

SATURDAY 02 AUGUST 2008**SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00csm10)**

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00cq77j)

Crap at the Environment

Episode 5

Comedian Mark Watson reads from his account of his efforts to reduce his carbon footprint.

Mark does his first comedy gig on the subject of the environment at the Big Switch Off in Melbourne. But in spite of his efforts, he is still struggling with his battle.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00csm12)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00csm14)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service. BBC Radio 4 resumes at 5.20am.

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00csm16)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00csm18)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00csm1b)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Ernie Rea.

SAT 05:45 Big Fish, Small Ponds (b0076s4k)

Whiteley Village and William Whiteley

David McKie explores some of Britain's most evocative spots and their local heroes.

The village was built for deserving pensioners by the merchant William Whiteley. David reveals the extraordinary life and death of the philanthropist whose murderer believed he was Whiteley's illegitimate son.

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00csm1d)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00csm1g)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00csm1j)

Countryside magazine. Matt Baker discovers why bees make the Devon countryside so special.

SAT 06:35 Farming Today This Week (b00csm1l)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Charlotte Smith.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00csm1h)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00csm1k)

Presented by Evan Davis and James Naughtie.

Including:

Home Information Packs are not being given out by some estate agents, the Law Society suggests. Nick Salmon of the National Association of Estate Agents and Paul Marsh of the Law Society, discuss whether HIPs are working.

A number of rare recordings, digitally cleaned up, are the subject of The Man Who Invented Stereo, a Radio 4 documentary about a lost genius called Alan Blumlein. Presenter Martin Shankleman discusses the electronics engineer.

Thought for the Day with Reverend Rob Marshall an Anglican Priest.

Barry George has been acquitted on appeal of the murder of BBC television presenter Jill Dando outside her London home. Barrister William Clegg QC, who defended George, discusses the verdict.

The proposed new coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth in Kent has been the subject of a prolonged protest. Dr Simon Lewis of Leeds University and Dr David Brown of the Institution of Chemical Engineers discuss whether coal should have a place in future energy supplies.

The International Gilbert and Sullivan Festival is beginning. Bernard Lockett, a speaker at the festival, explains the lasting appeal of the duo.

Labour MPs continue to talk among themselves about David Miliband's article on how to revive the party's fortunes. Labour MP John McDonnell and former Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine discuss rumours of a leadership contest.

During the Great Depression of the 1930s, many Americans chose to migrate to the Soviet Union. Their story did not end happily, with many ending up in Stalin's gulags. Author Tim Tzouliadis and Edward Lucas of The Economist discuss their journey.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00csm1m)

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them.

Presenter Richard Coles is joined by restaurateur and cookery guru Prue Leith, who currently heads the School Food Trust, the government campaign to improve school meals. The featured poet is Murray Lachlan Young.

Robert Watson, now a trainer of professional butlers, recalls a life spent in service, from his days as junior bottle washer at a hotel, to working as a head butler in a London hotel, where he catered for stars such as Madonna and Michael Jackson.

Robert Schifreen, a former teenage computer nerd, talks about his 15 minutes of fame in 1984, when he hacked into British Telecom's Prestel Service and found the password for the Duke of Edinburgh's personal account. Renee Botham takes us to her Space - the eating disorders unit of St Anne's Hospital, Tottenham, while listener Jackie Carpenter shares her inheritance tracks.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00csm1n)

Scottish Cycling - Hot Spots

SCOTTISH CYCLING - HOT SPOTS

Benedict Allen examines the pleasures of gentle adventure close to home with Richard Guise who has cycled the West Coast of Scotland, from the Mull of Kintyre to Cape Wrath; and talks to writer Andrew Mueller who travelled to some of the world's most troubled places from Basra to Kosovo to get a closer understanding of the reasons behind political and social conflict.

SAT 10:30 Leonard and Marianne (b00csm1p)

In 1960, on the Greek island of Hydra, a young Canadian poet on a state scholarship, Leonard Cohen, met Marianne Ihlen, the beautiful wife of a Norwegian novelist. The story of their romance, following her husband's desertion of her, and their eventual separation are immortalised in one of Cohen's earliest and best known songs, So Long, Marianne.

