe it is because we never win but live in hope. Mihir Bose looks at why the tournament retains such a hold on our affections and former champion Pat Cash explains the British love affair with the

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00c4f18)

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. Presenter Fi Glover is joined by newly created

Dame Joan Bakewell. Plus escapologist Danny Hunt from Scarborough, the stories of Norwegian 'war children', Lola Lamour's 1950s kitchen and listener Brenda Coyle's inheritance tracks. Featured poet is Murray Lachlan Young.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00c4flb)

Stonehenge - Eclipse

STONEHENGE

More than 20,000 people will have travelled to Stonehenge on Friday 20th June to experience its atmosphere on the longest day of the year. But how long has this ancient monument been a tourist attraction and what is its significance? John McCarthy is joined by Rosemary Hill, author of a new book entitled Stonehenge and Neil McDonald who takes parties of people interested menhirs, to see standing stones around UK and abroad. They discuss why the mystery of the stones has such a hold on travellers.

Total solar eclipses are extraordinary events which have awed and terrified people throughout history and until the 16th century the only way to experience one was to be in the right place at the right time. More recently people have been able to find out when and where eclipses happen and have been keen to travel to out of the way places all around the world see them. John meets DJ Annie Nightingale and eclipse veteran Sheridan Williams to discover the kind of experiences, spiritual or otherwise, an eclipse chaser can expect to find.

SAT 10:30 The Ping Pong Diplomats (b00c4fld)

4 Extra Debut. How President Nixon and table tennis thawed relations between the US and communist China in 1971. With Garry Richardson. From June 2008.

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00c4flg)

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

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00c4fli)

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

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00c4fll)

Paul Lewis with the latest news from the world of personal finance plus advice for those trying to make the most of their

SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b00c1t7b) Series 65

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz, Panellists include Jeremy Hardy, Carrie Quinlan, Phill Jupitus and Andy Hamilton

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00c4fln)

The latest weather forecast

SAT 13:00 News Headlines (b00c4flq)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00c1t7d)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Kilwinning, North Avrshire. The panellists are deputy first minister Nichola Sturgeon MSP, Labour leader in Scotland Wendy Alexander MSP, shadow home secretary Dominic Grieve MP and Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman Ed Davey.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00c4fls)

Listeners' calls and emails in response to this week's edition of Any Questions?

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b00c4fly)

Beat the Dog in His Own Kennel

By Gary Brown

In recently released secret documents it was revealed there was a plot initiated in the Middle East to kill the British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin just after the Second World War. In this fictionalised account, East End market trader Harry becomes caught up in these events and quickly finds himself out of his depth as he comes under the spell of a mysterious visitor from

Harry - Jonathan Tafler

Doy - Richard Katz

Thompson - Robert Lister Sarah - Amy Shindler Joey - Dan Crow Avi - Stephen Greif

Len - Ben Crowe

Director - Peter Leslie Wild

SAT 15:30 Music Feature (b00c197n)

Tuning Into the Enemy

A story of truth and reconciliation in post-Apartheid South

At the age of 18, Afrikaner Paul Erasmus went into the police force. Roger Lucey wrote protest songs and went to political meetings with his university friends. Paul systematically wrecked Roger's musical career, bugging his house, pressur WEA records to drop him and personally seizing his records from stores. In 1995, he asked to meet Lucey in person and confessed all. They now consider themselves friends.

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b00c4flx)

Highlights of this week's Woman's Hour programmes with Jane Garvey, including features on Mica Paris, maternity nurses for all new mums and too much make up too young.

SAT 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00c4flz)

21st June 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. French election campaigns draw to a close. Yehudi Menuhin bows out of the Bath festival. Wimbledon allows professionals onto the courts for the first time.

SAT 17:00 Saturday PM (b00c4fm1)

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

SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b00c4fm3)

Evan Davis presents the business magazine. Entrepreneurs and business leaders talk about the issues that matter to their companies and their customers

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00c4fm5) The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00c4fm7)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c4fm9)

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

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00c4fmc)

Clive Anderson talks to Anne De Courcy, David Bradley and Peter Moffat. Rachael Stirling discusses B Movies with Matthew Sweet and comedy from Todd Barry. James provides the music along with Alison Burns and Martin Taylor.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b00c4fmf)

The spotlight falls on Arthur Rvan, who has steered clothes chain Primark to top of the UK retail sales league. Tanya Datta is on the trail of the man behind 'Prim-ani'

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00c4fmh)

Maev Kennedy and guests review the cultural highlights of the

SAT 20:00 The Archive Hour (b00c4fmk)

Like Blackpool Went Through Rock

Sean Street recalls the Radio Ballads, a series which heralded a completely new form of radio feature making which began in 1958. Mixing original voices and sounds with specially composed music, producer Charles Parker and folk singer Ewan MacColl and Peggy Seeger eloquently documented the lives of people who, up to that point, had rarely been heard on the BBC. Charles's daughter Sara recounts how the series began and its continuing influence on programme makers and listeners.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00c683v)

The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists

Jack Linden is feeling the effects of unemployment and struggling to keep his family out of the workhouse. Meanwhile Easton, under pressure to provide for his family and keep his job, turns to drink. His wife Ruth is left at home with the baby and their new lodger, with shocking consequences.

Owen Andrew Lincoln Easton Johnny Vegas Crass Timothy Spall

Hunter (Old Misery) Paul Whitehouse

Ruth Shirley Henderson Rushton Bill Bailey

Barrington/Rev Starr Tom Goodman-Hill

Slyme/Rev Belcher Kevin Eldon

Linden Philip Jackson Nora Raquel Cassidy

Mrs Linden/Mrs Crass Gwyneth Powell

Philpot Tony Haygarth Bundy Tony Pitts .. Des O'Malley Mr Didlum Rupert Degas Frankie Robert Madge Mary Emma Fryer Elsie Yasmin Garrad Charlie Jake Pratt

Directed by Dirk Maggs.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00c4fnb)

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

SAT 22:15 The Reith Lectures (b00c197g)

Jonathan Spence: Chinese Vistas: 2008

Chinese Vistas: Jonathan Spence lectures about China.

Recorded at The Asia Society in New York

Spence explores the two centuries in which the United States gradually moved from its position as a dominant beacon of freedom and democracy for China, to becoming a more demanding global rival during and since World War II. Is America right to be wary of the emerging superpower or can the two economic and military giants co-exist happily?

SAT 23:00 Counterpoint (b00c0ncg)

Series 22

2008 Final

Paul Gambaccini chairs the 2008 final of the much-loved music

Three contestants have fought through heats and semi-finals to reach this thrilling stage of the series. Paul's questions cover the whole gamut of musical knowledge - covering the classics, world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop.

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SAT 23:30 Poetry Please (b00c0fyx)

This week's programme includes an intriguing "English ghazal". - the ghazal being a Middle-Eastern verse form not normally associated with English.

Ghazal: The Candles of the Chestnut Trees by Mimi Khalvati From: The Meanest Flower

Publ: Carcanet

Ghazal: After Hafez by Mimi Khalvati From: The Meanest Flower

In the Orchard by Muriel Stuart

From: The Oxford Book of Twentieth Century Verse

Publ: Oxford

At Last The Secret is Out by W.H. Auden From: Collected Shorter Poems 1927-1957 Publ: faber

Be Frugal by Richard Church

From: The Oxford Book of Twentieth Century English Verse

Publ: Oxford

R.I.P by Alan Garner

From: Occasional Poets

If the Past Year Were Offered Me Again by Lady Augusta

From: Irish Poetry - an Interpretive Anthology Publ: New York University Press

This poem features only in the Sunday afternoon edition Heraclitus by W.J. Cory From: Everyman's Book of Victorian Verse

Dear Bryan Winter by W.S. Graham From: Collected Poems 1942-1977

Publ: Faber

Far in a western brookland by A.E. Housman From: Poems selected by Alan Hollinghurst Publ: faber

Watermelon, the only word I have by Noel Rowe From: The Sydney Society of Literature and Aesthetics

Poem for Everyone by John T Wood

The Saturday night edition finishes with Carla Bruni's rendition of WH Auden's At Last the Secret is Out, from her album 'No Promises'

SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2008

SUN 00:00 News and Weather (b00c4jc0)

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

SUN 00:30 The Late Story (b0076z15)

Dora's Women

Readings specially written for Dora Bryan. In Wally K Daly's story, the Good Fairy of the pantomime is waiting in the wings. Can she empathise with all the excited children?

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00c4jp0)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00c4jp2)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c4jp4)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00c4jp6)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00c4ip8)

The sound of church bells from St Helen's, Sefton.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b00c4fmf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00c4jpb)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00c4ipd)

All the Rage

Mark Tully asks why are so many of us so angry all the time. Road rage, trolley rage, air rage - why are sudden and uncontrolled explosions of rage on the increase? Are the roots of this anger social, cultural, spiritual or economic and how can it be reined in or even re-channelled for good?

SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b00c4jpg)

Elinor Goodman visits expat farmers Robin and Caroline Pollitt in the Lot-et-Garonne region of South West France. They left the UK 5 years ago to purchase a dilapidated 6 hectare farm. They have planted raspberries and blackcurrants, from which they produce jam, coulis and cakes. They also run a cattery and kennels on site to look after the pets belonging to the many expats in the area, but their real love is getting to know the local farmers and embracing their way of life

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00c4jpj)

The latest weather forecast

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00c4jpl)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00c4jpn)

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

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00c4jpq)

Rageh Omaar appeals on behalf of The Pastoral and Environmental Network in the Horn of Africa. Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800

SUN 07:58 Weather (b00c4jps)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00c4jpv)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00c4jpx)

Living Water

As choirs from around the world gather in Coventry for the 2008 International Church Music Festival, Rev Dr Janet Wootton, hymn writer and Director of Studies for the Congregational Federation, explores Jesus's message of salvation. Leader: Rev Roger Hutchings. Music director: Paul Leddington Wright.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00c1t7g)

A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Lucy Kellaway.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00c4ipz)

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

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00c4jq1)

The week's events in Ambridge

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00c4jq3)

Ara Darzi

Kirsty Young's castaway this week is the pioneering surgeon Professor Ara Darzi. He was born in Iraq and brought up in Baghdad but he moved to Ireland when he was 17 to study medicine. He came to England to finish his training and, highly talented and ambitious, was made a consultant when he was barely out of his 20s. Since then he's been nick-named 'Robodoc' for spearheading the use of keyhole surgery in Britain and for introducing robotics to the operating theatre.

