SATURDAY 28 JUNE 2008

SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00c7f9x)

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00c6s6q)

Casanova

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.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00c7f9z)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00c7fb1)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c7fb3)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00c7fb5)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00c7fb7)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Dr Ruth Patterson.

SAT 05:45 iPM (b00c7fb9)

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

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00c7fbc)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00c7fbf)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00c7fbh)

Countryside magazine. Elinor Goodman visits Glastonbury.

SAT 06:35 Farming Today This Week (b00c7fbk)

News and issues in rural Britain with Melanie Abbott.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00c7fbn)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00c7fbq)

Presented by John Humphrys and Edward Stourton.

Including

After years of disagreement, there are signs that the international community is nearing a compromise over whaling. Richard Black reports on an unlikely peace between whaling nations and those like Britain who have fought to maintain the global moratorium on commercial whaling.

Professor Peter Barham of Bristol University has discovered a new method for tracking penguins, using the spots on their chest

Thought for the Day with writer Rhidian Brook.

MPs on the Treasury Select Committee have said that more must be done to compensate those hit by the abolition of the 10p tax band. Committee chairman John McFall MP offerss his thoughts.

The votes have been cast in Zimbabwe's presidential second round election, but the crisis in the country continues. John Simpson reports on the reaction to the vote from inside the country and we hear one Zimbabwean's account of election day in Harare.

Markets analyst Howard Wheeldon and Conservative shadow business secretary Alan Duncan discuss the effect of oil prices on economic stability.

Germany play Spain in the final of Euro 2008 on Sunday.

Spanish Ambassador Carlos Miranda and German Charge d'Affaires Dr Eckhard Lubkemeier compete for listeners' support.

The band who opened the original Glastonbury 38 years ago are playing the festival again. Jon Kay meets veteran rockers Stackridge.

Scottish Labour leader Wendy Alexander is expected to announce she will stand down. Glen Campbell reports.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00c7fbs)

Saturday Live looks back in time to that fateful day in Dallas in 1963 when JFK was assassinated, and to the stories of the stars of British cinema and the man who was their agent. Presented by Fi Glover.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00c7fbv)

Provence - Venice and Istanbul

Sandi Toksvig digs beneath the rather bucolic tourist view of the Provence region and explores the ancient and modern cities, Venice and Istanbul; water, war and romance - the links go back many hundreds of years.

PROVENCE

The Provence region of France was made famous by the writer Peter Mayle's book A Year in Provence. Nicholas Woodsworth married into a Provencal family and put down roots in Provence four years ago. His latest book Seeking Provence: Old Myths, New Paths reveals a rather different place with 3,000 years of history.

ISTANBUL and VENICE

Jason Goodwin has just published The Bellini Card, the third novel in his series of sort of travel thrillers. His characters travel from Venice to Istanbul on the trail of a stolen painting.

Jason recounts his first experience of Istanbul as a young man following a challenging six month backpacking journey across Easter Europe and discusses the personal appeal the two cities' woven history.

SAT 10:30 What's So Great About ...? (b00c7fbx) Series 1

Bob Dylan

Comedian and actor Lenny Henry asks "What's So Great About...?" people, things, institutions and aspects of contemporary life that frequently go unexplored, unchallenged and widely accepted but which he, personally doesn't really buy.

In this episode, he questions the greatness of Bob Dylan

Lenny - a great fan of Soul music and Rhythm & Blues - gets to grips one recording artist he never really "got". From the time he was a teenager in Dudley in the early 70s he had to listen to his schoolmate Greg Stokes tell him what a "classic" the Dylan album 'Blonde On Blonde' was; and ever since friends have been trying to convince him that "His Bobness", as Lenny describes him, is the one recording artist to whom he should really devote his energies.

It's now make or break time and Lenny assembles a band of musicians and fans to see if they can, once and for all, change his mind.

"Dear oh dear", says Lenny. "That whine! That grating music!"

Poet Laureate Andrew Motion, Kris Kristofferson, Bryan Ferry, Jools Holland and Al Kooper, who played with Dylan on some of his most famous albums in the 1960s, are among the defence team.

It seems they have their work cut out.

Producer: Patrick Gregory

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00c7fbz)

A look behind the scenes at Westminster with Jackie Ashley.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00c7fc1)

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

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00c7fc3)

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

SAT 12:30 The Now Show (b00c60sw)

Series 24

Episode 1

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

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00c7fc5)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News Headlines (b00cbpyf)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00c60sy)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Upminster, Essex.

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

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00c7fc7)

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

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b00c7fc9)

Rebus: Black and Blue

Episode

SATURDAY PLAY: REBUS - BLACK & BLUE

BY IAN RANKIN, DRAMATISED BY CHRIS DOLAN. 1/2.

REBUS INVESTIGATES THE VIOLENT DEATH OF A NORTH SEA OIL WORKER IN EDINBURGH AND UNCOVERS POSSIBLE MOTIVES RANGING FROM GANGLAND INFIGHTING OVER DRUGS TO ECO PROTESTS AGAINST OIL EXPLORATION. BUT AS REBUS'S INQUIRIES TAKE HIM FROM EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW AND THEN TO ABERDEEN HE FINDS HIS INVESTIGATION OVERLAPPING WITH A MAJOR HUNT FOR A SERIAL KILLER WHO HAS STRUCK IN ALL THREE CITIES.

PRODUCER/DIRECTOR: BRUCE YOUNG.

SAT 15:30 The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain (b00c67jq)

Phill Jupitus follows the celebrated ensemble of all-singing, all-strumming 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 arrangements.

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.

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b00c7fcc)

Highlights of this week's Woman's Hour programmes with Jane Garvey.

Including features on soprano Deborah Voigt, the absence of an English Heritage plaque for Wallis Simpson, how to teach teenage boys, a beauty contest for the disabled and the WI speakers' circuit.

SAT 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00c7fcf) 28th June 1968

28th June 1968

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

SAT 17:00 Saturday PM (b00c7fch)

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

SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b00c7fck)

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 (b00c7fcm)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00c7fcp)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c7fcr)

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

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00c7fct)

Clive Anderson presents an eclectic mix of conversation, comedy and music.

He is joined by Ken Livingstone, Jean Marsh and Julian Clary. Emma Freud analyses Chris Waitt. Comedy comes from Sarah Millican while music is provided by The Herbaliser and Paul

SAT 19:00 Profile (b00c7fcw)

Thabo Mbeki

Series of profiles of people who are currently making headlines

Grant Ferrett looks at the life of South African President Thabo Mbeki. He took on the unenviable challenge of stepping into Nelson Mandela's shoes in 1999, but to many he seems more comfortable in the back rooms of political power.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00c7fcy)

Tom Sutcliffe and guests review the cultural highlights of the

SAT 20:00 The Archive Hour (b00c7fd0)

The Ballad of the Radio Feature

A look at the history and evolution of the radio documentary feature, a hybrid form which can sometimes appear closer to music or poetry than to news reporting.

The list of contributors features some of the finest featuremakers of their generation, including Chris Brookes, Berit Hedemann, Kaye Mortley, Robyn Ravlich, Edwin Brys, Simon Elmes, Mark Berman, Sarah Taylor and Piers Plowright.

SAT 21:00 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

Linden Philip Jackson Nora Raquel Cassidy

Mrs Linden Gwyneth Powell Philpot Tony Haygarth

Bundy Tony Pitts

Bert Des O'Malley

Sawkins Andrew Langtree Frankie Robert Madge

Mary Emma Fryer Elsie Yasmin Garrad

Charlie Jake Pratt

Directed by Dirk Maggs.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00c7fd2)

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

SAT 22:15 The Reith Lectures (b00c5j0d)

Jonathan Spence: Chinese Vistas: 2008

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.

SAT 23:00 Round Britain Quiz (b00c50hr)

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?

Question 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?

Question 5 - Listener question from Brian Cook in Barnet

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?

Onestion 7

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

Ouestion 8

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?

SAT 23:30 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

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 Publ: Oxford

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 Publ: Random House

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

SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2008

SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00c7kjl)

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

SUN 00:30 The Late Story (b0076z1m)

Dora's Women

Readings specially written for Dora Bryan. A dark secret has remained undiscovered for a very long time.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00c7kjn)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes

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SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c7kjs)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00c7kjv)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00c7kjx)

The sound of church bells from St Peter's Tiverton

SUN 05:45 Profile (b00c7fcw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00c7kjz)

The latest national and international news

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00c7kk1)

The Second Coming

Writer and performer Judith French considers why almost every culture has a legend of a second coming, be it a Messiah, King Arthur or even a Superman.

SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b00c7kk3)

Lucy Lunt visits Meadow Court Farm in Guernsey, home to one of the few dairy herds left on the island. In the 1970s, there were 240 herds, now there are only 20, Ray Watts and his family explain why they're promoting the breed and how it's come to play a pivotal part in the local community.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00c7kk5)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00c7kk7)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00c7kk9)

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

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00c7kkc)

Sense

Richard Briers appeals on behalf of Sense. Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b00c7kkf)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00c7kkh)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00c7kkk)

A service from Aldeburgh Parish Church in Suffolk during the 61st Festival of Music and the Arts, led by the Rev Nigel Hartley. With Bishop Nigel Stock.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00c60t0)

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

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00c7kkm)

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

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00c7kkp)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00c7kkr)

Posy Simmonds

Kirsty Young's castaway this week the cartoonist, writer and illustrator Posy Simmonds. Her social observation and sharp wit gained a loyal following in The Guardian where - among their stripped pine, lentils and patchwork - she depicted the lives of prototype woolly liberals Wendy and George Weber. Since then she's gone on to create highly acclaimed children's books and also graphic novels Gemma Bovary and Tamara Drew.