Forty-five years later, Cohen talked to Norwegian Radio about the song and then, in 2008, Marianne spoke for the first time in English about her role as 'muse'. With Marianne's death at the end of July, this is another opportunity to hear the story of their shared love, the passing of the years and their dearly-held memories.

Produced by Alan Hall (with thanks to NRK)

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 11:00 Beyond Westminster (b00csm1q)

Series 1

Episode 2

Andrew Rawnsley presents the series looking at politics beyond and outside the Westminster parliament.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00csm1r)

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

SAT 12:00 Alvin Hall's World of Money (b00csm1s)

Art

Financial guru Alvin Hall explores where investors put money during a credit crunch.

He hears how prices in the art world are still booming, talking to exhibitors, collectors and financiers on both sides of the

Atlantic. He meets a man who helps to fund art purchases that run into millions but also learns how some of the best art investments for the future might still be within the reach of ordinary people.

SAT 12:30 The Now Show (b00csm1t)

Series 24

Episode 6

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 (b00csm1u)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News Headlines (b00csm1v)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00csm1w)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Egham, Surrey.

The panel includes former deputy leader of the Labour Party Lord Hattersley, former leader of the Conservative Party Rt Hon Iain Duncan Smith MP, chair of the charity Turning Point and chair of the London Youth Crime Prevention Board Lord Adebowale and economist Ruth Lea.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00csm1x)

Jonathan Dimbleby takes listeners' calls and emails in response to this week's edition of Any Questions? Call 03700 100 444 [calls from land lines cost no more than 8p a minute].

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b00csm1y)

These Are the Times

Age of Reason

The second and final part of Trevor Griffiths' two-part life of Thomas Paine, These are the Times.

In Part 2, Age of Reason, Paine is again embroiled in a revolutionary situation. This time it's in France, where the struggle and outcome are totally different from his American experience.

All his high hopes for change, and his work for a new Constitution and the rule of Law are swept away by the Terror. He is attacked as a dangerous influence in England, imprisoned in France and makes it back to America - but to an unexpected reception.

Music by John Tams

Director: Clive Brill

Producer: Ann Scott

A Greenpoint production in association with Richard Attenborough for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b00csm1z)

Highlights of this week's Woman's Hour programmes with Jane Garvey. Featuring Harriet Harman on the law of provocation, outgoing deputy governor of the Bank of England Rachel Lomax, women Olympians, Chinese singer Sa Ding Ding and when art meets science.

SAT 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00csm2a)

2nd August 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. As talks continue between Czech and Soviet leaders, demonstrators in Prague call for greater Czech sovereignty.

SAT 17:00 PM (b00csm2b)

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

SAT 17:30 iPM (b00csm2c)

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

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00csm2d)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00csm2e)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00csqgk)

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

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00csqgm)

With Peter Curran. His guests are Cass Pennant, William Leith, Jo Bunting, Sam Kilcoyne, Shappi Khorsandi and Louis CK. Music is from James Hunter and Kitty, Daisy and Lewis.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b00csqgp)

Lord Colin Moynihan

Rob Bonnet profiles Lord Colin Moynihan, Chair of the British Olympic Association.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00csqgr)

Tom Sutcliffe and guests review the cultural highlights of the week.

SAT 20:00 The Archive Hour (b00csqgt)

The Man who Invented Stereo

Martin Shankleman profiles Alan Blumlein, an unsung but remarkable inventor. During the 1930s he devised the world's first stereo recording system and many of the key features of television. He went on to pioneer radar systems that played a major role in Allied victory in the Second World War. Yet his untimely death on a secret radar testing mission has left his name relatively unknown. Had he lived, according to a colleague, he would have been seen as the Michael Faraday of the 20th century.

SAT 21:00 Portrait of a Lady (b00cq3jj)

Truth

Isabel has been married to the handsome and urbane Gilbert Osmond for three years.

Like a sparkling and brilliant jewel, she is part of his collection of beautiful things, but she is about to discover a startling truth.

Conclusion of Henry James's novel, dramatised by Rachel Joyce.