For the past year he has combined his surgical work with a position in government - he is a health minister and, on the eve of the NHS's 60th birthday, he is charged with reshaping the NHS in England. It is, he says, the greatest challenge he has yet faced

Favourite track: Seven Seconds by Youssou N'Dour and Neneh Cherry

Book: Yes, Minister by Jonathan Lynn Luxury: Pencil and paper

SUN 12:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b00c39xs)

Archive edition of the perennial antidote to panel games. broadcast in tribute to Humphrey Lyttelton, who died in April.

Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden take on Tim Brooke-Taylor and Willie Rushton, with Humph in the chair and Colin Sell on

The show was recorded at the Theatre Royal in Windsor on April 17, 1993.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00c4jq5)

Royal Entertaining

Sheila Dillon looks at the history of state banquets and asks what role royal hospitality has to play in a more democratic age. She visits the Queen's reception for the British hospitality industry, where she meets a nunmber of distinguished guests including Gordon Ramsay and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00c4ig7)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00c4ia9)

A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

SUN 13:30 On the Ropes (b00c9mtl)

Linford Christie

John Humphrys talks to Linford Christie about his time as a champion athlete and the drugs test which got him banned for life from the Olympic Games.

Linford Christie is one of the fastest and most famous athletes in the world - the cream of his generation with a recordbreaking haul of gold medals and titles for sprinting at European, Commonwealth, world and Olympic levels. He won 23 major championships, competed in more than 60 times for his country and captained the British team in a vintage period

He was the hero of the Barcelona Olympics in 1992, when he took the gold medal for 100 metres at the age of 32, but he says his proudest moment came at the subsequent world championships.

He is now 48, owns a management company and coaches and mentors young athletes. But the former Olympic champion has become an Olympic pariah. He can't coach his proteges at the Bejing games, he wasn't invited to run with the flame through the streets of London and he's shunned by certain figures in the athletics establishment. He is - officially at least - a cheat, a user of performance-enhancing drugs and, however often he denies it, the label has stuck.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Ouestion Time (b00c4igc)

Eric Robson and Peter Gibbs present a special edition of the popular horticultural forum, recorded in the grounds of Sparsholt College in Hampshire for the programme's annual Summer Garden Party. Answering questions are Bob Flowerdew, Pippa Greenwood and Anne Swithinbank.

SUN 14:45 A Guide to Woodland Birds (b00c4mf9)

The Big Stuff

Brett Westwood, Stephen Moss and Chris Watson identify the sounds of jays, tawny owls, sparrowhawks and other large woodland birds

Producer Sarah Blunt

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00c0fb8)

The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists

Ruth, reeling from the shock of recent events, is deserted once again as her husband Easton goes out with his workmates on their annual jolly. The situation takes a dramatic turn when Ruth goes missing. Meanwhile the workers are united in tragedy, and an unexpected revelation could change Frank Owen's life forever

Owen Andrew Lincoln

Easton Johnny Vegas

Crass Timothy Spall

Hunter (Old Misery) Paul Whitehouse

Ruth Shirley Henderson Rushton Bill Bailey

Barrington/Rev Starr Tom Goodman-Hill

Policeman John Prescott MP

Sweater/Dawson/Mr Didlum Rupert Degas Linden Philip Jackson

Nora Raquel Cassidy

Mrs Linden Gwyneth Powell

Philpot Tony Haygarth

Bundy Tony Pitts Bert Des O'Mallev

Sawkins Andrew Langtree

Frankie Robert Madge

Mary Emma Fryer

Elsie Yasmin Garrad Charlie Jake Pratt

Directed by Dirk Maggs.

SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00c4n8s)

Dave Pelzer, Les Miserables, and Items Found in Books

Dave Pelzer's A Child Called It revolutionised the art of memoir when it was published in 1995, with its horrific tale of

the abuse Pelzer suffered at the hands of his mother. Having launched a new literary genre, commonly called 'mis lit', Dave Pelzer has gone on to work as a counsellor and have a family of his own. Mariella asks him how his past has affected his life, and how he feels about the rash of similar books that have been published since

The Reading Clinic

Which books can parents give to their teenagers to wean them off children's authors and on to adult fiction? Anne McElvoy, executive editor of the Evening Standard, answers this listener's

Les Miserables

At 1200 pages, Les Miserables by Victor Hugo is one of the longest novels in the European canon. Novelist Adam Thirlwell has written an introduction to a new translation of the book, and he tells Mariella why it is worth embarking upon this classic adventure tale set in nineteenth-century Paris.

Richard Davies of Abe Books joins Mariella to describe some of the more exotic items that have been found in second-hand

SUN 16:30 Poetry Please (b00c4n8v)

To the Gentleman in Row E by Virginia Graham From: Consider the Years 1938-1946 Publ: Persephone Books

Where the Mind is Without Fear by Rabindranath Tagore From: Collected Poems and Plays Publ: Papermac

You Are Old, Father William by Lewis Carroll From: Unauthorized Versions Publ: faber

This poem only features in the Sunday afternoon edition An Old Dog Is the Best Dog by Felix Dennis From: A Glass Half Full Publ: Hutchinson

In a Library by Edmund Blunden From: Poems of Many Years Publ: Collins

The Chiffonier by Fleur Adcock From: The Incident Book

Future Work by Fleur Adcock From: Poems 1960-2000 Publ: Bloodaxe

Engineers' Corner by Wendy Cope

From: Making Cocoa for Kingsley Amis Publ: faber

This poem only features in the Saturday night edition The Workshop by Billy Collins From: Sailing Alone Around the Room

The Highwayman by Alfred Noves From: Everyman's Book of Evergreen Verse

SUN 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00c4n8x)

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Women from Ford's Dagenham plant, currently on strike, hold emergency talks with Employment Secretary Barbara Castle. Barbara Cartland proposes a novel solution to the UK's productivity crisis.

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b00c1981)

Gerry Northam investigates claims that tens of thousands of elderly dementia sufferers are being given powerful psychiatric drugs which are not only unnecessary but also have potentially lethal side effects.

SUN 17:40 Profile (b00c4fmf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00c4n8z)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00c4n91)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c4n93)

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

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00c4n95)

Laurie Taylor presents a selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00c4n97)

Alan and Usha are getting the invitations to the wedding out -Ruth and David are very pleased to receive one inviting them to both the Hindu and the Christian ceremony. Usha is showing Ruth possible wedding dresses in a magazine, when Adam arrives to talk to David

Ruth goes to join them, as it's about the anaerobic digester. Adam is reluctant to lose Brookfield from the project and tries to talk them round. Would they be prepared to come back on board if the decision was made not to build a bigger digester? On balance, unless things change radically, David and Ruth think not. Adam is unhappy at the prospect.

Eddie and Mike are leveLling the ground for the picnic site in Millennium Wood. Mike calls to Eddie to stop - there's something in the digger bucket. He's right, there is - it's a human skull

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00c4n99)

Barney Harwood presents the children's magazine and travels to Norwich to hear about a children's book, Gervelie's Journey, based on the experience of a girl refugee who escaped the conflict in the Congo. Go4it takes Gervelie back to her old primary school and talks to a group of year 6 pupils about what it would be like to have to leave home in a hurry and what the difference is between a refugee and an illegal immigrant, and asks Gervelie and the authors of the book, Anne Marie Young and Anthony Robinson, what it was like to write a book about

SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b007x23f)

William Trevor - Cheating at Canasta

As her father plans to remarry, Connie fights to honour a love as important as her father's new one. Read by William Trevor.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b00c1q5x)

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

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00c1t76)

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

SUN 21:00 Money Box (b00c4fll)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00c4jpq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 In Business (b00c1kvm) Happy Go Lucky

Peter Day asks whether companies ought to pay more attention to how happy their employees are.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00c4n9c)

The latest weather forecast,

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00c4n9f)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster, Including Fifty Years before the Masthead. Political journalist Anthony Howard takes an autobiographical journey.

SUN 23:00 1968 Day by Day Omnibus (b00c4n9h)

Week ending 22nd June 1968

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

Women at Ford's Dagenham plant go on strike. Roy Jenkins warns the House Of Lords not to oppose the Commons. Planes are grounded as a pilots' strike begins at Heathrow. Hubert Humphrey and Nelson Rockefeller launch their campaigns for the US presidency.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00c4jpd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 23 JUNE 2008

MON 00:00 News and Weather (b00c4q1n)

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

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00c1d1t)

Gentrification

GENTRIFICATION

Laurie Taylor is joined by Sophie Watson, Professor of Sociology at the Open University, Tim Butler, Head of the Department of Geography at King's College in London, Dr Tom Slater who will soon be talking a post as Lecturer in Human Geography at the University of Edinburgh, and Lance Freeman, Assistant Professor in Urban Planning at Columbia University to discuss the driving forces and patterns of gentrification in the

Does the gentrification process bring benefits to existing and new inhabitants of an area? How much does it involve the displacement of present residents?

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00c4jp8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00c4q1q)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00c4q1s)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c4q1v)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00c4q1x)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00c4pzb)

Daily prayer and reflection with Mike Ford.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00c4q1z)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00c4q21)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b00c4q23)

With John Humphrys and Evan Davis.

Presented by John Humphrys an Evan Davis.

Zimbabwe's opposition, the Movement for Democratic Change led by Morgan Tsvangirai, has confirmed that it will not contest the election because of the way its people have been terrorised by President Mugabe's supporters, Zimbabwe's Information Minister Sikhanyiso Ndlovu says Mr Tsvangirai has "chickened out" of the election.

Oxfam launches its 10-year manifesto for tackling global inequality. Head of research at Oxfam, Duncan Green and Michael Spence, an economist and Nobel Prize winner, discuss whether the route out of poverty is the empowerment of the

We tend not to associate the Neanderthals with sophisticated tools. But archaeologists working at a site called Beedings, in West Sussex, have made some interesting finds. Dr Matthew Pope runs the team from University College, London that has been doing some of the work.

Thought for the day with Dom Antony Sutch, a Benedictin monk.

Peter Biles reports from Johannesburg and Lord Malloch Brown discusses what can be done now to ensure fair elections in Zimbabwe.

Former England footballer, Graeme Le Saux and the former Downing Street press officer, Lance Price discuss how to make the most of a short temper.

Moscow correspondent James Rodgers reports on plans to restore the Narkomfin building in Moscow, an experiment in Stalinist living, begun in the 1920s.

A company that prints Robert Mugabe's banknotes is being urged to stop supplying them to Zimbabwe. The MP Nigel Griffiths is tabling an Early Day Motion in Parliament

condemning the German printer's continued involvement with the Mugabe regime.