Posy says she started drawing as soon as she could pick up a pencil and as a child was making magazines and little comics with titles like How to Turn Yourself Into an Up-to-Date Ted and How to Make Love and Be Loved in Four Easy Lessons. She remembers drawing as the perfect thing to do, because she could sit on her own and talk to herself.

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

Favourite track: The opening of the prelude from Cello Suite No 1 in G Major by Johann Sebastian Bach Book: Four volumes of the London Telephone Directory Luxury: The Crown Jewels.

SUN 12:00 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 piano.

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

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00c7kkt) Butchery

Sheila Dillon finds out why so many butchers' shops have closed down in recent years. She explores apprenticeship schemes that aim to introduce a new generation to some long-forgotten skills.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00c7kkw)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00c7kky)

A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

SUN 13:30 Garibaldi's Grand Scheme (b0088nd9) Episode 1

Misha Glenny traces the career of Italian nationalist hero Giuseppe Garibaldi.

1/2. Born in Nice in 1807, Garibaldi became a merchant seaman, a guerrilla fighter in South America, a defeated hero of the Roman Republic and the man who liberated the south of Italy before giving up all of his powers to the north. Misha's journey takes him to Sicily, Rome, Sardinia and Milan. Among the people he meets is Anita Garibaldi, a descendant of the General himself.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00c7kl0)

Eric Robson presents 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, Peter Gibbs and Anne Swithinbank.

SUN 14:45 Lights, Camera, Landscape (b008fj2y)

Beachy Head

Matthew Sweet presents a series on famous cinematic locations.

Beachy Head in East Sussex has been chosen as a stand-in for the White Cliffs of Dover. It even landed the part of the Rock of Gibraltar for the James Bond film The Living Daylights.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00c7kl4)

The Ring and the Book

Episode

Robert Browning's poetic masterpiece of sex, lies and murder, adapted by Martyn Wade.

Rome is rife with speculation in the aftermath of a triple stabbing.

Browning Anton Lesser
Guido Franceschini Roger Allam
Pompilia Loo Brealey
Caponsacchi Dominic Rowan
Pietro Comparini Andrew Sachs
Violante Comparini Frances Jeater
Paolo Franceschini Dan Starkey
First Roman Stephen Critchlow
Second Roman Ben Crowe
Conti Chris Pavlo
Margherita Joan Walker
Judge John Rowe

Directed by Abigail le Fleming.

SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00c7kl6)

Irvine Welsh, Creating a New Sleuth, and John Banville

Irvine Welsh

Mariella talks to Irvine Welsh, the author of the enormously successful Trainspotting. His new novel, Crime, is set among the criminal population of Florida. He explains the dark subject matter of his book, and why it abandons his trademark black humour.

Creating a New Sleuth

Mariella is joined by two writers who this month unveil the first adventures of their new detective heroes. Brian Thompson's Bella Wallis is a Victorian writer who also solves murders, while Gus Dury, the creation of the novelist Tony Black, is a hard-drinking Edinburgh journalist and amateur sleuth. The two writers and Marcel Berlins, crime reviewer for The Times, discuss the difficulties of creating a new crime hero, and how to ensure they last more than a couple of books.

Crime and Genre Fiction

Earlier this month, Susan Hill told Open Book why she had abandoned "literary" fiction for crime. John Banville, winner of the 2005 Man Booker prize, joins Mariella and Marcel Berlins to discuss his own recent career as a crime writer, why genre distinctions could be breaking down, and what it is about crime that taps into contemporary sensibilities.

SUN 16:30 Poetry Please (b00c7n2d)

The Raven by Edgar Allen Poe From: Poems and Prose Publ: Everyman

This poem features only in the Saturday night edition The Windhover by Gerard Manley Hopkins From: Everyman Book of Evergreen Verse

Break, Break by Tennyson From: Selected Poems of Tennyson Publ: MacMillan & Co

The Little Dancers by Laurence Binyon From: The Book of a Thousand Poems Publ: Collins Educational

Like Dolmens Around My Childhood, the Old People by John

Montague

From: New Selected Poems Publ: Bloodaxe

When You Go by Edwin Morgan From: Collected Poems

Publ: Carcanet

Conception by Josephine Miles From: The Faber Book of Twentieth Century Women's Poetry

To Helen (II) by Edgar Allen Poe From: Poems and Prose Publ: Everyman

SUN 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00c7n2g)

29th June 1968

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

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b00c5rh3)

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

SUN 17:40 Profile (b00c7fcw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00c7n2j)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00c7n2l)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c7n2n)

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

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00c7n2q)

Charlotte Smith presents a selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00c7n2s)

Jazzer's had a heavy night, when Ed calls and asks him to come out for a couple of beers. Jazzer's wondering why he's not out with Fallon - Ed says she's working. Jazzer tells him he'd be mad to mess up his relationship with her - he knows for a fact that Fallon is worrying about Emma, and whether anything happened between her and Ed while Fallon was away.

Adam is a bit mystified at Matt's sudden turnaround on the digester - pulling it back to a smaller project.

Usha and Ruth go out shopping for Usha's wedding dress, but they don't get very far. They bump into Jennifer, who is suggesting they change the theme of the fete to the English civil war, following the archeological discovery at Home Farm. She lets slip that she's pleased David and Ruth have won in the digester battle - which is news to Ruth.

Adam comes round, hoping to persuade them to come back on board. The last thing he wants is to become Matt's whipping boy. David and Ruth will think about it - but they'll wait to see what Matt says, first.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00c7n2v)

Barney Harwood presents the children's magazine and enters the magical world of Narnia as actress Georgia Henley talks about playing Lucy in the latest Narnia film, Prince Caspian.

SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b007x23g)

William Trevor - Cheating at Canasta

The Dressmaker's Child

Cahal's plans to dupe a gullible young couple backfire tragically. Read by the author, William Trevor.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b00c60sk)

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

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00c60sr)

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

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SUN 21:00 Money Box (b00c7fc3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00c7kkc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 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.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00c7n2x)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00c7n2z)

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 (b00c7n31)

Week ending 29th June 1968

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

Barbara Cartland proposes a novel solution to the UK's productivity crisis. The first round of elections takes place in France. Foot and mouth restrictions are lifted in the UK. Violence erupts on the streets of Glasgow. Labour loses the Nelson and Colne by-election.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00c7kk1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 30 JUNE 2008

MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00c7qdj)

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

MON 00:15 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

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00c7kjx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00c7qdl)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00c7qdn)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c7qdq)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00c7qds)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00c7q7q)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Dr Ruth Patterson.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00c7qdv)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Anna Hill.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00c7qdx)

The latest weather forecast for farmers

MON 06:00 Today (b00c7qdz)

Presented by Evan Davis and James Naughtie.

ncluding:

A record number of endangered loggerhead turtles have been washed up on UK beaches this year, hundreds of miles from their natural home. Our colder waters would normally kill them but two have survived. Richard Westcott reports from Black Rock Beach in Cornwall

A collection of old 11-plus test papers from the 1940s and 50s is being published in a new book. To see how today's children would do in the test, Sanchia Berg visits a primary school in north London.

Thought for the Day with Clifford Longley, religious commentator.

Isaac Herzog, Israeli Minister of Welfare and Social Services, discusses his country's relationship with Iran.

As the NHS reaches its 60th anniversary, the government is setting out its plans to reform the service, with the publication of a year-long review by health minister Lord Darzi. Health Secretary Alan Johnson explains the changes.

One of Britain's most famous murderers, Dr Crippen, may be innocent. He was hanged in 1910 for the murder of his wife in London. Author Andrew Rose discusses the case with Roger Graef, executive producer of a new documentary casting doubts on the evidence against Crippen.

Turner Prize winner Martin Creed has been given a new commission at Tate Britain. Razia Iqbal reports.

Richard Nixon is best remembered for Watergate, but American author Rick Perlstein argues that he shaped the modern American political landscape to a greater extent than is often recognised.

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00c7r2n)

Andrew Marr sets the cultural agenda for the week. Fareed Zakaria talks about his book The Post-American World and historian Martin Pugh discusses his book We Danced All Night. Writer and journalist Stephen Armstrong considers modern mercenaries.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00c7t47)

Cooke's Elections

Episode 1

BBC North American editor Justin Webb introduces Alistair Cooke's famous Letters from America, broadcast during previous election campaigns over the past 60 years.

The contest between the Republican candidate Thomas Dewey and Democrat President Truman in 1948 appeared to be a foregone conclusion. But to everyone's surprise, Truman won by two million votes.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00c7t49)

Judy Blume; Thalidomide at 50

Pre-teen fiction writer Judy Blume on being one of the most censored writers in America. Plus, Rosie Moriarty-Simmonds on the impact of the drug thalidomide on her life.

MON 11:00 Wrestling with the Iranians (b00c81sk)

Dominic Byrne visits Iran to try to understand the roots and the passion behind the country's national sport of wrestling. He attends the Takhti Cup, Iran's most celebrated wrestling competition, and visits Zurkhaneh, or Houses of Strength, where wrestlers train in a ritual little changed in a thousand years. He learns about the chivalrous nature of the sport and its influence on the people's national character.