Isabel Archer Anna Maxwell Martin
Madame Merle Haydn Gwynne
Lord Warburton Robert Bathurst
Mrs Touchett Gayle Hunnicutt
Gilbert Osmond Colin Stinton
Ralph Touchett Paul Venables
Henrietta Stackpole Laurel Lefkow
Caspar Goodwood Corey Johnson
Countess Gemini Barbara Barnes
Edward Rosier Nyasha Hatendi
Mother Catherine Joan Walker
Narrator William Hope

Pianist: Duncan Walsh Atkins

Director: Tracey Neale.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2008.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00csqgw)

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

SAT 22:15 Moral Maze (b00cqrh9)

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

SAT 23:00 Round Britain Quiz (b00cqdz7)

2008

Episode 5

Tom Sutcliffe chairs the latest heat of the cryptic general knowledge quiz. Wales take on the South of England.

Questions from Programme 6

Question 1
Wales

Why would a Club sandwich be appropriate for a collaborative 17th century playwright, a reggae star who was the first to scale a British summit, and a controversially-tripped athlete?

Question 2
South of England

In which art museum might you find a man-eating beast, a prolific crime writer, Billy the Kid's would-be pardoner, and the householder of 62 West Wallaby Street in Wigan?

Question 3
Wales

The link between these three pieces is fundamental. What is it?

Question 4
South of England

In what way does each of the following have two titles?

Question 5 – listener question from Jude Rymer in York
Wales

One was the site of a fictional entrance in an unsuitable receptacle; another saw a departure, following a flight from home late in life. A third was the scene of a weekly romantic assignation; and a group braved the supernatural to stay the night at a fourth. What, and where, are they?

Question 6 – listener question from Sandy Duff in Spain
South of England

Where could you find together: a Commonwealth country consisting of 990 islands; a national park in Southern California; a character in the TV soap Emmerdale who retired to Spain; a James Bond actor; and a champion of consumers and children?

Question 7
Wales

A Christmas number which featured a mystery in a red room; an expert to whom 19th century English goodwives turned on a monthly basis; and the photographer of fashionable society. All successful, yet all losers – why?

Question 8
South of England

A 15th century French murder trial, Rose's wedding in the Sudan which received international attention, and the mass excommunication that provoked a theological dilemma. What's the legal connection?

SAT 23:30 Poetry and the Russian Soul (b00cq44r)
And Poetry Awakens in Me

Martin Sixsmith explores the heart and soul of Russia's poetry.

Effectively a creation of the 18th century, poetry was vital in creating a natural language and form of expression as modern Russia forged a separate identity from the old world of the Slavonic church. Pushkin was its first hero and remains the archetype of the brilliant but doomed poet whose quest for the essential truth of his nation and people carries with it fatal consequences.

SUNDAY 03 AUGUST 2008

SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00ct0dw)

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

SUN 00:30 The Late Story (b00cw7tx)

The Bus Driver Who Wanted to Be God and Other Stories by Etgar Keret

Pride and Joy

Stories by the young Israeli writer. As Ehud Guznik gets bigger, he discovers that his parents seem to get smaller. Read by Henry Goodman.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00ct0dy)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00ct0f0)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00ct0f2)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00ct0f4)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00ct0f6)

The sound of church bells from Howden Minster, East Yorkshire.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b00csqgp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00ct0f8)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00ct211)

Ambition

Mark Tully asks how ambitious we should be and whether ambition can be detrimental to spiritual growth. In fields such as politics, can too much ambition be dangerous?

SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b00ct213)

Elinor Goodman visits the lavender fields of Kent.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00ct215)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00ct217)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00ct219)

Jane Little and guests discuss the religious and ethical news of the week.

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00ct21c)

Credit Action

Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams appeals on behalf of Credit Action. Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b00ct21f)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00ct21h)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00ct21k)

A service from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Belfast. Preacher: Fr Gerry Patton. Donal McCriskin directs Capella Caeciliana.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00crs4z)

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

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00ct21m)

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

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00ct21p)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00ct21r)

Richard Ingrams

Kirsty Young's guest on Desert Island Discs this week is Richard Ingrams. Former editor and a founder of the satirical magazine Private Eye, he's one of the godfathers of contemporary British satire. Pseud's Corner, Dear Bill, and Colemanballs all originated with him at the helm. Now editor of The Oldie, he's still taking part in regular ideas meetings at Private Eye and says he wouldn't know what to do if he stopped working.