What, if anything, could Nelson Mandela do for Zimababwe? Dr Vincent Magombe of Africa Inform International and Dr James Sanders who worked on Mandela's authorised biography

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00c4qx8)

Andrew Marr sets the cultural agenda for the week. Guests include Will Alsop, Kenan Malik, Ian Kershaw and Eva Figes.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00c4r07)

Casanova

Episode 1

Born into a family of actors in Venice, Giacomo Casanova is never far from the stage door. Yet his parents think the sickly and self-obsessed boy will die young and send him out of the city for his health. Within a few years, Casanova returns to Venice, now a handsome and dashing young man, with a string of potential mistresses and a somewhat unlikely career in the Church.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00c50hh)

Jennifer Worth: Rosie Swale-Pope

Jennifer Worth on her experiences as a midwife in London's East End during the 1950s. Rosie Swale-Pope on her epic run, and are girls risking sporting injury from overtraining?

MON 11:00 Getting the French to Work (b00c51fg)

When she was appointed as France's first female finance minister, Christine Lagarde said it was time for her countrymen to roll up their sleeves and work more. Now Madame Lagarde is championing a major bill to modernise the French economy. Alasdair Sandford finds out how the former top lawyer is influencing attitudes to work in France, a country famed for its long lunch hours and 35-hour working week.

MON 11:30 The Maltby Collection (b00xj161)

Series 2

At the museum's first children's day, the dog counting competition is not going well. Stars Geoffrey Palmer. From June 2008

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00c50hk)

Presented by Winifred Robinson and Liz Barclay.

Including:

As the Commons votes on the Planning Bill today, BBC Environment Correspondent Sarah Mukherjee examines the arguments. With John Healey, Minister for Local Government.

David Morris, disability advisor to London Mayor Boris Johnson, and Edward Welsh from the Local Governmen Association discuss a proposed amendment to the Health and Social Care Bill

Under what is known as a Section 106 agreement, councils can ask for community projects to be funded as a condition of planning approval for new developments. But theory is not alwats translated into practice. With Mervyn Leah, chairman of the Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway.

Tomorrow the six big energy companies will be questioned by MPs about their practices and pricing as part of an inquiry into possible anti-competitive behaviour in the UK energy market. With Peter Luff MP, Chairman of the Business and Enterprise

A new television documentary asks whether enough is being done to stem the problem of food inflation. Jay Rayner explains.

How can companies legally charge for text messages they send to people who haven't signed up for the service? With lawyer John Buyers of Stephenson Harwood.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00c50hm)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00c50hp)

National and international news with Martha Kearney

MON 13:30 Round Britain Ouiz (b00c50hr)

2008

Tom Sutcliffe chairs the cryptic general knowledge quiz. The North of England team meets Scotland. With Michael Alexander, Alan Taylor, Diana Collecott and Michael Schmidt.

Questions from Programme 1

Question 1 Scotland

What do the following have in common: a clown claimed to be the second-most recognised figure in the world; a writer who inspired a classic egg dish; and a rodent that was once a common sight in the early morning?

Ouestion 2 North of England

At the sharp end in theatre, bang-on at the auction, and incognito in pursuit of the truth. Why would they all give you a sinking feeling?

Ouestion 3 Scotland

What links these extracts?

Ouestion 4 North of England

Moses in the Book of Number chapter 12; Benny Goodman in 1936; and the Starship Enterprise in 1968. They were all firsts in their own way. How? And how has the latter been disproved?

Ouestion 5 - Listener question from Brian Cook in Barnet Scotland

If those called grey are really brown, and those called black are black and white, what colour are those called white - and what do you call those who are really black?

Question 6 - Listener question from Julianna Lees in southern

North of England

Why might the American elections make you think of a former Prime Minister of Israel and an opera by Richard Strauss?

Why are Richard Wayne Penniman, Harry Relph and Reynold Greenleaf unlikely to feel superior to the Ukraine?

North of England

One hosted the Conference of Versailles, nine can be found in Motown, and there are many more, rather dangerous ones, in Sri Lanka. Why might they burn brightly?

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00c4n97)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b00c50ht)

Dickens Confidential

Series of plays looking at how Charles Dickens, as the head of a daily paper, would have tackled bringing the news to the

In the weeks leading up to Queen Victoria's coronation, Dickens meets Benjamin Disraeli, a journalist and ambitious young politician. There is an instant rivalry and unease between the two men, which only increases when the team believe they have uncovered a secret that Disraeli wants to keep hidden.

Charles Dickens ... Agnes Paxton Eleanor Howell Daniel Parker Andrew Buchan Benjamin Disraeli Julian Rhind-Tutt William Percy Bertie Carvel Mary Anne Wyndham Lewis Liz Sutherland Lady Londonderry Joan Walker Rachel Lydia Leonard Official Ben Crowe Footman Nyasha Hatendi

Archbishop Dan Starkey Speaker Stephen Critchlow Rabbi Alan Lee

Directed by Tracey Neale.

MON 15:00 Money Box Live (b00c50hw)

Paul Lewis and guests answer calls on financial issues

MON 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00c50wy)

Classical Assassins

Schubert and Me

1.Schubert and Me:

A young woman reveals the cruel revenge she took on the composer who failed to keep his promise to her. Read by Jenny Harrold.

Produced by Sara Davies.

MON 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00c50x2)

Broadcasts from the Cosmos

Heather Couper presents a narrative history of astronomy.

Second World War radar research led to the discovery of radio broadcasts from the skies. A new science was born and radio astronomers started to build giant dishes to listen in to the cosmos, including the great radio telescope at Jodrell Bank, brainchild of Bernard Lovell.

In 1967, a field near Cambridge saw a strange new sort of telescope, consisting of 1,000 wooden posts and 120 miles of wire. It was with this that Jocelyn Bell discovered a regular cosmic heartbeat, a regular radio pulse. Researchers initially surmised that it might be a signal from an alien civilisation, but it was later found to emanate from an extremely dense spinning neutron star, the collapsed core of an exploded star or supernova. Soon dozens of these pulsars were known, taking physics to a new level.

Readers are Timothy West, Robin Sebastian, Julian Rhind-Tutt and John Palmer.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00c4jq5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b00c5379)

Ernie Rea explores the place of faith in today's world, teasing out the hidden and often contradictory truths behind the experiences, values and traditions of our lives

MON 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00c53ct)

23rd June 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. The first round of elections takes place in France.

MON 17:00 PM (b00c53g0)

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

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c53g2)

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

MON 18:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b00c53g4)

Archive editions of the perennial antidote to panel games broadcast in tribute to Humphrey Lyttelton, who died in April.

Barry Cryer and Graeme Garden take on Tim Brooke-Taylor and Jeremy Hardy, with Humph in the chair and Colin Sell on

The show was recorded at the Swan Theatre in High Wycombe on December 4, 2000.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00c53n6)

Everyone is agog about the discovery in Millennium Wood. Jennifer has been asked to investigate an old hedge boundary there is archeological evidence of a hedge, and the skull was found beneath it. She discovers that the hedge line is very old the field boundary changed in the 1800s. So the skull predates

There is a great deal of interest at the picnic site, particularly from Mildred, a Canadian who is staying in a Home Farm holiday cottage. They find out that the county archaeologist is going to excavate the rest of the body.

Fallon sees Ed from the Bull as he talks with Emma on the green. She tells him she's only teasing him about it, but Ed is a bit too defensive. Fallon tries to chat about the tour, but Ed can't get really interested. They go for a walk, and bump into Emma. Ed clearly doesn't want to be anywhere near her, and he pulls a startled Fallon away.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00c53p5)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Including:

A review of Disney's new Narnia film Prince Caspian, which tells the tale of what happens when the Pevensie siblings return to Narnia 1,300 years after the events of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Alan Ayckbourn is about to direct the premiere of his 71st play Life And Beth, his first since his stroke last year. He talks to Mark Lawson about the effect of his illness upon his writing process, his views on Health and Safety rules and the technical challenge of having an invisible cat on

Artists Antony Gormley and Yinka Shonibare have won the latest competition to come up with ideas for artworks to stand on the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square. Yinka Shonibare's work is a ship in a bottle, a scale replica of Nelson's HMS Victory. Antony Gormley's work involves 2,400 members of the public standing for an hour each on top of the empty plinth. The two artists explain the thinking and the logistics behind these complex projects.

Steve Coogan, Irvine Welsh, and Peter Saville were among the creative leading lights who gathered in Manchester for a 24-hour public conversation last weekend. The event was launched in memory of the late Tony Wilson, music mogul, journalist, broadcaster and champion of talent. Elizabeth Alker and Joe Stretch report.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00c53p7)

The Way we Live Right Now

Anthony Trollope's satirical novel about money, greed and dishonesty, updated by Jonathan Myerson.

Paul Montague is visited by an old friend.

Ghassan Mehmoud Henry Goodman Felix Carbury Dexter Fletcher Anthony Trollope John Rowe Paul Montague Nyasha Hatendi Rt Hon Jeremy Longstaff David bamber Georgiana Longstaff Lucy Montgomery Ruby Ruggles Sheridan Smith Marie Mehmoud Chipo Chung Roger Lloyd-Montague Ben Crowe Hetta Carbury Emily Wachter Tilly Carbury Annette Badland Helen Croll Liz Sutherland Nick Broune Stephen Critchlow

Other parts played by Chris Pavlo, Beth Chalmers, Dan Starkey

Directed by Jonquil Panting.

MON 20:00 Adebayor Returns Home (b00c5n6j)

Reporter Farayi Mungazi follows Arsenal striker Emmanuel Adebayor as he makes an emotional return home to Togo to receive the BBC African Football Player of the Year Award. A fiery and controversial figure in his home country, Adebayor dreams that his status in world football will allow him to improve the lives and aspirations of young Africans through the sport. He takes part in a World Cup qualifier in Ghana and meets the King of the Asanti.

MON 20:30 The Learning Curve (b00c55vw)

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

MON 21:00 Hitting the Buffers (b00c55vy)

The Human Body

Gareth Mitchell looks at our need for speed in different areas of modern life and asks what is stopping us from getting faster.

Gareth is put through his paces at the Human Performance Laboratory at Bath University to find out whether his body is built for speed. He also talks to sports scientists like Professor Bob Girandola from the University of Southern California, who thinks we've reached the pinnacle of natural human achievement - and any further improvement in speed will depend on tinkering with our genes or taking performance enhancing drugs.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00c4qx8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00c57x7)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00c57x9)

National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah. Zimbabwe's opposition leader, Morgan Tsvangirai, has taken refuge in the Dutch embassy in the capital Harare. Plus, talk of a split in the Anglican church, and Prime Minister Gordon Brown outlines his plans for social mobility.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00c57xc) Breath

Episode 1

Richard Roxburgh reads from Tim Winton's tale of adolescence on the edge, set on the Western fringe of Australia.