MON 11:30 The Maltby Collection (b00xmvwb) Series 2

Episode 5

The museum staff pitch their ideas for a special exhibition. Stars Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt. From June 2008.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00c8212)

Presented by Liz Barclay and Peter White.

Including:

Well known for encouraging adults to get a grip on their finances, Alvin Hall has now turned his attention to children with a new book promising to put the fun into finance.

Harrogate in Yorkshire has long been one of the leading centres for conferences despite its poor rail links. However, the town's transfer connections may be about to improve significantly.

Oliver Condy gives an update on his trumpet playing progress, including the results of his first exam.

One of Britain's biggest supermarket chains has highlighted potential flaws in proposals to tighten the law on sale of cheap alcohol in Scotland.

The Government is to relax the rules so that more people will be able to join credit unions as an alternative to banks. With Mark Lyonette, Chief Executive of the Association of British Credit Unions.

More and more people are turning to computer doctors to solve their home IT problems, but are they getting value for money? With Paul Allen, Editor of Computer Active, and Richard Kendall. Director of Field at Geek Squad.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00c8214)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00c8216)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

MON 13:30 Round Britain Quiz (b00cq7p0)

2008

Episode 1

Tom Sutcliffe chairs the cryptic general knowledge quiz. The Midlands team meets Wales.

Questions from Programme 2

Question 1 Midlands

An author caused a fuss by taking some home; the Aborigines recognised the remarkable size of theirs; and the ancients counted on theirs. Why might Fred and Wilma's daughter be interested?

Question :

Wale

What would a Godly and Gay daily thinker, an elderly ruler of Northern Britain, and Rose Buck be doing in your garden?

Question 3

Midlands

In which Royal catalogue might you find these, along with the father of modern physics and the first verse of the Koran?

Question -Wales

Why might the first voice be in greater control than the other two?

Question 5 - Listener question from Andrew Walker in St Peter Port in Guernsey

Midlands

How can a Mrs Gaskell novel, a Christmas comestible, a spring sporting event, and an old London market help you to recognise someone?

Question 6 - Listener question from Bob Foreman in Aylesbury Wales

Why could the shadow-sewer, the Forfarshire rescuer, and Doris Day and James Garner prompt a please by George Osborne?

Question '

Midlands

Poincare's birthplace came first; she was followed by Lady B.'s maid, Latona's daughter and James Brown's hip-hop classic. Lorenzo's torchbearer and a Hebrew bee were the youngest. Which of them loved Hitler?

Question 8

Wales

What literally connects John Luther Jones with, in this order, a red hot South American city, an article of French headgear and an often domesticated rodent?

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00c7n2s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b00c833g)

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

By Rob Kinsman

When a timid doctor is accused of murdering his wealthy older lover, Dickens alone is convinced of his innocence. His journalistic team's investigations descend into the harsh territory of the debtors' prison. Everything, it seems, comes down to money.

Charles Dickens Dan Stevens Agnes Paxton Eleanor Howell Daniel Parker Andrew Buchan Brickman Gerard McDermott Harper Stephen Critchlow Blind Bill John Rowe Maria Liz Sutherland Dr Widdershins Simon Treves Prosecutor Nyasha Hatendi Turnkey Dan Starkey Judge Chris Pavlo

Directed by David Hunter.

MON 15:00 Money Box Live (b00c833i)

Paul Lewis and guests answer calls on financial issues.

MON 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00c83jt)

SOS: Save Our Souls

Signing

A series of stories inspired by the international Morse Code distress call, 'SOS - Save Our Souls'.

A court interpreter is being sent unexpected signals - but will she choose to acknowledge them?

Read by Natalie Bennett Producer: Eilidh McCreadie.

MON 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00c84pv)

Heather Couper presents a narrative history of astronomy.

Infrared radiation was discovered by William Herschel two centuries ago, but only recently has infrared astronomy come of age. Infrared is able to peer inside dark clouds that mask regions of the galaxy such as the Orion Nebula from optical telescopes. Within these clouds we can now see the processes through which the gas clouds contract, heat up and ignite to give birth to a new generation of stars.

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

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00c7kkt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b00c877w)

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 (b00c87cb)

30th June 1968

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

MON 17:00 PM (b00c88tw)

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

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c88ty)

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

MON 18:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b00c88v6)

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 Sandi Toksvig, with Humph in the chair and Colin Sell on piano. The show was recorded at the Theatre Royal in Winchester on 20 October 2003.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00c88vd)

David is still troubled by the thought of Pip on the Young Farmers' Moulin Rouge float. Pip teases him about it. Annabelle comes round to persuade David and Ruth to come rejoin the digester project. After some discussion, they agree.

Lilian comes down in the early hours of the morning, to find Matt sitting with a glass of whisky. He wishes Lilian had never opened this can of worms - making him tell her he was adopted. He's on his own - that's how it's always been. He isn't sure that he wants to know the woman who cast him off so lightly. And anyway, she's probably dead. Lilian speculates that she might

Later in the day, Lilian finds him looking at the website. He's started to look for his mother. He knows her name - Cave - and he knows his date of birth. So he makes an appointment to see social services about it, knowing that his birth was registered in Peckham, Lilian wants to come with him, but Matt would prefer to go alone. He'll do it his own way.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00c88v8)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Including:

Turner Prize winning artist Martin Creed has returned to Tate Britain with his latest project, work No 850, consisting of a sprinter running through the gallery at top speed.

Frank Darabont enjoyed great success with his adaptations of Stephen King's stories The Shawshank Redemption and The Green Mile. The Mist is his latest adaptation from the horror writer. In the film, residents of a small community fear for their lives as a dangerous fog engulfs them, bringing death and destruction. So what is lurking in the mist? Critic Adam Smith

New Zealand's most famous writer, Janet Frame, author of Angel at my Table, died four years ago, leaving behind a novel that she wrote in 1963, but felt was too autobiographical and personal to be published in her lifetime. Out now for the first time, Towards Another Summer deals with exile and loneliness. Fellow countrywoman and writer Emily Perkins reviews the

The York Theatre Royal is creating a stage at the National Railway Museum this summer to mount a production which has been 11 years in the planning. Director Damian Cruden discusses the logistics involved in using a real train.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00cf9m6)

The Way we Live Right Now

Episode 11

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

Now that Ghassan Mehmoud is a peer, can he save his business empire and his name?

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 Wynford Hurtle Corey Johnson Sheikh Izdihar Behrooz Nadim Sawalha Helen Croll Liz Sutherland Jason Crumb Chris Pavlo Other parts played by Beth Chalmers, Stephen Critchlow, Dan Starkey and Joan Walker.

Directed by Jonquil Panting.

MON 20:00 American Dreams (b00c88w3)

Michigan

Series exploring the unease pre-occupying American politicians and voters alike in a presidential election year. James Naughtie criss-crosses the United States to assess the extent to which belief in the American dream has been damaged by a failing economy, a continuing racial divide, the Iraq war and its own democratic process

The series begins in Michigan, a rust belt state with a collapsing automotive industry and an economy in decline.

MON 20:30 The Learning Curve (b00c88w5)

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

MON 21:00 Science in the Making (b00c88w7)

Episode 1

Stephen Webster examines the way scientists work and asks why we should believe them.

He explores the scientists' world, finding out what they are doing when not in the public eye, what are they trying to find out, how they go about establishing new facts and how they guard against error.

And with scientists under immense pressure, he examines whether the scientific method is sufficiently robust to withstand these strains and, when science is in the making, whether we need other frameworks to ensure that it remains honest and trustworthy?

Stephen talks to two scientists: one is lab-based and believes in the primacy of individual investigation; the other works in the field and is a member of a multi-disciplinary team.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00c7r2n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00c88wf)

The latest weather forecast

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00c88wh)

National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00c88wr)

Episode 6

Richard Roxburgh reads from Tim Winton's tale of adolescence

on the edge, set on the Western fringe of Australia. Pikelet's existence is becoming increasingly estranged from normality. A close encounter with death does nothing to

dampen his fascination with his guru Sando, but now Sando is

beginning to hint at something even Pikelet may find too much.

MON 23:00 Happy Mondays (b00c88wt)

Spike's Lookalikes

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Sitcom by Mark Watson, set in a lookalike agency.

When Nicky is nominated for a prestigious Lookies award. everything is finally going brilliantly for Spike. But with one rash comment to her boyfriend, it seems Spike is going to lose his client, his agency and his marriage. Can he turn this one

Spike Ardal O'Hanlon Maggie Doon Mackichan Phil Bruce Mackinnon Sandie/Accouncer Rosie Cavaliero Nicky Martha Howe-Douglas Amanda/Caller 2 Sara Stewart Craig/Denzil Kim Wall Sean/Ringo/Big Brother v/o Duncan Wisbey.

MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00c88ww)

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

TUESDAY 01 JULY 2008

TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00c7q7s)

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

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00c7t47)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00c7q7v)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00c7q7x)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c7q7z)

The latest shipping forecast.

$\it TUE~05:30~News~Briefing~(b00c7q81)$

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00c7q83)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Dr Ruth Patterson.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00c7q85)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Anna Hill.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00c7q87)

Presented by James Naughtie and Evan Davis.