From a privileged and well-connected background he seemed an unlikely outsider, yet he's spent a lifetime pulling the rug from under the feet of the great and the good. It's often proved a risky route, bringing him into conflict with army recruiting sergeants, cabinet ministers and billionaire industrialists alike. One of four boys, his favourite childhood memories are of accompanying his mother on the piano while she played the violin. He met Willie Rushton at school when they worked on the school magazine and at Oxford he met Paul Foot and other Private Eye regulars contributing to more magazines - Parson's

Pleasure and Mesopotamia.

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

Favourite track: The Gloria from Mass in B Minor by Johann Sebastian Bach
Book: Teach yourself piano tuning
Luxury: Grand piano.

SUN 12:00 Just a Minute (b00cqgrw)

Series 53

Episode 1

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game from the Latitude Festival in Southwold. Panellists are Paul Merton, Clement Freud, Ross Noble and Phill Jupitus.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00ct57s)

Lamb

Dominic Pierce hears from a pioneering sheep farmer who overcame the problems of low prices and foot and mouth by selling her meat direct to some of the nation's leading chefs.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00ct57v)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00ct57x)

A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

SUN 13:30 Children of the Olympic Bid (b00ct57z)

Series 3

Episode 3

Peter White continues to follow the progress of the 30 youngsters who travelled to Singapore in support of London's Olympic bid.

He catches up with athlete Jessica Manning, who was widely thought to be a real contender for the London games. But she has found it hard to commit to her training, and as her parents plan for their new life in Canada she is left regretting that she didn't try harder at both her sport and her studies.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00d0kjl)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

John Cushnie, Bob Flowerdew and Matthew Biggs are guests of Hesse High School, near Hull.

The series on gardening fundamentals continues with Chris Beardshaw and Anne Swithinbank looking at the legume family.

SUN 14:45 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's History of Home (b009j657)

Voysey

Laurence Llewelyn Bowen's history of our homes from the 1920s to the present day, beginning with a profile of the 'father of the English suburb', Charles Voysey. From March 2008.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00ct583)

My Name Is Red

Episode 1

Ayeesha Menon's dramatisation of Orhan Pamuk's murder mystery set in Istanbul in 1590.

The Sultan brings together the most acclaimed artists in his kingdom to create a secret book of miniatures celebrating the glories of his realm. But when two of the miniaturists are murdered, panic erupts.

Black, an artist-turned-diplomat, is called back to Istanbul after a 12-year absence to find the killer. The only clue lies in the half-finished illuminations themselves.

Black Baris Pirhasan
Enishte Korhan Abay
Shekure Ece Dizdar
Esther Demet Tuncer
Butterfly Murat Yatman
Olive Yigit Ozsener
Stork Konuralp Sunal
Hasan Baris Cakmak
Osman Eris Akman

Tresurer Umur Demirdelen

Elegant Aziz Mullaaziz

Narrators Ozlem Turhal, Mehmet Ergen, Engin Cezar

Other parts played by Sinan Onukar, Ben Hopkins, Duygu Yeral, Engin Cezar and Ismail Hakki Eren.

Directed by John Dryden.

SUN 16:00 Bookclub (b00ct585)

Colm Toibin

Irish writer Colm Toibin joins James Naughtie and readers to discuss his Man Booker shortlisted novel *The Master*, a fictionalised account of five years in the life of Henry James. James is often thought of as a writer's writer and Toibin's story explores the difference and the tension between the master novelist and the private man, anxious, troubled and unsure.

SUN 16:30 Poetry and the Russian Soul (b00ct587)

Set the Hearts of Men on Fire with Your Word

Martin Sixsmith explores the heart and soul of Russia's poetry.

Effectively a creation of the 18th century, poetry was vital in creating a natural language and form of expression as modern Russia forged a separate identity from the old world of the Slavonic church. More importantly, it carried far greater weight than the poetry of the West. From the days of the Tsar to the fall of Communism, Russian poetry was charged with a powerful and often fatal responsibility to convey the essential truth of the nation.

SUN 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00ct7ky)

3rd August 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Sirhan Sirhan appears in court, accused of the murder of Senator Bobby Kennedy.

SUN 17:00 How Crime Took on the World (b00cqhmj)

Episode 2

Misha Glenny charts the explosion and growth of international crime in our newly globalised world.