An emergency callout in the suburbs takes a middle-aged paramedic back to his own youth. As he deals with a domestic tragedy, memories of the boundaries he crossed without thinking of the consequences begin to resurface. Bruce Pike recalls his idyllic childhood in a small logging town and finding friendship with Loonie.

MON 23:00 Happy Mondays (b00c57xf)

Spike's Lookalikes

A Kind of Magic

Sitcom by Mark Watson, set in a lookalike agency.

Against all the odds, Spike and Maggie get a booking to reprise their infamous Paul Daniels and Debbie McGee double act. One booking leads to another, but the result is far from magical.

Spike Ardal O'Hanlon Maggie Doon McKichon Phil Bruce Mackinnon Jimmy Toby Longworth Sandie Rosie Cavaliero Nicky Martha Howe-Douglas Craig (Retro Heaven) James Holmes Nephew Kim Wall Mr Finchley John Rowe Drunk Toby Longworth Policeman Kim Wall

MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00c57vi)

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

THESDAY 24 HINE 2008

TUE 00:00 News and Weather (b00c4pzd)

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

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00c4r07)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00c4pzg) The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00c4pzi)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c4pzl)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00c4pzn)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00c4pzq)

Daily prayer and reflection with Mike Ford.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00c4pzs)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00c4pzv)

Presented by Edward Stourton and Evan Davis.

Including:

Shadow Health Secretary Andrew Lansley pledges that the Tories will put an end to internal targets in the NHS.

Teachers in Sydney's tough western suburbs claim that bullying and violence outside schools have reached unprecedented levels. Phil Mercer reports.

The UN Security Council declaration on Zimbabwe represents a significant move in the diplomatic pressure on Robert Mugabe. Everyone agrees that the violence there makes it impossible to hold free and fair elections at the moment, but what does the future hold? Lord Ashdown considers how the problem might

Should the Bayeux tapestry be brought back to England? With Dr Dave Musgrove, editor of BBC History magazine, and art historian Dr Carola Hicks.

Thought for the Day with Dr Indarjit Singh, director of the Network of Sikh Organisations

School exclusion figures for England are due to be published, but does the practice work? Evan Davis talks to Sarah Shaw, a single mother whose son had been excluded.

Caroline Hawley visits a Johannesburg school which is trying to teach tolerance to its pupils.

A conference in Dumfries in Scotland hopes to tackle the growing menace of seagulls in urban areas. Huw Williams reports.

Slovene sociologist, philosopher, and cultural critic Slavoj Zizek takes on the reigning postmodern agenda with a manifesto for several lost causes.

Lauren Milsom, director of Anything Left-Handed, explains the success of left-handers in politics

Economist John Kay and former Sun editor Kelvin MacKenzie discuss whether we should tax the rich more

TUE 09:00 The Reith Lectures (b00c5j0d)

Ionathan Spence: Chinese Vistas: 2008

The Body Beautiful

Chinese Vistas: Jonathan Spence lectures about China.

Recorded at Lord's cricket ground.

Spence discusses how Chinese ideas of sport and athleticism have slowly evolved over the centuries, from languorous courtship and formalised martial arts to the demanding arenas of team sports and the ultimate Olympic challenges that China will controversially host in August.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00c6s6j) Casanova

Episode 2

When Casanova's scandalous affair with a married woman becomes the talk of Rome, he is encouraged to leave the city. Before long the unlikely cleric is embarking upon a trip to Constantinople, where the delights of the harem lead him into uncharted waters

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00c4wzc)

Deborah Voigt: Female agents in WWII

Soprano Deborah Voigt talks about her return to Covent Garden after losing 120 pounds in weight. Plus, the female agents sent to work for the Allies in occupied France in WWII.

TUE 11:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b00c5j0g)

Philippa Forrester and Brett Westwood present the series following the movement and migration of animals across the planet, from the European eel to the African white-eared kob antelope. A team of wildlife specialists are joined by zoologists and conservationists around the world to present regular reports.

TUE 11:30 Who the Wild Things Are (b00c5j0j)

Another chance to hear Philip Glassborow's exploration of the origins and immense appeal of "Where the Wild Things Are", the multi-million selling children's classic by the late Maurice

The story of Max's adventures when he sails away to the land where the Wild Things Are has become an acknowledged classic of children's literature since it won the American

Caldecott Medal for the Most Distinguished Picture Book of the Year in 1964. But what is it really about and what are the reasons for its immense appeal? Generations of children, parents, teachers and psychoanalysts have had their opinions. And, intriguingly, over the years, Sendak himself, who died recently aged 83 - has offered not one but many different stories of its genesis.

Did it grow out of the over-protective love of his mother, the stories told to him by his father, comments made by his foreignsounding aunts and uncles (their hairy nostrils and warty faces peering down and declaring "you're so good I could eat you up!") the insecurity of immigrant life in Depression New York, the deaths of most of his family in the Holocaust, his love of the movie King Kongor all of these things

Presenter Philip Glassborow talks with Sendak's British editor, Judy Taylor, to his long-time friend, the distinguished writer and playwright Tony Kushner and to the American children's literature expert Leonard Marcus, who takes him back to the haunts of Sendak's childhood in Brooklyn. He is astonished to discover that in all the extensive press, radio and television coverage of Sendak, nobody has ever thought to consult any children. Every great children's book, has a world beyond its creator and here the Year 2 children of an Oxfordshire primary school have their say. Angry mothers and fathers with big hairy feet both feature in their interpretations of who the Wild Things

With a thrilling new reading by Henry Goodman and extensive use of Jewish Klezmer music, this programme will shed new light on who the Wild Things really are and act as a fitting legacy to the late, great master.

Producer Beaty Rubens.

TUE 12:00 Call You and Yours (b00c5001)

Presented by Winifred Robinson and Liz Barclay.

David Davis, the former shadow Home Secretary who resigned in protest at the Government's plans to hold terror suspects for up to 42 days, hears listeners' views on the wider issues of civil liberties, CCTV and the DNA database. Are these useful technologies and deterrents or a licence to snoop?

With quests:

Garry Hindle, Head of Security and Counterterrorism at the RUSI

Tom Reeve, Editor of CCTV Image magazine Steve Smith, Deputy General Secretary of the Police Federation Keith Vaz MP, Chair of the Home Affairs Select Commitee.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00c5003)

The latest weather forecast

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00c5005)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

TUE 13:30 The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain (b00c67jq)

Phill Jupitus follows the celebrated ensemble of all-singing, allstrumming ukulele players who command a cult following.

Their unique blend of comedy and music fills venues worldwide and boasts many celebrity fans. Musicologists explain the finer nuances of their subversive and high-quality ukulele playing and

Co-founder of the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain, Kitty Lux sadly died in July 2017.

Produced and written by Turan Ali.

Made for BBC Radio 4 by Bona Broadcasting and first broadcast in 2008.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00c53n6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b00c5j0n)

The Day the Planes Came

Romantic comedy by Caroline and David Stafford.

The events of 9/11 cause many American flights to be diverted to Canada. The sleepy town of Gander in Newfoundland finds itself accommodating over 6,000 stranded passengers, including Sarah and her teenage daughter Polly. A selfless and put-upon divorcee, Sarah is seduced by the local people's hospitality Finally, she learns to let her hair down. She has her first kiss in years, catches a fish, meets Crazy Pete, dabbles in a bit of karaoke and finally gets the few hours of sleep that have eluded her for so long.

Sarah Rosie Cavaliero

Polly Jade Williams Gary William Hope

Chris Stephen Critchlow

Airport Announcer Peter Marinker

Directed by Marc Beeby.

TUE 15:00 Making History (b00c5j0q)

The Lochnagar Crater - Halls of Science

The Lochnagar Crater

Thirty years ago Making History listener Richard Dunning bought a crater in northern France. It had been formed by a huge explosion from an underground mine that heralded the beginning of the Battle of the Somme on July 1st 1916.

Richard has been told that the blast was, at the time, the biggest ever and shook the windows in Downing Street. Making History travelled to France to find out more and consulted the Royal Logistics Museum at Deepcut Barracks in Surrey and the British Geological Survey in Edinburgh. According to records held in Edinburgh the blast at Lochnagar was not measured. However, the one a year later at Messines Ridge was.

Halls of Science

Vanessa Collingridge spoke to Professor Edward Royle from the University of York about the 'Halls of Science', what he describes as the Wikipedia of the 1830's and 1840's.

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00c50x6) Classical Assassins

Lully and Me

2. Lully and Me:

The murderer of Louis XIV's court composer confesses how he carried out his brilliantly simple plan. Read by John Telfer

Produced by Sara Davies.

TUE 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00c843k)

Squashed Stars and Black Holes

Heather Couper presents a narrative history of astronomy.

As long ago as 1783, the rector of a small Yorkshire church suggested that the gravity of a very massive star might be strong enough to pull its light back and prevent it from shining. It was not until the 1930s, however, that Subramanyan Chandrasekhar suggested a mechanism through which such a star might form, and even then he was ridiculed by his peers. But the concept slowly gained ground, and in the late 1960s the first x-ray telescope in space pinpointed the first black hole to be discovered in orbit around a normal star.

A black hole seems to defy notions of common sense and even of normal physics. Light, information and travellers would have no escape from its gravity. At its heart, matter and even space and time would be squashed out of existence. Yet there is a small theoretical chance that someone entering a spinning black hole might survive to emerge in another universe

Readers are Timothy West, Robin Sebastian, Julian Rhind-Tutt and John Palmer

TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b00c5i0s)

What Goes on Before a Trial?

Clive Coleman takes his weekly look at the legal issues in the news.

Points of law in criminal cases are often decided in the absence of jurors. Clive explores what goes on before a trial and what prosecution and defence reveal to one another.

TUE 16:30 A Good Read (b00c5j0v)

Marcelle d'Argy Smith and Barry Cunliffe

Sue MacGregor and her guests - former Cosmopolitan editor, Marcelle d'Argy Smith and archaeologist, Professor Barry Cunliffe - discuss books by Robert Harris, Voltaire and David

The Ghost by Robert Harris Publisher: Hutchinson

A Mind of Its Own: A Cultural History of the Penis by David M Friedman

Publisher: Robert Hale Limited

Candide by Voltaire

Publisher: Oxford World's Classics

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008

TUE 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00c53cw)

24th June 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. A work-to-rule by unions brings chaos to the railways. In Washington, Resurrection City is shut down by police.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00c53cy)

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

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c53d0)

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

TUE 18:30 Footlights at 125: A Retrospective (b00c5j0x) Episode 2

Steve Punt hosts celebration of 125 years of comedy at Cambridge Footlights. Former alumni come together to recreate past gems in the club's history, sourced from the extensive archives and performed anew.