Including:

The government faces a new rebellion over its abolition of the 10p tax band as the Finance Bill returns to the Commons. Labour MP David Taylor explains why he has tabled an amendment calling for all losers to be compensated in full.

Turkey's chief prosecutor will give evidence to the country's constitutional court calling for the governing AK Party to be closed down for trying to impose Sharia law on Turkey, a strictly secular state. Sarah Rainsford reports.

An interview given by the the Beatles to Scottish TV has recently been rediscovered, having languished in a damp garage in South London for over 30 years. Richard Jeffs explains the significance of his discovery.

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

Documentary film maker Sean Langan has returned home after three months in captivity in Afghanistan. Security correspondent Frank Gardner and John Williams from the Foreign Office discuss his release.

Science correspondent Tom Feilden visits Charles Darwin's garden in Kent, which he used as an open air laboratory, to find out how Kentish hedge parsley helped Darwin to refine his theory of natural selection.

A new report claims that good grades in science subjects are harder to obtain than those in arts subjects. Dr Robert Coe, author of the report, discusses the findings with Julian Petley, professor of film and television studies.

Can China ever become a more democratic society in the western sense? Professor Edward Burman from the National Academy of Chinese Theatre Arts discusses the future of the country with Will Hutton of the Work Foundation.

TUE 09:00 The NHS at 60: The Cost of Health (b00c88x0) Dementia v Mental Wellbeing

BBC Health Correspondent Branwen Jeffreys presents a series of debates as the NHS marks its sixtieth anniversary.

A panel of guests examines funding dilemmas that face the NHS and analyses how the cost of health is balanced against quality of care and the values of the NHS. Each programme features two expert advocates who marshall supporting evidence using case studies and data to argue their position. And in the studio, a business person and a politician are forced to reconcile principle with pragmatism and make tough choices between deserving cases. Niall Dickson of the King's Fund is on hand to provide the context for these important choices and explain how decisions are actually made within the NHS.

Dementia and mental health care services are always pressed when budgets are tight, yet both are areas of increasing importance that seldom get the attention they deserve. The burden on families and carers of dementia sufferers is intense while in the case of mental health, the cost to society is huge. Alzheimer's patients and their families are challenging NICE's rulings about drug treatments in court; mental health advocates are calling on greater provision of effective but costly talking therapies over traditional drug treatments. So who gets priority?

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00c7rsh)

Cooke's Elections

Episode 2

BBC North American editor Justin Webb introduces Alistair Cooke's famous Letters from America, broadcast during previous election campaigns over the past 60 years.

Lyndon Johnson won a landslide victory in 1964 but faced continuing questions in 1966 because of the war in Vietnam. Alistair Cooke reflects on the changes in American democracy from the days when everyone knew their place to an age when people were demanding to know what was being done in their name.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00c7rsk)

Victoria Hislop; Congolese widows

Author Victoria Hislop on the Spanish Civil War and her novel The Return. Plus new proposals for equal pay, the abuse of widows in the Congo, and a look at Hestercombe gardens.

TUE 11:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b00c8nl3)

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.

This programme features various migrant species passing through three gardens in Devon, Wolverhampton and Scotland.

TUE 11:30 The Tiger Who Came to Tea (b00c5zsg)

Judith Kerr's The Tiger Who Came to Tea is one of the bestselling children's books of all time. On the 40th anniversary of its publication, Ian Sansom talks to the author and fans of the story to find out the reasons for its enduring popularity.

TUE 12:00 Call You and Yours (b00c81zk)

Presented by Winifred Robinson and Peter White.

As the world faces a food crisis, should we embrace GM crops?

With guests:

Helen Browning, Food and Farming Director, Soil Association. Dr Julian Little, Agriculture Biotechnology Council. Andrew Opie, Food Policy Director, British Retail Consortium.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00c81zm)

The latest weather forecast.

$\it TUE~13:00~World~at~One~(b00c81zp)$

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

TUE 13:30 Music Feature (b00c8ply)

The Lost Beatles Interview

Sixties star Helen Shapiro presents the story of a lost TV interview with the Beatles that was recorded in April 1964 and recently found languishing in a rusty film can in a garage in South London. Experts say it's the earliest surviving interview where Lennon and McCartney talk about how they met and discuss the song writing process.

With contributions from the original TV interviewer Paul Young - who had never seen the footage, which was part of a regional television programme broadcast only in Scotland - Beatles expert and writer Mark Lewisohn and Dick Fiddy of the BFI.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00c88vd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b007748q)

Annamaria Murphy - Rosie's Beauty

By Annamaria Murphy

Rosie runs a beauty parlour in her village. Most of her clients

come to talk and Rosie is invited to share some of the dark secrets that make up the community in which she lives.

Rosie Craze Mary Woodvine Martha Taper Barbara Jefford Lily Harvey Amanda Lawrence Ellen Hosken Mandy Simons Michael Harvey Stephen Hall Irish Reilly Charles Barnecut

Directed by Claire Grove.

TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b00c8vbt)

Richard Daniel and the team discuss listeners' questions about the environment and the natural world.

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00c83jh) SOS: Save Our Souls

The Longsight Branch

Short stories to mark the 100th anniversary of the international distress call.

Paul Magrs's quirky tale of friendship and survival is set in the trees high above Manchester.

Read by Laura Smales.

TUE 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00c84k8)

The Life and Death of Stars

Heather Couper presents a narrative history of astronomy.

Until the modern era of astrophysics, nobody knew what made stars shine. The answer arose from the nuclear age. The sun and stars are like giant hydrogen bombs, controlled nuclear explosions.

In the 1950s, Fred Hoyle and his colleagues showed how new elements are created in stars as they burn hydrogen and helium. In the case of relatively small stars such as our sun, the fuel eventually runs out, the bloated outer layers are lost into space and a slowly cooling white dwarf remains. But massive stars begin to collapse in on themselves when fuel runs out at the core, creating a huge explosion known as a supernova.

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

TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b00c8ybw)

Who Can Plead Insanity?

Clive Coleman explores the issue of who should be allowed to plead insanity. As more mentally ill people enter the justice system, Clive asks if the law is as up-to-date and fair as it should be.

TUE 16:30 A Good Read (b00c8yby)

Les Dennis and Michael Simkins

Sue MacGregor and her guests - actors Les Dennis and Michael Simkins - discuss their favourite paperbacks by Saul Bellow, Patrick Hamilton and Gene Wilder.

Seize the Day by Saul Bellow Publisher: Penguin

The Slaves of Solitude by Patrick Hamilton Publisher: Constable and Robinson Limited

My French Whore: A Love Story by Gene Wilder Publisher: Old Street

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

TUE 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00c87cd)

1st July 1968

With John Tusa. Red rain falls over much of Britain.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00c87cg)

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

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c87cj)

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

TUE 18:30 Footlights at 125: A Retrospective (b00c8yc0)

Episode 3

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 (b00c8vc2)

Mildred and Joe have a look round Lower Loxley - she's very impressed. Mildred is driving, which is a bit of a challenge for Joe as she's a terrible driver. He's very relieved when they stop.

Will and Emma take George out for a picnic. It all goes very well, and Will makes a big effort to please. They talk about George, and his behaviour - Will is beating himself up about spoiling the boy, and Emma consoles him. Fallon and Ed happen by and see the little family, and Ed can't cope - he steers Fallon away. Fallon is worried, but Ed comes up with an idea. He thinks he and Fallon should get away from Ambridge. Why don't they go down to Woolacombe again - where they had such a good time. Fallon is thrilled.

As he drops George and Emma at Ambridge View, Will invites her to have tea at Casa Nueva. Thinking how lovely it is for George to see his parents getting on so well, she agrees.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00c8yc4)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Including:

Critic Bidisha gives her verdict on writer and director Tom McCarthy's new film The Visitor, in which a college professor becomes embroided in the lives of a young immigrant couple living in New York and discovers that his life will never be the same again.

Lisa Gee's six-year-old daughter Dora played one of the Gretls in the Connie Fisher production of The Sound of Music. She never went to stage school and only attended the first audition for fun. In her new book Stage Mum, Gee tells the story of the journey from an open audition to the gradual realisation that Dora had won the part.

Every Summer the National Theatre's New Connections season premieres new plays, written for and about young people by the country's top playwrights. This year's writers include Moira Buffini and Timberlake Wertenbaker, both of whom Mark Lawson joins in rehearsal. He visits Timberlake and the Daydreamer Youth Theatre in Watford as they prepare Arden City for performance at the Cottesloe theatre.

As the British Museum publishes its Annual Review, Neil MacGregor discusses the museum's record-breaking year, forthcoming exhibitions and why it has always relied on the kindness of strangers.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00c8yc6)

The Way we Live Right Now

Episode 12

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

Flex faces the wrath of Jason Crumb.

Ghassan Mehmoud Henry Goodman Felix Carbury Dexter Fletcher Anthony Trollope John Rowe Paul Montague Nyasha Hatendi Rt Hon Jeremy Longstaff Lavy Montgomery Ruby Ruggles Sheridan Smith Marie Mehmoud Chipo Chung Roger Lloyd-Montague Ben Crowe Hetta Carbury Emily Wachter Wynford Hurtle Corey Johnson Sheikh Izdihar Behrooz Nadim Sawalha Helen Croll Liz Sutherland Jason Crumb Chris Paylo

Other parts played by Beth Chalmers, Stephen Critchlow, Dan Starkey and Joan Walker.