He investigates cigarette smuggling, visiting Belgrade and Montenegro before following a favoured route for contraband through Italy to Brussels. He examines allegations that the tobacco industry is complicit in the illegal trade.

SUN 17:40 Profile (b00csqpp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00ct710)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00ct712)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00ct714)

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

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00ct716)

Claudia Hammond presents a selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00ct718)

Concerned that Will didn't work yesterday, Adam and Eddie go to Casa Nueva where it's clear the dogs have been locked in alone for some time. They're relieved to find the guns safely locked up but the severity of the situation becomes clear when Clarrie calls with news that Edward and William have had a bad fight.

Emma can't get hold of Will. Susan chunters on about falling grocery sales but when Neil turns up with news that Will's disappeared, Emma tells them how close Will came to killing Ed. Neil thinks it was a catastrophe waiting to happen and this is just the start. Susan feels for Clarrie and Eddie, who must be sick with worry, and Neil offers to go round after ringing. Ringing practice doesn't go well and Neil's critical of Chris. Susan blames it on Chris being preoccupied ahead of next week's exam results.

Clarrie and Eddie are shocked when they see Ed's neck. Ed suggests Will might have gone to Nic's. Eddie reckons he might be dosed down in the woods after going on a bender.

Emma's worried that Will might do something to himself. So does Ed. Regardless of their history, he'd never wish that on him.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00ct71b)

Barney Harwood presents the children's magazine.

He visits the British Library to meet storyteller Vaya Nadu in the celebration of the timeless and enduring story of the Ramayana, a Sanskrit epic poem dating from the fourth century BC. Young dancers from the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan perform a chapter from the work, which features a magical eagle, an amazing flying monkey who shrinks and expands, a ghastly many-headed demon king and mythical warriors.

SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b0077596)

Birds and Beasts

Nanny

Specially commissioned stories with an animal theme.

In Shena Mackay's tale, the pig catches up with Campbell Forsyth, academic and philanderer, when he notices something odd about the hairy woman in the front row.

Read by Barbara Flynn.

SUN 20:00 For One Night Only (b00esh0c)

Series 3

When John Met John

Series in which Paul Gambaccini recalls classic concerts.

Playing at Madison Square Garden on Thanksgiving Night 1974, Elton John announced a surprise guest. To the delight of the audience, John Lennon took the stage in what would be his last public appearance before his assassination.

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00crrbg)

Matthew Bannister presents the obituary series, analysing and celebrating the life stories of people who have recently died. The programme reflects on people of distinction and interest from many walks of life, some famous and some less well known.

SUN 21:00 Face the Facts (b00ct71d)

The Promised Land

John Waite presents the investigative consumer series.

He investigates the business of selling small plots of land to investors with the promise of a return of four hundred per cent on their outlay. The scheme assumes the land will one day get planning permission, but instead thousands of people are left with a ridiculously expensive picnic site. Financial regulators are trying to crack down on the practice.

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00ct21c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 Analysis (b00crn55)

Climate Change: The Quick Fix?

Frances Cairncross investigates geo-engineering, the idea that technology can be developed to cool the world if global warming accelerates. The theory is highly controversial and raises many questions which governments would prefer not to think about. Contributors include US legal expert David Victor of Stanford University, Prof Brian Launder of the University of Manchester and Julian Morris of the International Policy Network.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00ct71g)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00ct71j)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including Bowing out Gracefully: The Brandreth Rules for Standing Down.

SUN 23:00 1968 Day by Day Omnibus (b00ct71l)

Week ending 3rd August 1968

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

Mick Jagger previews the new Rolling Stones album *Beggars Banquet*. Preliminary peace talks between Nigeria and breakaway Biafra end inconclusively. The Archbishop of Canterbury disagrees with the Pope's recent ruling against artificial means of contraception. The first ever episode of *Dads' Army* is aired on BBC TV. Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan calls for an honourable peace in Vietnam.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00ct211)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 04 AUGUST 2008

MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00ct99z)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00crbyr)
Punters - Cultural Transfer

PUNTERS
Dr Teela Sanders, Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Leeds, talks about her latest research findings on the complex and unexpected relationships which develop between sex workers and their regular clients.