Performed by Mel Giedroyc, Lucy Montgomery, James Bachman, John Finnemore, Geoff McGivern and Simon Munnery.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00c53n8)

The Swap Club meets for the first time. It's a great success, with a demonstration from Jennifer about how the swapping message board works, and a talk from Jill about keeping hens. Home-produced food is exchanged, and Lynda decides to offer car trips to Borchester - sharing the car when she is going anyway.

David tries to find out more about the float Pip is building with Young Farmers. She confirms to an unhappy David that they are having France as their theme, and building a windmill which will be the Moulin Rouge - stockings, and corsets and all.

Tony is unhappy about sending the report on the packhouse to the planning committee. He thinks it's playing into Borchester Land's hands. Pat finds out about David and Ruth pulling out of the digester scheme - she heard on the grapevine that its all off. She's pleased Matt doesn't get his way in everything.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00c53nb)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Including:

Michael Palin discusses the Danish artist Vilhelm Hammershoi, whose pictures of quiet, haunting interiors form part of a major retrospective at the Royal Academy of Arts in London.

Novelist and critic Matt Thorne reviews Chris Waitt's film A Complete History of My Sexual Failures, in which he attempts to discover why he has been so unlucky in love by interviewing his ex-girlfriends. With the help of his parents, a hypnotherapist, a torture dungeon and Viagra, Chris films himself on a sexual and emotional quest to solve his personal problems.

As singer-songwriter Carly Simon releases her latest album This Kind of Love, she talks to Mark about the loves and relationships that have influenced her long career, her musical children, her lovers, friends, ex-husband James Taylor, and the mysterious subject of You're So Vain.

Shadow Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt makes a speech tonight in which he will outline the Conservative Party's commitment to the arts and confirm that they have no plans to discontinue the policy of free admission to museums.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00c53nd)

The Way we Live Right Now

Episode 7

Anthony Trollope's satirical novel about money, greed and dishonesty, updated by Jonathan Myerson.

Marie is plotting to elope, but is it worth Flex's while?

Ghassan Mehmoud Henry Goodman Felix Carbury Dexter Fletcher Anthony Trollope John Rowe Paul Montague Nyasha Hatendi Rt Hon Jeremy Longstaff David bamber

Georgiana Longstaff Lucy Montgomery Ruby Ruggles Sheridan Smith

Marie Mehmoud Chipo Chung Roger Lloyd-Montague Ben Crowe Hetta Carbury Emily Wachter

Tilly Carbury Annette Badland Helen Croll Liz Sutherland

Nick Broune Stephen Critchlow

Other parts played by Chris Pavlo, Beth Chalmers, Dan Starkey and Joan Walker.

Directed by Jonquil Panting.

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b00c5rh3)

Kate Clark investigates efforts to stem the opium trade in Afghanistan, which is said to bankroll the Taliban.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00c5rh5)

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

TUE 21:00 All in the Mind (b00c5rh7)

Battlemind - Burma Mental Health - Contingency Management

DATTI EMINID

Could an hour-long briefing for soldiers returning from the front line really reduce the number of soldiers breaking down? This is what the British armed forces want to find out. In what's only the second controlled trial ever done on the mental health of the armed forces, they're going to experiment with an American system called Battlemind which has been such a success in the States that now the whole US army uses it. All in the Mind went along to the very first day of Battlemind in the UK just a few days ago. Psychiatrists, psychologists and military personnel gathered to see Colonel Carl Castro, one of the architects of Battlemind, as he showed them what a typical session for soldiers would be like. Claudia Hammond talks to Colonel Castro from the US Army, and Dr Neil Greenberg, Surgeon Commander for the Royal Navy and a Senior Lecturer in Military Psychiatry at King's College London.

BURMA MENTAL HEALTH

When there's been a disaster it's inevitable that getting food, clean water and shelter to the survivors is going to be a priority. But for the people affected by the cyclone which struck Burma over a month ago, as well as coping with physical deprivation, they are faced with the trauma of having lost so many of their friends and relatives. In some villages only a fifth of the population is still alive. Kaz de Jong, mental health advisor for Medecins Sans Frontieres is well-used to visiting disaster areas, but he told me he was shocked by the lack of support for the survivors.

CONTINGENCY MANAGEMENT

Crack cocaine is a drug so powerfully addictive that some people who take it can be driven to steal from their families, cheat their friends and lose everything they care about. Yet the small promise of some vouchers to spend might be enough to help people to get off the drug for good. The Department of Health has announced it's starting 15 so-called "contingency management" schemes at sites across the country. And evidence from the USA shows that this kind of project can work. All in the Mind spoke to a 28 year old man who's been off drugs for a month after joining one of these projects, and to Dr John Marsden, who's a Senior Lecturer in Addiction Psychology at the Institute of Psychiatry in London. He is just starting the UK's first controlled trial of contingency management with a group of crack cocaine addicts. All participants in the trial will receive vouchers for clean urine tests and half the group will, in addition, receive cognitive behavioural therapy. The results should be known in a year.

TUE 21:30 Random Edition (b00c5rh9)

The Penny London Post, April 27, 1749

Peter Snow presents a history series in which the stories are provided by archive newspapers.

Royal Fireworks in London's Green Park. Famed for Handel's colourful music, this massive event had everything to do with political spin and featured a huge number of extraordinarily varied fireworks. A blaze broke out on site, giving the new fire engines of the day the chance to shine.

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00c569k)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00c569m)

National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00c569p) Breath

Episode 2

Richard Roxburgh reads from Tim Winton's tale of adolescence on the edge, set on the Western fringe of Australia.

Pikelet and Loonie begin to test the boundaries. Unable to resist the lure of the waves and the beauty of the men who dance upon them, the boys begin to learn to surf, testing their limits further every time. They are intrigued by the older lone surfer who only appears when the waves are at their highest.

TUE 23:00 Political Animal (b00c5rhc)

Series 2

Episode 3

John Oliver and Andy Zaltzman present a show recorded in front of a live audience, featuring comedians performing exclusively political material.

TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00c57v4)

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

WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2008

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The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00c4q01)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c4q03)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00c4q05)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00c4q07)

Daily prayer and reflection with Mike Ford.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00c4q09)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

WED 06:00 Today (b00c4q0c)

Presented by Sarah Montague and James Naughtie.

Including:

Ministers have apparently reached an agreement with rebels over the Planning Bill, undermining a potentially damaging Commons defeat. Planning Minister John Healey explains the implications of the bill.

BAA chief executive Colin Matthews will be making the case for a third runway at Heathrow at a conference.

Should beavers be released into the wild? Alex Bushill reports from Escot Estate in Ottery St Mary in Devon, where a pair of beavers, brought over from Germany last year, have been given a two-acre enclosure.

Files just released from the National Archives show that in 1972 scientists at Porton Down were asked to develop new nonlethal weapons as a matter of urgency. Sanchia Berg reports.

Thought for the Day with Reverend Dr Giles Fraser, vicar of Putney.

The Army is bringing in new ration packs for troops, with 20 new menus specifically designed for hot climates such as Afghanistan and Iraq. Major General Patrick Cordingley, who commanded the Desert Rats in the first Gulf War, and Times restaurant critic Giles Coren taste some of the new food on offer.

Neuropsychiatrist Dr Peter Fenwick has written a book called The Art of Dying, in which he recounts the experience of those who have witnessed deaths.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b00c5xt7)

Lively and diverse conversation.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00c6s6l)

Casanova

Episode 3

Casanova inveigles himself into the lavish court of Louis XV and Madame de Pompadour at Versailles, where he immediately gains something of a reputation. After causing something of a stir, he finds himself without income or employment. He decides to return to Venice, where an affair with an enigmatic masked nun brings him to the attention of the Venetian Inquisition.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00c4wzg)

Long term relationships; Lesbian domestic violence

Jenny Eclair and Quentin Letts on the strain of maintaining a long-term relationship. Plus domestic violence in lesbian relationships, and the Huaorani Indians of Ecuador.

WED 11:00 In Living Memory (b00c5xt9) Series 8

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GCHO

On January 25, 1984, Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe announced plans to ban trade union membership at the government communications centre in Cheltenham. Senior civil servants and former CGHQ employees recall their roles in the resulting industrial dispute, which lasted for years and thrust this covert surveillance centre firmly into the public limelight. Contributors include Roy Hattersley and Howe himself. Chris Ledeard presents.

WED 11:30 Hut 33 (b00wlldq)

Series 2

Yankee Diddle

The Bletchley Park cipher-busting team decide that a wealthy American visitor is a ripe target for fleecing...

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

Professor Charles Gardner Robert Bathurst Archie Tom Goodman-Hill

Fergus Craig (Gordon)

3rd Lieutenant Joshua Fanshawe-Marshall Alex MacQueen

Minka Olivia Coleman Mrs Best Lill Roughley

Freddie G. Roosevelt Arnab Chanda

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00c5007)

Presented by Liz Barclay and Sheila McClennon.

Including:

One of the major UK energy companies admitted to MPs yesterday that the number of people struggling to pay their energy bills has doubled in the past year. The heads of all six companies were cross-examined by a powerful select committee investigating the reasons behind huge rises in fuel prices. They also admitted gas prices are likely to rise. Shari Vall reports

Fiona Clampin reports on the controversy surrounding a proposed extension to the Severn Barrage. With Adrian Ramsey from the Green Party and Bernie Bulkin from the Sustainable Development Commission.

An increasing number of tenants are facing eviction because their landlords have failed to keep up their mortgage repayments. With Derek McConnell, a solicitor specialising in mortgage repossessions, Sue Anderson of the Council of Mortgage Lenders and Anthony Lock of the National Landlords Association.

Earlier this month Londonderry's last remaining shirt factory ceased production and a long tradition which once produced famous brands is no more. Eddie O'Gorman reports.

Lars Bevanger reports on how Norway is coping with the credit crunch.

Free bus passes for the disabled do not extend across the UK. With Minister of State for Transport Rosie Winterton.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00c5009)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00c500c)

National and international news with Martha Kearney

WED 13:30 Quote... Unquote (b00c5xtf)

Nigel Rees exchanges quotations and anecdotes with guests Michael Aspel, Dame Ann Leslie, Kate Mosse and John Julius Norwich. The reader is Peter Jefferson.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00c53n8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b00c5xth)

The Confession

Charlotte Grieg's play is a contemporary thriller about an art scam.

When Luke cons an unknowing client into selling him a valuable artwork at a cut price rate, he knows he stands to make a killing - but he can't pull off his plan without the help of his girlfriend Catrin. Catrin is a good girl who has fallen for a bad boy but will she override her moral scruples and go along with Luke's scheme whatever the price?