Directed by Jonquil Panting.

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b00c8yc8)

Lesley Curwen investigates growing concerns that many blood

transfusions are unnecessary and could do more harm than good to patients.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00c8ycb)

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

TUE 21:00 All in the Mind (b00c8ycd)

Religious Terrorism - American Presidents - Ketamine

RELIGIOUS TERRORISM

Every time there's a suicide bombing it's natural to ask how someone could possibly do such a thing. Many of those who get involved in religiously-motivated terrorism didn't start out having particularly extreme religious or political views — like Maajid Nawaz who had a liberal upbringing in Southend on Sea in Essex, but later became drawn into Islamic extremism and became a senior member of Hizb-ut Tahrir. Some psychologists believe that by analysing the way people are gradually drawn into terrorist activity it might be possible to intervene earlier in the process to prevent it. All in the Mind spoke to Dr Sara Savage, a social psychologist with the psychology and religion research programme at Cambridge University and to Dr Russell Razzaque, who's a Consultant Psychiatrist and author of 'Human Being to Human Bomb: Inside the Mind of a Terrorist'

AMERICAN PRESIDENTS

As Barack Obama and John McCain square up for the US Presidential elections in November, new research from the University of Montana suggests that in order to get elected, candidates need to keep it simple - remember Bill Clinton's rallying cry "1t's the economy, stupid". But once they get into power careful analysis of their speeches shows that their thinking gets more complex for three years until it's time to get elected again – and then it's back to the simple messages. The research was carried out by Lucien Gideon Conway III, who examined the "integrative complexity" shown by presidents in their State of the Union addresses.

KETAMINE

The drug ketamine is probably best known as a horse tranquiliser, but it's also used as an anaesthetic on the battlefield and illegally as a "club drug" that induces the feeling of the mind floating away from the body. But now researchers at Manchester University are researching a completely different use for ketamine – in the treatment of depression. This is the first time in decades that there's been a completely new kind of approach to dealing with depression through drugs. The Professor of Psychiatry in charge of the project, Bill Deakin, tells All in the Mind about the new findings.

TUE 21:30 The NHS at 60: The Cost of Health (b00c88x0) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00c8yhj) The latest weather forecast.

The latest weather forecast

$\it TUE~22:00~The~World~Tonight~(b00c8yhl)$

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on African reaction to the election in Zimbabwe and the unlikely singing star who is the US Ambassador to Paraguay.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00c8yhn)

Breath

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

As Sando pushes the boundaries further, Pikelet is getting out of his depth. Increasingly the odd one out in the trio, facing the awe-inspiring Nautilus, a wave that breaks over a bare reef, is his last chance to remain part of this exclusive, dangerous band of these.

TUE 23:00 Political Animal (b00c8yhz)

Series 2

Episode 4

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 (b00c8yhq)

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Rachel Hooper.

WEDNESDAY 02 JULY 2008

WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00c7q89)

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00c7rsh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

${\it WED~\bf 00:} 48~Shipping~Forecast~(b00c7q8c)$

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00c7q8f)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c7q8h)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00c7q8k)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00c7q8m)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Dr Ruth Patterson.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00c7q8p)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Charlotte Smith.

WED 06:00 Today (b00c7q8r)

Presented by James Naughtie and Sarah Montague.

Including:

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has produced a benchmark to measure poverty.

How has the outcome of the African Union summit in Cairo been received by ordinary people in Zimbabwe? Mike Thomson is in touch with a resident of Harare who has been keeping a diary of events through the election and its aftermath.

New research finds that golden eagles in Scotland are still being poisoned in large numbers. Prof Des Thompson of Scottish Natural Heritage claims that eagles are scavenging for dead sheep and rabbits that have been poisoned and left for them to eat.

Thought for the Day with Professor Mona Siddiqui of the University of Glasgow.

Marks and Spencer has reported a slump in sales and there is even more evidence of a sharp slowdown in the construction industry. M and S chairman Stuart Rose looks at the results, while Nick Edwards of Construction News, and businessman Martin Sorrell respond.

The London Festival of Architecture is holding a competition to see which architect's practice can come up with the best jelly. Organiser Sam Bompas and competition judge Prof Stephen Gage explains how the event is intended to explore the relationship between food and architecture.

Less than 400 Muslims serve in Britain's armed forces. Gordon Corera reports from a meeting of Muslim soldiers organised by the military's sole Muslim chaplain.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b00cb400)

Lively and diverse conversation

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00c7rsm) Cooke's Elections

Episode 3

BBC North American editor Justin Webb introduces Alistair Cooke's famous Letters from America, broadcast during previous election campaigns over the past 60 years.

Gerald Ford was keen to play down party differences when he announced his intention to stand for the American presidency in 1976. So what, wondered Alistair Cooke, did it mean to be a Republican or a Democrat? Justin Webb asks whether things are any different today.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00c7rsp)

Bobbi Brown; Stroke recovery

Bobbi Brown on her approach to beauty in middle age and

beyond. Plus Martin and Jenny Stephen on their rehabilitation programme for stroke recovery, and how to cook pak choi.

WED 11:00 In Living Memory (b00cb4ht)

Shoreham

Contemporary history series. Jolyon Jenkins tells the story of how the seaside town of Shoreham became convulsed for several months in 1995 when animal welfare hit the headlines and stopped being a minority issue as seasoned protesters were joined by ordinary people to protest against the export of live sheep and veal calves to the Continent.

WED 11:30 Cabin Pressure (b00cb5k4)

Series 1

Stephanie Cole, Benedict Cumberbatch and Roger Allam star in the sitcom about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no job is too small, but many, many jobs are too difficult. Written by John Finnemore, writer for The News Ouiz, The Now Show, and That Mitchell & Webb Sound

In this week's episode, the town of Bristol, a cat and a thermostat combine to present Martin with a career-breaking

Cast:

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole 1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam John Finnemore Arthur Shappey... ATC Fitton .. Ewen MacIntosh

Written by John Finnemore

Produced and directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00c81zr)

Presented by Winifred Robinson and Sheila McClennon.

The Department of Environment and the Welsh Assembly are trying to toughen up the law against fly-tippers in England and

Three high street shops have been caught selling 18-rated video games depicting sex and violence to a 15-year-old girl in an undercover investigation by Which? Computing.

Will Chase revolutionised crisp eating in this country. He now hopes to do the same with our drinking habits. Richard Wells reports on his new venture.

A committee of MPs looking at the new NHS contracts for dentists criticises the way they were introduced. With Peter Ward, Chief Executive of the British Dental Association.

Plans for a congestion charge in Greater Manchester are becoming clearer. People living in the area are being asked for their thoughts on the matter. Jonathan Ali reports.

A report on a company accused of paralysing computers with pop-up bills.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00c81zt)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00c81zw)

National and international news with Martha Kearney

WED 13:30 Off the Page (b00cb5x6)

Nanny Wouldn't Like It

Dominic Arkwright presents a discussion on nannies, with columnist Guy Browning; author of The Victorian Governess, Kathryn Hughes; and Anna Raeburn, Browning considers the nanny as the queen of arrested development, while Hughes volunteers a long list of men who have fallen for the nanny's

Produced by Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00c8vc2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b00cc9hh)

Nell Leyshon - War Bride

By Nell Leyshon.

The Second World War is over and Eleanor and Clarence are on a ship, emigrating to Canada. Young Eleanor is running away from the farm she grew up on - and her parents don't know. When Eleanor discovers that her childhood sweetheart Frank is also on board, she starts to retreat from Clarence into the world of her imagination. Eleanor is vulnerable a long way from home. Who can she trust?

Eleanor Charlotte Emmerson Clarence Simon Lee Phillips Frank Joseph Kloska

Directed by Susan Roberts.

WED 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00c7kl0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00c83jk)

SOS: Save Our Souls

Short stories to mark the 100th anniversary of the international

In Colette Paul's tale, a retired woman is jolted out of her comforting routine by the intrusion of a voice from her past.

Read by Barbara Rafferty.

WED 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00c84kb)

A Plethora of Planets

Heather Couper presents a narrative history of astronomy.

For centuries, people have been speculating on the origin of the Earth and other planets. As long ago as 1755 the philosopher Imanuel Kant suggested that our solar system may have been born from a rotating cloud or nebula of gas and dust. But it was not until an infrared telescope was sent into space in 1983 that astronomers began to gather images of such dusty discs around other young stars.

In 1955 Eugene Shoemaker showed that a crater in Arizona was blasted out by the impact of a large rock from space. He went on to show that most of the craters on the moon resulted from similar impacts, early in the history of the solar system. The dawn of the space age is enabling us to begin to explore the rocks in our cosmic backyard and speculate about worlds

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

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00cbmnf)

Trust

Laurie Taylor talks to the 2002 Reith Lecturer Onora O'Neill and to Marek Kohn, author of a new book called Trust; Self Interest and the Common Good. Is trust evaporating in contemporary society? Does more monitoring of people and politicians increase trust or encourages paranoia?

WED 16:30 All in the Mind (b00cbmnh)

Claudia Hammond presents the series exploring current developments in psychology and psychiatry.

WED 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00c87cl)

2nd July 1968

With John Tusa, Yorkshire County Cricket club beat the touring Australians by an innings and 69 runs.