CULTURAL TRANSFER
According to new research, the increasing numbers of Chinese students coming to Britain expect to find themselves in a land of gentle people with good manners and respect, but some of them do not find what they were hoping for. Laurie Taylor is joined by Professor Greg Philo, author of a new survey entitled *Cultural Transfer: The Impact of Direct Experience on Evaluations of British and Chinese Societies* and by Professor Hugode Burgh, director of the China Media Centre at the University of Westminster, to discuss what China is learning back from Britain.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00ct0f6)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00ct9b1)
The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00ct9b3)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00ct9b5)
The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00ct9b7)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00ct90v)
Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Ernie Rea.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00ct9b9)
News and issues in rural Britain, with Mark Holdstock.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00ct9bc)
The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b00ct9bf)
Presented by Edward Stourton and James Naughtie.

Including:

Author DM Thomas and former BBC documentary maker Archie Barron discuss the life of Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who has died at the age of 89.

A new ferry service connects the Scottish island of Jura directly to the mainland, the first direct link to the island for 30 years. James Shaw reports.

A cross-party committee of MPs is critical of the government's plans for a graduated car tax. Conservative Tim Yeo, chair of the Environmental Audit Committee, and former Labour minister Peter Kilfoyle discuss whether drivers will benefit.

Researchers at the Health Protection Agency say that vaccinating children under five against flu will cut the number of infections and even deaths among the elderly. Prof Steve Field of the Royal College of GPs discusses.

11 climbers are feared dead after an avalanche on the mountain K2 in the Himalayas. Irish mountaineer Terrence Bannion talks about how he knows one of those who is missing.

Thought for the day with Rev Dr Alan Billings.

Shadow Schools Secretary Michael Gove claims that the education system is perpetuating inequality in England and that reforming schools, along with strengthening families, is the way to a fairer society. He discusses his idea with Schools Minister Jim Knight.

It is 27 years since Brian Eno teamed up with David Byrne of Talking Heads to record the landmark album *My Life in the Bush of Ghosts*. They are back together to record a new work, to be released on the internet. Mark Coles reports.

A new film of *Brideshead Revisited* has just opened in the US to a poor reception from critics. Giles Foden of the University of East Anglia and novelist Deborah Moggach discuss the dangers of trying to adapt novels for the big screen.

MON 09:00 Our Food, our Future (b00cx66d)
Episode 2

Tom Heap examines the global food crisis and its impact on Britain.

We are radically changing the way we shop, cook and eat as food prices rise. However, this is not necessarily all bad news.

MON 09:30 Top of the Class (b00ct9bk)
Series 1

Tamsin Little

John Wilson meets leading figures in their fields and takes them back to the places and people they left behind but who influenced their later success.

He takes international violinist Tamsin Little back to the Yehudi Menuhin School where she began her musical education as a prodigy at the age of 8. She is reunited with her teacher, Pauline Scott who nurtured her talent and helped her become the player she is today.

Her best friend at the school, Gwawr Owen, is also there as they both rediscover their childhood haunts, share memories of boarding school dinners and Tamsin reveals to John extracts from the diary she kept from her time there.

Producer - Sarah Taylor.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00ct9t5)
Batting on the Bosphorus

Episode 1

Scottish sports writer Angus Bell's account of a cricket tour to unusual places, read by Robin Laing.

Drawing inspiration from an encounter with a psychic, Angus begins his trip with a game played on ice.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00ct9t2)
Catherine Tate; Catholics and birth control

Catherine Tate on time travel with Doctor Who. Plus, the career of Nellie Wallace; and why do some practising Catholics choose to ignore the church's teaching on birth control?

MON 11:00 At War with Wellington (b00ct9t8g)

Peter and Dan Snow follow in the footsteps of Wellington's forces in the Peninsular War against the occupying forces of Napoleon. The campaign lasted five years but was ultimately successful, resulting in the expulsion of the French forces from Portugal and Spain.

Peter and Dan visit the sites of Wellington's victories at Vimeiro and Talavera and look at the diaries and journals of the men who fought alongside him as well as Wellington himself.

MON 11:30 Baggage (b008jd1h)
Series 3

Not Quite Part of the Plan

Comedy series by Hilary Lyon, set in Edinburgh.