Luke Clive Standen Catrin Lynne Seymour Heinrich John Castle

SimoneSara McGaughey

Produced and Directed by Kate McAll.

WED 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00c4igc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00c50x0)

Classical Assassins

Gesualdo and Me

Five monologues from the bit-players in musical history who have been implicated in the deaths of great composers.

Don Carlo Gesualdo faces the demons that have driven his music since the death of his wife.

Read by Peter Ellis Produced by Sara Davies.

WED 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00c6wpd)

A Violent Universe

Heather Couper presents a narrative history of astronomy.

Only in the last 50 years have telescopes been powerful enough to study distant galaxies beyond our Milky Way in much detail. Cygnus A first came to astronomers' attention as a radio source, the second strongest in the sky. Optical astronomers later realised that it was a pair of galaxies colliding with one another. It is a colossal 700 million light years away, making its radio output a million times more powerful than that of our Milky Way. Energetic reactions were taking place in its core, shooting out great jets of high energy particles emitting radio waves.

The next breakthrough came from an even more distant object over 2 billion light years away. At its heart was something 40 times more luminous than a normal galaxy yet no bigger than the solar system. These mysterious powerhouses were named quasi-stellar radio sources, now abbreviated to quasars. The consensus now is that they are massive black holes, millions or even billions of times the mass of our Sun, gobbling stars and gas in the centres of galaxies.

Readers are Timothy West, Robin Sebastian, Julian Rhind-Tutt and John Palmer.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00c5xtk)

Violence - Victorian Slum

VIOLENCE

SLA Marshall, official US Army historian in the Second World War found that amongst frontline troops only fifteen per cent

ever actually shot their weapons. A recent study claims that even when soldiers do fire their weapons they are so overcome with fear and tension that they are likely to fire wildly or miss. Laurie Taylor is joined by American Sociologist, Professor Randall Collins, author of Violence A Micro-Sociological Theory, to debate the rituals and micro-dynamics of violence and his contention that humans are biologically restrained from committing violent acts against each other.

LONDON VICTORIAN SLUM

Sarah Wise, author of a new book entitled The Blackest Streets based on her research study of life and death in a Victorian slum and Rushanara Ali, Associate Director of the Young Foundation discuss the past and present of Old Nichol, London's Bethnal Green.

WED 16:30 All in the Mind (b00c5rh7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

 $\mathit{WED}~16{:}56~1968~Day~by~Day~(b00c53d2)$

25th June 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Foot and mouth restrictions are lifted in the UK. Violence erupts on the streets of Glasgow.

WED 17:00 PM (b00c53d4)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c53d6)

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

WED 18:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b017gntm)

Series 3

Late Review

Spoof reminiscences of a former variety star. Count Arthur Strong is an expert in everything from the world of entertainment to the origins of the species, all false starts and nervous fumbling, poorly concealed by a delicate sheen of bravado and self-assurance.

Arthur misplaces his book for the review taking place later that day. Arthur and Geoffrey are sent in pursuit of it. A couple of glasses of wine in the green room prior to the radio show help him review the book in his own unique manner.

With Steve Delaney, Sue Perkins, Dave Mounfield and Alastair Kerr.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00c53ng)

Adam has a meeting with Matt about the digester. He's keen to press ahead without Brookfield, but Adam isn't so sure. He feels anxious about committee meetings with him, Matt and Annabelle.

The archaeological dig in the Millennium Wood continues they find a buckle under the body. Jennifer is fascinated by it all and spends a lot of time there with the archaeologist.

At the dig, Eddie teases Joe about Mildred - the Canadian lady from the Home Farm holiday cottages. She was born and brought up in Borsetshire, and Eddie makes sure she and Joe meet each other. Joe isn't convinced he wants to be bothered with her, but by the time they've had a chat, he finds himself offering to take her out, round the village and the county - and Mildred thinks that would make her very happy indeed.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00c53nj)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Including

BBC1's new drama series Bonekickers is about a team of archaeologists who uncover dangerous mysteries from the past and stars Julie Graham, Adrian Lester, Hugh Bonneville, Gugu Mbatha Raw and Michael Maloney. Mark discusses the series with Mike Pitts, Editor of British Archaeology, and Boyd Hilton, Heat Magazine TV Editor.

The use of music in TV documentaries and adverts has catapulted several artists into the mainstream, including the Iceland band Sigur Ros, whose track Hoppipolla became the main theme for the BBC's Planet Earth. With the release of Sigur Ros's new album this week, music journalist Alexis Petridis, American TV music supervisor Alexandra Patsavas

and Mark Ross from Tuna Music discuss the difference a TV soundtrack can make to a band's career.

Mark talks to Hollywood screenwriter and novelist David Benioff, whose books include The 25th Hour and whose latest adaptation is The Kite Runner. Benioff's new novel is set during the siege of Leningrad in the Second World War.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00c53nl)

The Way we Live Right Now

Episode 8

Anthony Trollope's satirical novel about money, greed and dishonesty, updated by Jonathan Myerson.

For both Paul and Marie, freedom is so close and yet so far away.

Ghassan Mehmoud Henry Goodman Felix Carbury Dexter Fletcher Anthony Trollope John Rowe Paul Montague Nyasha Hatendi Rt Hon Jeremy Longstaff David bamber Georgiana Longstaff Lucy Montgomery Ruby Ruggles Sheridan Smith Marie Mehmoud Chipo Chung Roger Lloyd-Montague Ben Crowe Hetta Carbury Emily Wachter Tilly Carbury Annette Badland Helen Croll ... Liz Sutherland Nick Broune Stephen Critchlow

Other parts played by Chris Pavlo, Beth Chalmers, Dan Starkey and Joan Walker.

Directed by Jonquil Panting.

WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b00c5xtm)

Michael Buerk chairs a debate on the moral questions behind the week's news. Michael Portillo, Clifford Longley, Kenan Malik and Claire Fox cross-examine witnesses.

WED 20:45 Fifty Years before the Masthead (b00c5xtp) A Vanished World

Political journalist Anthony Howard takes an autobiographical journey through fifty years in the newspaper industry.

Howard gets his introduction to Fleet Street on the now defunct co-operative newspaper Reynolds News. Working on the Guardian in Manchester, he meets Michael Parkinson and declines an invitation from Lord Beaverbrook. Writer and historian Paul Johnson describes how Howard landed him with a libel action against The New Statesman.

WED 21:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b000c5j0g) $\,$

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 21:30 Midweek (b00c5xt7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00c569t)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00c569w)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

Including reports on the future for Zimbabwe, the increasing gap between rich and poor in the UK and the collision between politics and football as Germany meet Turkey in the Euro 2008 semi-final.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00c569y)

Breath

Episode 3

Richard Roxburgh reads from Tim Winton's tale of adolescence on the edge, set on the Western fringe of Australia.

As Pikelet and Loonie begin to surf the bigger waves at the Point, they catch the attention of the lone surfer. When Sando takes the boys under his wing, the parameters begin to change.

WED 23:00 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00c5xtr)

Series 2

Episode 5

An attic full of peas, switching from Girl Guide to sumo wrestler and dull geological holidays.

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

With Rosie Cavaliero, Ben Moor and Ben Willbond.

Written by Laura Solon.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00c57v6)

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

THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2008

THU 00:00 News and Weather (b00c4q0f)

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

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00c6s6l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00c4q0h)

The latest shipping forecast

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00c4a0k)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c4q0m)

The latest shipping forecast

$\it THU\,05:30$ News Briefing (b00c4q0p)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00c4q0r)

Daily prayer and reflection with Mike Ford.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00c4q0t)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

THU 06:00 Today (b00c4q0w)

Presented by James Naughtie and John Humphrys.

ncluding

Equal pay legislation has been in place since 1970. How successful has it been and how much further can the law go in closing the gap? Home Editor Mark Easton investigates.

The removal of anonymity from sperm and egg donors has provoked a crisis in fertility treatment. Tom Feilden reports.

In the US, both Ford and General Motors have cut the production of the pick-up truck. Kevin Connolly reflects on the past and the future of an American icon.

Thought for the Day with Rev Angela Tilby, vicar of St Benet's Church in Cambridge.

Nelson Mandela has finally spoken out against what is happening in Zimbabwe. Will his intervention push his successor Thabo Mbeki into a tougher stance against Robert Mugabe's regime? Peter Biles reports from Johannesburg.

On August 7 1974, Philippe Petit stepped out onto an illegally constructed high wire strung between the twin towers of the World Trade Centre. He describes his 45-minute tightrope walk.

A debate at the Wellcome Collection in London tonight considers the involvement of doctors in advice about lifestyle. GPs Mike Fitzpatrick and Dr Howard Stoate discuss the issue.

$\it THU$ 09:00 In Our Time (b00c5xzc)

The Arab Conquests

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss the Arab conquests - an extraordinary period in the 7th and 8th centuries when the tribes of the Arabian Peninsula conquered the Middle East,

Persia, North Africa and Southern Europe and spread the ideas of the Islamic religion. In 632 the prophet Muhammad died and left behind the nascent religion of Islam among a few tribes in the Arabian Desert. They were relatively small in number, they were divided among themselves and they were surrounded by vast and powerful empires. Yet within 100 years Arab armies controlled territory from Northern Spain to Southern Iran and Islamic ideas had begun to profoundly refashion the societies they touched. It is one of the most extraordinary and significan events in world history that began the slow and profound transformation of Greek and Persian societies into Islamic ones But how did the Arab armies achieve such extensive victories, how did they govern the people they conquered and what was the relationship between the achievements of the Arabs and the religious beliefs they carried with them?With Hugh Kennedy, Professor of Arabic at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; Amira Bennison, Senior Lecturer in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge and Robert Hoyland, Professor in Arabic and Middle East Studies at the University of St Andrew

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00c6s6n)

Casanova

Episode 4

Casanova arrives in London, a city in the midst of a craze for Venetian masquerades. Using all his wit and charm, he finds himself rubbing shoulders with high society. But when he unexpectedly falls for the city's most infamous courtesan, her endless refusals drive him to distraction. He finds himself with lead weights in his pockets, contemplating the murky waters of the Thames.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00c4wzj)

Susan Sontag remembered; Parental child abductions

Susan Sontag's son David Reiff on the final months of his mother's life. Plus the enduring unpopularity of the Duchess of Windsor, and the rise in parental child abductions.

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b00c5xzf)

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

THU 11:30 Pop in Translation (b008gf1n)

From 'She Loves You' in German, to 'Space Oddity' in Italianit wasn't unusual in the 1960s to find pop artists from the Beatles to David Bowie, attempting to boost their sales with foreign language versions of their British hits.