WED 17:00 PM (b00c87cn)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c87cq)

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

WED 18:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b017pt8w)

Car Boot

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

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00cbmwp)

Jennifer shows Pat the swap club message board where swaps can be arranged. There is some difficulty about comparing the value of the various swaps, and they come up with the idea of the Transition Equivalent in Ambridge - or TEA - just to give a rough guide in the various transactions. Pat discovers that the digester plans are going ahead again.

Brian is keen to help with the harvest, but Adam wants to show that he's across it all - Brian doesn't need to worry. Later, he asks Jennifer to help by driving ahead of the big combine tomorrow, but doesn't include Brian.

Neil is busy organising the ringers for the competition, and putting a bit of pressure on Christopher. Susan tells him to lay off - Christopher is revising for his final farrier exams. When Emma comes in, Neil wonders how she got on at Will's. Emma is quick to inform him that there is nothing going on between them. She and Will are way beyond any of that.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00cbmwr)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Booker Prize winning author AS Byatt discusses the art and writings of Wyndham Lewis, controversial Modernist and founder of the Vorticist movement in 1912. Portraits of TS Eliot Ezra Pound and Edith Sitwell feature in a new exhibition of his work which opens this week at the National Portrait

New Tricks follows the antics of three retired cops (Dennis Waterman, Alun Armstrong and James Bolam) recruited by Superintendent Sandra Pullman (Amanda Redman) to reinvestigate unsolved crimes. With a fifth series of this hugely popular drama about to take to our screens, Mark talks to Roy Mitchell, co-creator and co-writer, and Alun Armstrong.

The Bayreuth opera festival in Germany have announced plans to sell tickets for their summer performances of Wagner online. With the increasing popularity of live performances relayed from opera houses onto large public screens outdoors, mus writer Norman Lebrecht considers the move towards opera on the large and small screen.

Every summer the National Theatre's New Connections season premieres new plays, written for and about young people, by the country's top playwrights. Mark joins Moira Buffini and Hertfordshire Country Youth Theatre preparing her new play for its first performance at the Cottesloe.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00cbn17)

The Way we Live Right Now

Episode 13

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

Flex may be wounded, but it's his sister who is really hurting.

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 Wynford Hurtle Corey Johnson Helen Croll Liz Sutherland

Sheikh Izdihar Behrooz Nadim Sawalha .. Chris Paylo Jason Crumb .

Other parts played by Beth Chalmers, Stephen Critchlow, Dan Starkey and Joan Walker.

Directed by Jonquil Panting.

WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b00cbpck)

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

WED 20:45 Fifty Years before the Masthead (b00cbpcm) Escape to Washington

Political journalist Anthony Howard takes an autobiographical journey through 50 years in the newspaper industry.

Howard becomes Whitehall Correspondent for The Sunday Times but discovers no one will talk to him because of a memo written by prime minister Harold Wilson forbidding ministers from doing so. He escapes to Washington where he covers one of the most momentous periods in American political history. Broadcaster Sue McGregor recalls Howard's broadcasts from the other side of the Atlantic for the fledgling World at One and former correspondent Charles Wheeler reveals how the BBC went virtually unrecognised on Capitol Hill until the popular mini series The Forsyte Saga was screened on American television. Howard returns to London to edit The New Statesman, recruiting novelists Julian Barnes and Martin Amis, who remember their days at the magazine with great fondness.

WED 21:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b00cbpdl)

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.

WED 21:30 Midweek (b00cb400)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00cbptp)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00c9n09)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including features on the effect of rising fuel costs on the haulage industry, Turkey's latest political crisis and a farewell to Simone Ortega, doyenne of Spanish cuisine.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00cbptr) Breath

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

Humiliated and furious at his failure at the Nautilus, Pikelet takes on Old Smokey alone, and the consequences are farreaching.

WED 23:00 Laura Solon - Talking and Not Talking (b00cbptt)

Episode 6

Divorcee Carol tries to sell covers - for cushion covers.

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 July 2008.

WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00c9n0c)

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

THURSDAY 03 JULY 2008

THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00c7q8t)

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

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00c7rsm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00c7q8w)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00c7q8y)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c7q90) The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00c7q92)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00c7q94)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Dr Ruth Patterson.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00c7q96)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Anna Hill.

THU 06:00 Today (b00c7q98)

Presented by John Humphrys and Sarah Montague.

Iranian foreign minister Manouchehr Mottaki has raised hopes of reaching a negotiated with six major powers on its controversial nuclear programme. Jeremy Bowen reports

French-Colombian politician Ingrid Betancourt and 14 other hostages have been rescued by Colombian government troops after being held for six years by FARC, the country's leftist rebel group. Frank Gardner reports.

Thought for the Day with Oliver McTernan, director of the NGO Forward Thinking.

New European rules on pesticides could ban 80 percent of those used in British farming, supposedly leading to reduced yields. With Dr Ian Denholm of Rothamsted Research Institute and Elliott Cannell from Pesticide Action Network

Two American policy experts claim that Francis Ford Coppola's film The Godfather could be a metaphor and a guide for the choices facing American foreign policy in a study called A Foreign Policy You Can't Refuse. Co-author Wess Mitchell from the Centre for European Policy Analysis talks to security correspondent Gordon Corera.

Former chancellor Lord Howe discusses the results of the Conservatives' commission on tax reform. He says the UK needs fundamental reforms of tax law to simplify our tax

In 1965, Bob Dylan made history by plugging in his electric guitar at America's Newport Folk Festival, Next month, his son Jakob will be on the same stage, reversing the process. Is he finally stepping into his father's shoes? Mark Coles asks Jakob Dylan why he has decided to go solo.

The cultural phenomenon of Mexican wrestling is coming to the UK. Masked superstar protagonist Mystico de Juarez and Andy Wood explain the lure of 'lucha libre'

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b00cbqhq)

The Metaphysical Poets

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss the Metaphysical poets, a diffuse group of 17th century writers including John Donne, Andrew Marvell and George Herbert, Mourning the death of a good friend in 1631, the poet Thomas Carew declared: "The Muses' garden, with pedantic weeds O'erspread, was purg'd by thee; the lazy seeds Of servile imitation thrown away, And fresh invention planted."The gardener in question was a poet, John Donne, and from his fresh invention blossomed a group of 17th century writers called the metaphysical poets. Concerned with sex and death, with science and empire, the metaphysical poets challenged the conventions of Elizabethan poetry with drama and with wit. And they showed that English, like Italian and French, was capable of true poetry. Unashamedly modern, they were saluted by another great modernist, T.S. Eliot, who admired their genius for imagery, the freshness of their

language and the drama of their poetic character. But what do we mean by metaphysical poetry, how did it reflect an age of drama and discovery and do poets as different as John Donne, Andrew Marvell and George Herbert really belong together in the canon of English literature? With Tom Healy, Professor of Renaissance Studies at Birkbeck College, University of London; Julie Sanders, Professor of English Literature and Drama at the University of Nottingham; and Tom Cain, Professor of Early Modern Literature at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00c7rsr)

Cooke's Elections

BBC North American editor Justin Webb introduces Alistair Cooke's famous Letters from America, broadcast during previous election campaigns over the past 60 years.

Bill Clinton defeated George Bush senior in 1992. Cooke focuses on the dress style of the Clinton camp and wonders what the rejection of the old blue blazer will mean for the American political system.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00c7rst)

The appeal of Putin; Catherine McCartney

Putin's female appeal analysed. Plus, Catherine McCartney on campaigning for justice for her brother Robert, and the 93-yearold glider pilot. With Jenni Murray.

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b00cbqn9)

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

THU 11:30 Shots from the Hip (b007sly8)

Music criticism began as an art form, delivering the kind of scathing wit and opinion capable of making or breaking a band. Now, with the broadsheets, fans on the internet, and even the band themselves weighing in, journalist Andrew Collins asks whether the lone voice is still relevant, or just another voice trying to be heard.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00c81zy)

Presented by Carolyn Atkinson and Liz Barclay.

The largest care home company in the UK has issued a profits warning. Barclays Bank has given them 28 days to come up with a way of paying their outstanding debts.

Airlines are asking top chefs to redesign their menus. Steve Punt gives his view of the in-flight meal.

Huge new shopping centres in Bristol, Liverpool, Leicester and West London are about to open. While they are predicted to be a success, will the knock-on effect be to empty shops in out-oftown retail parks and high streets? With Prof Barry Gilbertson, a partner at Pricewaterhouse Coopers Business Recovery Services, and Dr Richard Barkham, Global Head of Research at

Cashback sites: How internet cashback sites can save money on online purchases

Thanet Earth will be the biggest glasshouse complex in the UK. aiming to supply 15 percent of the tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers that we consume. It claims to have impeccable green credentials, though not everyone agrees. With Thanet Earth Managing Director Steve McVickers and Tara Garnett from the Food Climate Research Network at the University of Surrey

THU 12:57 Weather (b00c8200)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00c8202)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Open Country (b00c7fbh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00cbmwp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00cbrin)

I Love Stephen Fry

Jackie is married to a good-natured but big-bottomed butcher.

Terry. She works in a newsagent and she's restless. Her youngest child, Chloe, is about to get married to Carl, a sensible lad. But Jackie thinks Chloe's repeating her own mistake: marrying too young, without exploring her options. Jackie's a big fan of Stephen Fry and would love her daughter to be marrying a man as interesting as him. Jackie buys a tent, ostensibly as a wedding present for Chloe. But instead Jackie sleeps in the tent herself, in the garden, to escape her husband. She has a series of dreams about Stephen Fry. He's everything her husband Terry is not: eloquent, metropolitan, learned and gay. In a series of exciting and alarming fantasies, Jackie and Stephen have a platonic love affair. Then Chloe meets Stephen Fry in an Indian restaurant and tells him her mum is in love with him. Suddenly, fantasy is becoming reality.

Terry discovers his wife is in love with a man known only as 'Steve'. He's no idea who Steve is. Should he confront Steve? Or should he keep quiet and wait for his wife's affair with Steve to blow over. Eventually, husband, wife and Steve meet in an Ipswich bookshop and have their lives changed forever. Except Steve. He just carries on being Stephen Frv.

I LOVE STEPHEN FRY is written by Jon Canter. Jon's worked with many of the biggest names in TV comedy and was script editor on 'A Bit of Fry and Laurie'. His writing credits include The Two Ronnies, 'Not The Nine O Clock News', 'Mr Bean', 'Alas Smith & Jones', 'Murder Most Horrid' and 'Posh Nosh'. He has had two comic novels published by Jonathan Cape. 'Seeds of Greatness' and 'A Short Gentleman'. 'I Love Stephen Fry' stars Stephen Fry himself, Lesley Sharp, Phil Davis, Karl Theobald, Sinead Matthews and Carolyn Pickles.

Stephen Fry Himself Jackie Lesley Sharp Terry Phil Davis Margaret Carolyn Pickles Ron Ron Cook Chloe Sinead Matthews Carl Karl Theobald

Producer/Director Fiona McAlpine The programme is an Allegra producton for BBC Radio 4.

THU 15:00 Check Up (b00c5zsl)

Headache and Migraine

Most of us have had a painful headache at some time in our lives.

They can range from regular migraines that keep people away from work to chronic daily headaches that can be induced by taking too many painkillers.

In this edition of Check Up, Barbara Myers will be putting your questions about the origins and treatments of headaches to Dr Andrew Dowson, Director of the Headache Service at Kings College, London.

There is no single cause for headaches and, while they are painful and annoying, the majority of headaches do not indicate that there is a serious problem.

The pain can be mild to severe in one or more parts of the head as well as the back of the neck. There are many different types of headache patterns and a variety of causes.

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00c7kkc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00c83jm)

SOS: Save Our Souls

The Fishwife's Lament

Short stories to mark the 100th anniversary of the international distress call.

An elderly fish-gutter spins an unconvincing yarn in Stuart MacBride's darkly humorous tale of murder, deception and ice cream.

Read by Lisa Gardner.

THU 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00c84kd)

Worlds Beyond

Heather Couper presents a narrative history of astronomy.

In the 16th century, Giordano Bruno speculated that there must be other planets similar to our own in the universe. He was burned at the stake for this and other heresies.

Even today, with the best telescopes in the world, it remains impossible to see planets around distant stars. But in the last decade, astronomers have gathered indirect evidence for many

other planetary systems. The easiest to detect and hence the first to be found were the most amazing - planets bigger than Jupiter orbiting so close to their star that they are almost touching. But evidence is now emerging that solar systems more like our own exist, some with multiple planets and some with planets that may be like Earth.

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

THU 16:00 Open Book (b00c7kl6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00cbv7q)

Bee Declines - Tungunska Fireball

Bee Declines

Over a third of all the honeybees in the United States have died in the past two years. Beekeepers in the UK are noticing declines in the number of bees surviving the winter. Three out of the 25 species of bumblebees native to the UK are now extinct with others facing losses. What's happening to our bees? Quentin Cooper talks to Alison Benjamin amateur beekeeper and co-author of "A World Without Bees" and Dr Nigel Raine, bee ecologist from Queen Mary University in London to find out.

Tungunska Fireball

On the 30th June 1908, a huge fireball hurtled towards the Tunguska River region of Siberia. The explosion that followed was as powerful as 1000 Hiroshima bombs and knocked down an estimated 80 million trees. But 100 years later scientists are yet to find an impact crater or tell-tale meteorite remains. So what happened? Quentin is joined by Dr Phil Bland and Gareth Collins from Imperial College London to find out.

THU 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00c87cs)

3rd July 1968

With John Tusa. Mixed marriages come under the spotlight.

THU 17:00 PM (b00c87cv)

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

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c87cx)

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

THU 18:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b00rlyr8)

Series 1

The De-Magowaning of Ramesh

Corner shop owner Ramesh has toothache and Sanjay embraces retail. Stars Sanjeev Kohli and Donald McLeary. From October 2007.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00cbvc2)

Brian brings Ruairi along to watch the combine being moved, and thinks he could do a better job of negotiating a narrow gateway. Adam does it with great skill, however.

Jennifer muses on which present to get for Alan and Usha from the charity brochures - should it be a goat or a donkey plough? Usha receives confirmation that both her parents will be coming to the church ceremony as well. She's thrilled. Usha is still looking for her wedding dress, but Alan is sorted for both ceremonies - he's wearing a Jodhpuri suit for the Hindu one.

Fallon and Ed set off for Devon. Fallon is determined to make it a success, but the B&B that Ed's found turns out to be awful, and he can't respond to Fallon's advances. He suggests to a hurt Fallon that they go out for a drink.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00cbvc4)

Presented by John Wilson.

Including:

Liverpool's Adelphi Hotel has a long past. Once Upon a Time at the Adelphi explores the history of this establishment in a new musical with a love story at its heart. Poet Paul Farley, who grew up in Liverpool, reviews the show.

Phil Redmond was appointed Creative Director of Liverpool's European Capital of Culture programme last year. Halfway through the year and the city's cultural programme, he talks to John about how the year is meeting his expectations. Feted screenwriter Frank Cottrell Boyce's latest offering consists of five linked dramas for Radio 4. Under the title One Chord Wonders, each play explores from a different perspective the impact of punk on the lives of its first followers Frank has also written God On Trial, a new drama for BBC 2 which looks at how a group of Auschwitz prisoners attempt to assess the culpability of God for their suffering.

Natalie Haynes reviews Kung Fu Panda, the latest blockbuster animation for children, featuring the voices of Jack Black, Dustin Hoffman and Angelina Jolie. The film is about a panda who works for his family's noodle business but dreams of becoming a Kung Fu Master.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00cbvc6)

The Way we Live Right Now

Episode 14

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

Where can Ghassan Mehmoud run?

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 Wynford Hurtle Corey Johnson Helen Croll Liz Sutherland Sheikh Izdihar Behrooz Nadim Sawalha Jason Crumb Chris Pavlo

Other parts played by Beth Chalmers, Stephen Critchlow, Dan Starkey and Joan Walker.

Directed by Jonquil Panting.

THU 20:00 The NHS at 60 - National Doctors (b00cbvd8) Adolescent Angst

Chris Bowlby explores who actually runs the NHS. That question was hugely important in the 1970s and 80s, with huge rows over private beds in hospitals, prescriptions and changes to the way GPs worked, and remains highly relevant today with the debate over Lord Darzi's health care proposals.

THU 20:30 Analysis (b00cbvfs)

Responsible Journalism

Former editor of the Today programme Kevin Marsh asks how the press can rediscover its public purpose in order to help citizens join the big debates and solve genuine problems at a time when sales and advertising are crashing and readers stopped trusting what they read in the newspapers a long time ago. Many people resent smart editors telling them what to think and only buy their daily paper for the sudoku, celebrity gossip and TV schedules.

THU 21:00 Leading Edge (b00cbvgw)

The Royal Society Summer Exhibition

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

Royal Society Summer Exhibition

Leading Edge kicks of the science summer season with a visit to the Royal Society Summer Exhibition. Amongst the many exhibits on offer, Geoff Watts gets an insight into phantom limb syndrome and is convinced into thinking a plastic hand is his own. He also tries out a new computer technique designed to monitor penguins in the wild, without the need for tagging.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

A new study linking low levels of serotonin to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is discussed this week. Although the study has only been done in mice at this stage, its findings suggest that serotonin levels may be important in some cases of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Mountain Gorillas

Anna Lacey reports from Rwanda on the difficulties of rehabilitating orphaned Mountain Gorillas.

The Sounds of Earth

The first thing an alien race is likely to hear from Earth is chirps and whistles. The European Space Agencies Cluster mission has recorded the radio emission generated high above the Earth, by the same shaft of solar particles that then causes

an aurora to light the sky beneath. Geoff Watts talks to Professor Robert Mutel from the University of Iowa about ho these sounds could help us discover other Earth-like planets elsewhere in the Universe.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00cbaha)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00cbvlb)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00c9q3z)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00cbvn9) Breath

Episode 9

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

Pikelet leaves the dangers of the surf behind and finds himself in far more terrifying territory. Sando's wife Eva proves even more testing than her husband.

THU 23:00 The Lost Weblog of Scrooby Trevithick (b00cc02t)

Athletics

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 continues his quest to find himself by trying to improve his intellect with speed reading, having a brain workout, trying Mensa classes and ending up with his ever faithful mate Walshie on top of Ben Nevis with a brick, a lighter and a book of Carol Vorderman's Sudoku.