Mark Radcliffe looks at one of pop music's quirkier episodes.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2007.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00c500f)

Presented by Winifred Robinson and Carolyn Atkinson.

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The government has published its ideas on how to make sure that the UK generates 15 percent of its energy from renewable sources by 2020. With Juliet Davenport, Chief Executive and founder of Good Energy, and Virginia Graham, Chief Executive of the Real Assurance Scheme.

If fuel prices are increasing because of the rising wholesale cost of oil and gas, why are prices from suppliers charging green energy tariffs also soaring, when the energy is meant to come from renewable sources such as wind farms?

Why would Tesco apply for planning permission for a major new store using the name of another much smaller company already established in that local community? With Rynd Smith, Director of Policy at Royal Town Planning Institute.

This month marks the 50th birthday of the parking meter. Comedian Steve Punt thinks this is an anniversary worth celebrating.

The BBC has uncovered evidence of poor standards by two large private homecare companies. Critics accuse them of putting profits before people's welfare.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00c500h)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00c500k)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Open Country (b00c4f10)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00c53ng)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00c5zsj) Life of Penguins

By Katie Hims.

Merle is a penguin keeper at London Zoo. When her sister Beth fails to make a date at the cinema, she goes searching for her. She soon realises that Beth has been abducted by aliens - not for the first time.

Merle Abigail Davies

Linus Matthew Wilson

Gina Serena Bobowski

Frank Dominic Hawksley Beth Madeleine Bowyer

Ania Ania Tomaszewska

Chris Chris Nelson

Directed by Boz Temple-Morris

A Boz Temple Morris production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 15:00 Check Up (b00cbv32)

Weight and Diet

In this edition of Check Up, Barbara Myers puts callers' questions about weight and diet to GP Ann Robinson.

There are plenty of stories in the media about the obesity timebomb which is threatening to go off in Britain.

But while many of us know that we need to lose weight, doing something about it is a different matter.

The best way to lose weight is to eat fewer calories, and take more exercise.

It's important to be realistic about the amount of weight you're likely to lose - a pound a week is a realistic target. Joining a slimming group or finding a friend to exercise with can help keep you motivated.

For people who need more help, especially those who have a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or over, may be prescribed drugs to help with weight loss.

The two drugs most widely prescribed are Orlistat, which stops you absorbing fats so that they come out in your stool, and Reductil, which reduces cravings.

A controversial new drug, Rimonabant, was also just approved for NHS use in England and Wales in 2008.

Rimonabant has proved to be effective in helping people lose up to 10% of their body weight, but has been linked to an increased risk of depression and suicide. Doctors have been advised not to prescribe it to people with a history of depression, and not before other obesity drugs have been tried.

Surgery, such as gastric banding or gastric bypass surgery, has been in the news a great deal recently.

Doctors will only suggest surgery when all other methods of weight loss have been fully exhausted, and the patient must receive counselling and be free of psychological issues.

Bariatric surgery is rarely available on the NHS, and can cost several thousand pounds privately.

THU **15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00c4jpq)** [Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

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THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00c50x4)

Classical Assassins

Butterworth and Me

Five monologues from the bit-players in musical history who have been implicated in the deaths of great composers.

A young woman has a difficult letter to write to george Butterworth, fighting in France in 1916.

Read by Rebeka Germain Produced by Sara Davies.

THU 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00c76bn)

The Dark Side of the Cosmos

Heather Couper presents a narrative history of astronomy

In 1933, Fritz Zwicky realised that a huge cluster of galaxies is being held together by something more powerful than the gravitational pull of the visible matter. In the 1960s, Vera Rubin was coming to the same conclusion from studying the rotation of stars within individual galaxies. The conclusion was inescapable; all the visible stars and gas comprise a mere fraction of the total matter in the universe. Dark matter exists, although nobody knows what it is.

The question remains unanswered, though now there are many theories. It is hoped that elaborate experiments in particle accelerators may cast some light on the subject.

Readers are Timothy West, Robin Sebastian, Julian Rhind-Tutt and John Palmer.

THU 16:00 Open Book (b00c4n8s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00c5zsn)

Parasite Adaptation - Fire Safety Engineering

Parasite Adaptation

Everything has parasites - even parasites have parasites. So what has made living at the expense of others such a successful way of life? In this week's Material World, Quentin Cooper examines the complex behavioural adaptations that have made parasitic infections like Malaria, which kills 2.5 million people each year, so difficult to combat. Understanding parasite behaviour may lead to new ways to reduce their activity. He's joined by Dr. Sarah Reece, School of Biosciences, University of Edinburgh and Professor Mike Boots, Department of Animal and Plant Sciences, University of Sheffield.

Fire Safety Engineering

Some key events in the last 10 years, including the World Trade Center collapse in 2001, have changed our scientific understanding of how materials like steel behave when heated by fire. Quentin Cooper looks at the new world of fire structural engineering. It's a revolutionary new approach to fire safety. It investigates how buildings frames act as a whole during fires, and treats fire just like any load the building might have to bear at the architectural stage. Quentin is joined by Dr. Barabara Lane, Associate Director, Arup Design and winner of the 2008 Royal Academy of Engineering's Silver Medal for her research on fire safety engineering, and Dr. Luke Bisby, The BRE Centre for Fire Safety Engineering, University of Fdiibhurch

THU 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00c53d8)

26th June 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Civil service reforms are announced.

THU 17:00 PM (b00c53db)

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

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c53dd)

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

THU 18:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b00rdzyw)

Raising Keenan

Sanjeev Kohli and Donald McLeary's Glasgow corner shop sitcom. Owner Ramesh tackles a young tearaway. From October 2007.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00c53nn)

Fallon is trying hard to repair things with Ed, but it seems to be an uphill struggle. He's restless, and she can't help noticing how he reacts whenever Emma is mentioned. Times are difficult for the two of them.

Lilian wants Matt to think seriously about tracing his birth mother. Matt is extremely resistant, thinking she is simply being sentimental, but Lilian thinks it would do him good.

Adam is still very concerned about becoming Matt's whipping boy now that David and Ruth have pulled out of the anaerobic digester project. Brian hears him worrying about it and quietly goes to Matt. He tells him that if Matt increases the size of the digester, then Brian is not prepared to lease him the land for it. Matt can't believe it, but Brian stands his ground. Matt is furious, but when Brian tells Adam what he's done, Adam is really touched. Brian's a bit worried he's gone too far - what if

Matt calls his bluff and they lose the digester altogether?

Episode written by Tim Stimpson

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00c53nq)

Presented by Kirsty Lang.

Including

The latest blockbuster to hit the big screen is Hancock, starring Will Smith as an invulnerable superhero who is also a down-and-out alcoholic. Kirsty Lang and critic Nigel Floyd discuss the film.

Philip Reeve's book Here Lies Arthur, based on Arthurian legend, has been awarded one of the top prizes for children's writing.

Kirsty and music writer Helen Wallace review a new production of Leonard Bernstein's Candide, which features actor Alex Jennings making his opera debut playing both Voltaire and Pangloss. Based on Voltaire's satirical masterpiece, it tells the story of a young man determined to maintain an optimistic outlook on life, but who finds this increasingly difficult as he leaves his sheltered home and sets out on an epic journey across 1950s America.

In 2005 the Albanian author Ismail Kadare was awarded the first ever International Man Booker prize. To mark the first English publication of his novel The Siege, translator David Bellos and playwright Timberlake Wertenbaker share their passion for his writing.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00c53ns)

The Way we Live Right Now

Episode 9

Anthony Trollope's satirical novel about money, greed and dishonesty, updated by Jonathan Myerson.

Mehmoud plans to triumph at the Powercure Ball.

Ghassan Mehmoud Henry Goodman Felix Carbury Dexter Fletcher Anthony Trollope John Rowe Paul Montague Nyasha Hatendi Rt Hon Jeremy Longstaff David bamber Georgiana Longstaff Lucy Montgomery Ruby Ruggles Sheridan Smith Marie Mehmoud Chipo Chung Roger Lloyd-Montague Ben Crowe Hetta Carbury Emily Wachter Tilly Carbury Annette Badland Helen Croll Liz Sutherland Nick Broune Stephen Critchlow

Other parts played by Chris Pavlo, Beth Chalmers, Dan Starkey and Joan Walker.

Directed by Jonquil Panting.

THU 20:00 The NHS at 60 - National Doctors (b00c5zsq)

Chris Bowlby explores how the struggle for control between doctors - the key figures in health care - and politicians and patients has shaped 60 years of NHS history.

THU 20:30 In Business (b00c5zss)

India's Supermarket Sweep

India's retail sector employs over 40 million people. Into this seemingly chaotic and crowded market, western-style supermarkets - both Indian and foreign - are attempting to gain a foothold in the face of organised and vocal opposition. Peter Day investigates.

THU 21:00 Leading Edge (b00c5zsv)

Euro 2008 and What to do about Whales

Geoff Watts looks at the top science stories of the week with Daily Telegraph science editor, Roger Highfield.

Spot the Ball

Free kicks and corners in Euro 2008 may have been hampered by the new football designed for this year's tournament. Tiny pimples have been introduced across the ball's surface. According to theoretical physicist Ken Bray, they have made its aerodynamics "too good", causing headaches for goalkeepers and strikers alike.

What to do about Whales

The growing threat to whale species is being discussed in Chile

this week at the International Whaling Commission. It's not only hunting that's causing their numbers to dwindle. Whales are caught in fishing nets, hit by ships and affected by climate change and over-fishing. New diseases are also springing up, such as 'stinky whale' syndrome. BBC Environment correspondent Richard Black reports from the meeting.

Antarctic Sealife

Whales, penguins and seals are normally what you'd expect to find in the Antarctic. But, as Gabrielle Walker found out, giant clams and ugly worms are far more abundant in the sea. She ventures out with the British Antarctic Survey on a dive near Rothera Research Station.

Four-legged Fish

How did fish evolve to survive on land? A paper published in the journal Nature this week describes a new creature, Ventastega which may help plug an evolutionary gap in our knowledge. The size and shape of an alligator, it had a fish-like tail and four legs each containing around nine toes. Geoff Watts talks to Swedish palaeontologist Per Ahlberg who discovered this fishy beast.

ERNIE - the First Computer Celebrity

ERNIE, the 50 year old random number generator, has just gone on show at the Science Museum in London. It produced numbers for the national Premium Bonds draw, launched by Harold Macmillan, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, in November 1956. The first numbers were drawn the following June by ERNIE, a first generation 'computer' the size of a transit van. Geoff meets one of the original engineers, Jack Armitage and museum curator Tilly Blythe, who has collected cards and poems sent to ERNIE by the British public.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00c5xzc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00c56b2)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00c56b4)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00c56b6)

Episode 4

Richard Roxburgh reads from Tim Winton's tale of adolescence on the edge, set on the Western fringe of Australia.