With Andy Parsons, Ben Hurley, Katherine Jakeways, Frankie Boyle, Dara OBriain, Marcus Brigstocke, Michael Legge and Lucy Porter.

THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00c9qf4)

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Rachel Hooper.

FRIDAY 04 JULY 2008

FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00c7q9c)

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00c7rsr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00c7q9f)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00c7q9h)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00c7q9l)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00c7a9n) The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00c7q9q)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Dr Ruth Patterson.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00c7q9s)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Charlotte Smith.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00c7q9v)

Presented by John Humphrys and Edward Stourton.

Why is Kashmir suddenly back in the news? Chris Morris reports.

Lord Krebs and the government's former chief scientist David King debate the issue of badger culling in England to control

The Jamaican government has suspended the trade in scrap metal due to widespread theft which is endangering the country's infrastructure. Nick Davis reports from Kingston.

Thought for the Day with Rev Roy Jenkins.

In a speech last night Lord Phillips explicitly defended the Archbishop of Canterbury's comments on sharia law earlier this year. Inayat Bunglawala of the Muslim Council of Britain and Lib Dem peer Lord Lester discuss

MPs have voted to keep their second home allowances but not to award themselves above-inflation pay rises. Labour MP and former minister Peter Kilfoyle and Liberal Democrat MP Nick Harvey discuss.

Alex Allen, who coordinates intelligence on threats to the UK's national security, is seriously ill in hospital. Security correspondent Gordon Corera reports.

Author Penelope Lively announces the shortlist for the BBC's National Short Story Award. Last year's winner Julian Gough discusses the nominations.

The Bar Council is not impressed by the portrayal of barristers and solicitors in the new BBC drama Criminal Justice. Timothy Dutton QC and Guardian journalist Eric Allison debate whether those who practise law are more interested in winning the case than the pursuit of justice.

Kareem Salama, said to be the world's first Muslim country and western singer, plays one of his songs and discusses his credentials with country music writer Sid Griffin.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00c7kkr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00c7rsw)

Cooke's Elections

BBC North American editor Justin Webb introduces Alistair Cooke's famous Letters from America, broadcast during previous election campaigns over the past 60 years.

Cooke saw many presidents come and go, but the election of George W Bush in November 2000 was to be the last. The veteran broadcaster announced his retirement four years later, by which time America had changed forever.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00c7rsv)

Is education too functional?; Singer Charlene Oliver

Do schools offer an education that will help pupils lead fulfilled and flexible lives? Plus, singer Charlene Oliver on her relationship with the song I've Never Been to Me.

FRI 11:00 The Medal Makers (b00cc102)

Former Olympic athlete Allison Curbishley explores the secret world of the judges at major sporting events.

In the build-up to Beijing 2008, she talks to some of the men and women from the UK who are off to China to officiate at athletic, equestrian and aquatic competitions. Most are volunteers, they all feel passionate about their sport and put as much effort into judging schoolchildren as they do world

Allison finds out what it's like to be one of these watchful and discreet figures whose rulings can decide medal places and asks whether they get as nervous before big competitions as the sportsmen and women they are scrutinizing. What does it feel like to be the person who measures the jump that wins the gold?

Allison also learns about the technology that has changed their lives, the pinpoint accuracy of the photo finish, the sensitivity of the computers used to identify a false start and why, despite all these advances, there's no replacement for the naked eye.

FRI 11:30 Paul Temple (b00cc4m0)

Paul Temple and the Madison Mystery

Introducing Madison

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

Paul springs his trap, and the secret of the watch-chain is finally revealed.

Paul Temple Crawford Logan Steve Gerda Stevenson

Hubert Greene Richard Greenwood

Stella Portland Emma Currie

Inspector Vosper Michael Mackenzie Sir Graham Forbes Gareth Thomas

Chris Boyer Nick Underwood Charlie Greg Powrie

George Kelly Robin Laing.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00c8204)

Presented by Winifred Robinson and Liz Barclay.

4 million people sail in the UK and our Olympic team is strongly tipped for success in Beijing. Sir Robin Knox Johnson, the first person to sail single-handed, unassisted and non-stop around the world, explains the sport's popularity. The programme looks at the costs of taking up the sport and joins a group of children taking to the water for the first time.

With guests:

Sir Robin Knox Johnson

Rob Walker, BBC Sailing Reporter

Lisa Pover and John Kimber, competitors in a round-the-world clipper race

Peter Cardy, Chief Exec Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00c8206)

The latest weather forecast,

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00c8208)

National and international news with Shaun Lev

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00cccxz)

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

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00cbvc2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b00cc5jp)

The NHS at 60: Stuffing Their Mouths with Gold

By Jerome Vincent.

Following the Labour landslide victory in 1945, new Minister of Health Aneurin Bevan knows he has the chance to bring about a real revolution with the creation of a free health service. But can he get both the Royal College of Physicians and the dissenters in his own party on his side? Jerome Vincent's play marks the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the NHS in July 1948.

Aneurin Bevan Robert Pugh Clement Attlee Richard Attlee

Lord Moran Nicholas Boulton

Herbert Morrison Trevor Littledale

John Buchan David Collings

Daisy Jaimi Barbakoff

Madge Jean Trend Rene/Harry Simon Treves Passer-by Lucie Fitchett

Directed by David Blount.

FRI 15:00 Shared Earth (b00cc5mr)

Series 5

Episode 4

Dylan Winter presents the topical magazine series celebrating the natural world and how to preserve it.

FRI 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00c83 ip)

SOS: Save Our Souls

The Weight of the Earth and the Lightness of the Human Heart

Short stories to mark the 100th anniversary of the international distress call.

In Linda Cracknell's tale, a climber teeters between life and death on the slopes of a remote mountain.

Read by Ralph Riach.

FRI 15:45 Cosmic Quest (b00c84kg)

Are We Alone?

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Heather Couper presents a narrative history of astronomy.

She looks at the prospects for life elsewhere in our own solar system. Could evidence of life have even been discovered already on Mars? She tells the story of the search for extraterrestrial intelligence as scientists scan the skies for messages from the stars.

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

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00cc5ny)

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

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00cccy1)

Alex Cox, the director of Repo Man talks about his new book and movie.

Peter Berg, the director of Hancock describes what you can and can not do in a Will Smith blockbuster.

Guy Maddin, The idiosyncratic Canadian filmmaker discusses his docu-fantasia about his childhood, his city and his mother.

FRI 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00c87cz)

4th July 1968

With John Tusa. The round-the-world yachtsman Alec Rose returns from his 354-day journey.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00c87d1)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00c87d3)

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

FRI 18:30 The Now Show (b00ccd25)

Series 24

Episode 2

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 (b00cc9kw)

Eddie doesn't help David by wondering if the Moulin Rouge float that Pip will on at the Borsetshire Show is a bit risqué. David is clearly not happy about it, and Ruth plays him along.

David and Ruth go off to the Royal Show, and meet up with a specialist in grass-based milk production. Ruth is keen to develop their extended grazing and consider keeping the cows out for even longer.

Fallon and Ed have a walk on the beach, and Fallon decides she's got to make Ed talk. She challenges him with the fact that he is still in love with Emma, and Ed can't deny it. He's devastated when Fallon tells him their relationship will have to end. She loves him, but she can't share his heart with someone

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00ccd27)

Presented by John Wilson.

Including

On the eve of a major new exhibition at the British Museum in London, John visits Rome to explore the legacy of the enigmatic emperor Hadrian.

Some of the world's leading architects have submitted jellybuildings for a special Architectural Jelly Banquet being held tonight at The London Festival Of Architecture. Architecture critic Hueh Pearman assesses the entries.

Pentangle were one of the shining lights in the modernisation of British folk music in the 1960s. Their sound blends traditional ballads, blues, jazz and pop, often incorporating different genres in the same piece. John talks to guitarist Bert Jansch and bass player Danny Thompson about why they decided to reform and how it feels to be performing together more than forty years after their debut.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00ccd29)

The Way we Live Right Now

Episode 15

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

In the glare of scandal, some hearts are mended.

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 Wynford Hurtle Corey Johnson Helen Croll Liz Sutherland Sheikh Izdihar Behrooz Nadim Sawalha Jason Crumb Chris Pavlo

Other parts played by Beth Chalmers, Stephen Critchlow, Dan Starkey and Joan Walker.

Directed by Jonquil Panting.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00ccd6r)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from St Peter's Hospital in Chertsey, Surrey.

Panellists include former Shadow Home Secretary David Davis, health minister Ben Bradshaw, UKIP leader Nigel Farage and Susan Kramer, Lib Dem spokesperson on the Cabinet Office and Families.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00ccd73)

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

FRI 21:00 Cosmic Quest Omnibus (b00ccf2r)

Birth, Life and Death

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

An exploration of the birth, life and death of stars, the formation of planets and the search for earth-like worlds beyond our own. The series ends by asking if there could be other lifeforms, even intelligence, out there in the vastness of space.

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

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00ccf3p)

The latest weather forecast

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00c9qfn)

News and analysis with Ritula Shah. Including features on the Anglican General Synod, Barack Obama's apparent change of policy on Iraq and the enduring appeal of Doctor Who.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00cc9l4) Breath

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

Bruce Pike looks back on his fractured youth and reflects on the man he has become, and how, despite everything, the surf retains its irresistible allure and ability to let a man dance.

FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b00c8yby)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00c9qfq)

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

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