Pikelet and Loonie discover something of the enigmatic Sando's past. He shows them a secret location, a wave he calls Barney's after its dangerous host.

THU 23:00 The Lost Weblog of Scrooby Trevithick (b00c5zsx)

Motions

Comedy series written by and starring Andy Parsons. Scrooby Trevithick has gone missing, leaving a number of recordings detailing his recent attempts to better himself.

Scrooby and his friend Walshie visit Cuba for a series of creative workshops. He dabbles in writing, reflexology, eggdecorating and going back to nature before making his own unusual Caribbean cocktails.

With Ben Hurley, Frankie Boyle, Katherine Jakeways, Marcus Brigstocke and Lucy Porter.

THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00c57v8)

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

FRIDAY 27 JUNE 2008

FRI 00:00 News and Weather (b00c4q0y)

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00c6s6n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00c4q10)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes

(b00c4q12)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c4q14)

The latest shipping forecast

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00c4q16)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00c4q18)

Daily prayer and reflection with Mike Ford.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00c4q1b)

News and issues in rural Britain with Mark Holdstock.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00c4q1d)

Presented by John Humphrys and James Naughtie.

Professor Sir Michael Rawlins talks to health correspondent Jane Dreaper on the 60th anniversary of the founding of the

The Sutton Trust's director of research Dr Lee Eliot Major and David Halpern of Cambridge University debate Labour's approach to social mobility.

Thought for the day with the Chief Rabbi, Sir Jonathan Sacks.

The most senior Asian police officer in Britain, Tarique Ghaffur, is considering legal action against the Metropolitan Police on grounds of racial discrimination, With Ali Dizaei, President of the National Black Police Association, and Keith Vaz MP.

Robert Mugabe will be re-elected as president of Zimbabwe today following a second-round presidential election in which only he is standing. John Simpson reports,

Has Gordon Brown followed his school motto and tried his utmost in his first year as Prime Minister? Headmaster Dr. Anthony Seldon gives his end-of-year report.

Former Shadow Home Secretary David Davis launches his byelection campaign today. Danny Savage talks to some of his more unlikely supporters.

A year after stepping down as Prime Minister, Tony Blair discusses the challenges facing the international community in its battle against climate change and reflects on the difficulties facing Gordon Brown.

Labour's fifth place in the Henley by-election was a dreadful result. Times commentator David Aaronovitch and former Conservative foreign secretary Sir Malcolm Rifkind discuss where it all went wrong.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00c4jq3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00c6s6a)

Episode 5

Hoping to try his luck at the court of Catherine the Great, Casanova accepts an invitation to a masked Venetian ball at the Winter Palace in St Petersburg. His introduction to the Tsarina proves fruitless and he moves on to Poland, where a duel boosts his reputation. But Casanova is no longer a young man, and soon he begins to reflect on his own mortality.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00c4wzl)

Educating boys; Human rights in Burma

Education advisor Celia Lashlie on the way boys develop through their teenage years. Plus, human rights lawyer Janet Benshoof on human rights abuses in Burma.

FRI 11:00 The Perfect House (b008jz4w)

Charlie Luxton visits Venice to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Andrea Palladio, known as the father of western architecture. The symmetry and grace of the Villa Emo, completed in 1565, explain the reputation Palladio acquired as the ultimate domestic architect.

FRI 11:30 Paul Temple (b00c5zz9)

Paul Temple and the Madison Mystery

The Four Suspects

New production of an adventure by Francis Durbridge, first broadcast in 1949.

Paul begins to bait a trap for the mysterious Madison.

Paul Temple Crawford Logan Steve Gerda Stevenson Sir Graham Forbes Gareth Thomas Stella Portland Emma Currie George Kelly Robin Laing Inspector Vosper Michael Mackenzie Hubert Greene Richard Greenwood Chris Boyer Nick Underwood Dr Elzec Greg Powrie.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00c500m)

Presented by Winifred Robinson and Liz Barclay.

Including:

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall has forced a vote at Tesco's AGM on improving basic standards for chickens. But can consumers be persuaded to pay more for animal welfare at a time when rising prices are forcing many to cut back? With Robert Newbery, Chief Poultry Advisor at the National Farmers

Mani Djazmi tests the first published guide to 100 British destinations accessible to disabled people, from Legoland to dog-sledging and skiing in Aviemore.

Some local authorities have accused Starbucks of ignoring planning laws. With Marilyn Ashton, Councillor and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enterprise.

The commissioner for information society and media wants to see the fees mobile companies charge to their rivals and fixed line operators to connect calls cut by 70 per cent. With Soheb Panja, Mobile Today.

The world's first green-powered data farm is being planned in Lockerbie. With Brian Higton from Internet Villages International and Kate-Craig-Wood, CEO of Memset.

This weekend anyone heading for the Balearic Islands could find their journey disrupted because of a strike by airport ground staff. Travel journalist Simon Calder investigates.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00c500n)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00c500r)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00c60sk)

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

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00c53nn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b00c60sm)

Look Sharp

By Cath Staincliffe.

A genealogist finds herself in danger when she uncovers a shocking family history.

Karen Sharp Suranne Jones Patrick Breen .. Ted David Hargreaves Theresa Deborah McAndrew Stella Danielle Henry Joan Julie Westwood

Directed by Nadia Molinari

FRI 15:00 Shared Earth (b00c60sp)

Series 5

Dylan Winter presents the topical magazine series celebrating the natural world and how to preserve it. He investigates a new scheme to put a financial price tag on London's trees.

FRI 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00c50x8)

Classical Assassins

Warlock and Me

Five monologues from the bit-players in musical history who have been implicated in the deaths of great composers

Philip Heseltine, known as the composer Philip Warlock, is dreading facing Christmas alone.

Read by Carl Prekopp Producer Sara Davies

FRI 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00c6wpj)

Design or Accident - Why Me?

Heather Couper presents a narrative history of astronomy.

Given all that we now know about the formation of stars and planets and the evolution of life on Earth, it might seem as if the mystery is being taken out of the universe. However, every solution seems to throw up a deeper mystery. Within our understanding of physics, there are no known fundamental reasons for much of the astronomical phenomena that we observe. Of course, we can only observe a universe that supports life. This is known as the anthropic principle and has far-reaching implications. Some argue that it makes the universe very special, as if we were meant to be, while others suggest that we inhabit one of the few bio-friendly corners in an almost infinite multiverse of possibilities.

Readers are Timothy West, Robin Sebastian, Julian Rhind-Tutt and John Palmer.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00c60sr)

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

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00c60st)

Francine Stock talks to Tilda Swinton about Narnia, Oscar and her role as patron of the Edinburgh International Film Festival.

FRI 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00c53dg)

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Labour loses the Nelson and Colne by-election.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00c53dj)

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Ritula Shah.

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c53dl)

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

FRI 18:30 The Now Show (b00c60sw)

Series 24

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

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00c53nv)

Annabelle takes Matt out to lunch and gently persuades him to let Adam have his way - go back to the smaller project and see if they can get David and Ruth back on board. Matt takes a bit of persuading, but grudgingly agrees in the end - so long as Annabelle tells the Brookfield contingent

Joe and Mildred are getting along famously as they stroll round the Country Park sharing memories. Joe invites her to eat at the Bull, and they do so. Mildred confides her grief when her husband died, and Joe can share her feelings only too easily. But Mildred has turned herself round - she is determined to seize

Fallon is worrying about Ed, and turns to Jazzer, who immediately hears warning bells. Fallon raises the subject of Emma - does Jazzer think anything has been going on while Fallon was away? Jazzer is concerned. He tells her he thinks she's got nothing to worry about, but Fallon begs him to tell her the truth if he knows anything at all.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00c53nx)

Presented by Kirsty Lang.

Including:

After retiring from professional tennis 18 months ago, Martina Navratilova has been working with the Czech artist Juraj Kralik, hitting paint-covered tennis balls at a canvas. Navratilova and Kralik discuss their art.

After two decades Hammer Films returns with Beyond the Rave, an online serial about vampires. Horror expert Kim Newman reviews.

Music journalist Rob Hughes discusses two albums with the distinctive American West Coast sound: Beach Boy Denn Wilson's Pacific Ocean Blue and Fleet Foxes' eponymous debut album.

Juan Gabriel Vasquez talks about his new novel The Informers. Set in Colombia during the Second World War, it describes the confrontation between Jewish refugees and Nazi supporters.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00c53nz)

The Way we Live Right Now

Anthony Trollope's satirical novel about money, greed and dishonesty, updated by Jonathan Myerson,

Who will be seen at the Powercure Ball now the Mehmoud name is toxic?

Ghassan Mehmoud Henry Goodman Felix Carbury Dexter Fletcher Anthony Trollope John Rowe Paul Montague Nyasha Hatendi Rt Hon Jeremy Longstaff David bamber Georgiana Longstaff Lucy Montgomery Ruby Ruggles Sheridan Smith Marie Mehmoud Chipo Chung Roger Lloyd-Montague Ben Crowe Hetta Carbury Emily Wachter Tilly Carbury Annette Badland Helen Croll Liz Sutherland Nick Broune Stephen Critchlow

Other parts played by Chris Pavlo, Beth Chalmers, Dan Starkey

Directed by Jonquil Panting.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00c60sy)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Upminster,

Panellists include Conservative peer Chris Patten, former Attorney General Lord Goldsmith Liberal Democrat President Simon Hughes and columnist Anne McElvoy.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00c60t0)

A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Prof Lisa Jardine.

FRI 21:00 Cosmic Quest Omnibus (b00clcgb)

Chance and Purpose in a Violent Univers

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

Technological advances over the last 50 years have enabled us to discover much about distant galaxies, quasars and black holes. Yet within our understanding of physics, there are no known fundamental reasons for much of the astronomical phenomena that we observe. Every discovery seems to throw up further mysteries.

Read by Timothy West, Annette Badland, Robin Sebastian, Julian Rhind-Tutt and John Palmer.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00c56bd)

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00c56bg)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig in London and Roger Hearing in Johannesburg. Including features on the Zimbabwean election and what the future holds for the supermarket.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00c56bj)

Breath

Richard Roxburgh reads from Tim Winton's tale of adolescence on the edge, set on the Western fringe of Australia

Pikelet and Loonie's friendship begins to fracture when Sando and Pikelet take on a new challenge and surf Old Smokey, a submerged reef that will test Pikelet to the limit.

FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b00c5j0v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00c57vb)

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