In summertime, the living is far from easy. Caroline and Ruth struggle with Fiona's post-natal aggression, unaware that the worst is yet to come.

Caroline Hilary Lyon
Fiona Phyllis Logan
Ruth Adie Allen
Roddy Robin Cameron
Nicholas Moray Hunter

Directed by Marilyn Imrie.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00ctjzx)
Presented by Liz Barclay and Peter White.

Including:

An investigation by BBC London has revealed a group of mortgage brokers who have allegedly falsified documents to obtain home loans for clients, even when those clients have no right to be in the UK.

The DVLA releases hundreds of drivers' names and addresses to private parking enforcement companies so they can collect parking fines or penalty charges. But should access be restricted? A case in Bournemouth suggests that it should.

Simon Parkes samples lunches across the world.

Should sun protection products be zero-rated for VAT? With Zariah Pinchbeck, Director of PR at Superdrug, and John Whiting, tax expert from PWC.

Why are hosiery sales for men rising? With Kieran Hughes, Director at Precious Collections, and fashion forecaster Martin Raymond.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00cv1jf)
The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00cv1jh)
National and international news with Shaun Ley.

MON 13:30 Round Britain Quiz (b00ct9jqv)
2008

Episode 6

Tom Sutcliffe chairs the latest heat of the cryptic general knowledge quiz. The North of England take on Scotland.

Questions from Programme 7

Question 1
North of England

Relatively speaking, can you connect Max Ernst to a New York museum developed by The Ladies, and Kuryakin's gang?

Question 2
Scotland

What might be the vehicle of choice of Pip's lawyer acquaintance, a printer of the First Folio, and the Dartford Warbler?

Question 3
North of England

How is this linked to America's favourite under-achiever, a Devon river, and a letter of the alphabet?

Question 4
Scotland

Where in the world are we?

Question 5 – listener question from Vin Sherlock in Nottingham
North of England

Take us with small additions from: a silver symbol; to a racehorse owner and Imam with no shortage of the first; to a type of tale sometimes associated with part of the second; to a French writer whose works might be seen as intellectual versions of the third.

Question 6 – listener question from Roland Howell in Darlington
Scotland

One who had to make a great personal sacrifice, in order to gain wisdom, by an ash tree; an opponent whom a Tuscan army admired for his courage; and an exploitative pedagogue of the 19th century, had just one thing in common. What was it? And who are they?

Question 7
North of England

On which road might you have encountered the Dark Lady of DNA, a still superhero, London's Mercurial editor, and Lassie's father?

Question 8
Scotland

Fred was ginger, Don was psychotic, and Ed was known for his inside leg measurement; but John, unfortunately, was dead. Who were they and where did they come from?

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00ct718)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b00ctjxc)
No Going Back

By Ron Hutchinson.

An Australian visiting Ireland for the first time since childhood finds himself in the midst of a fifty-year-old murder mystery. Alarming, the finger of guilt seems to point directly at his family.

Tom McAtee Richard Dillane
Sammy Ferguson John Hewitt
Nelly McAtee Abigail McKern
Jim McAtee James Greene
Newspaper Editor Miche Doherty
Mary Lennox Annie McCartney
Billy Lennox Harry Towb
Tea Lady Seán Brennan.

MON 15:00 Alvin Hall's World of Money (b00esp1l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

MON 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00ctjxs)
The Foods of Love and Hate

Pigs in Blankets

Stories with a gastronomic flavour.

In Shena Mackay's tale, Zac devises a special dinner for his idyllic village restaurant. He is delighted to be entertaining a bunch of convivial friends but it seems that community spirit in the village is not all that it might be.

Read by Hugh Bonneville.

MON 15:45 At War with Wellington Docudrama (b00d1x77)
Travel

Peter and Dan Snow introduce letters and diaries of the soldiers who fought the Peninsula campaign against Napoleon's forces in Spain and Portugal.

Delving into the archives of the Royal Greenjackets Museum, we discover how Wellington's men travelled, from their voyages to Portugal to their long forced marches. They suffered in the heat and shivered in the rain, and we hear the songs and military airs that kept them inspired to fight for King and country.

The part of the Duke of Wellington is played by Benedict Cumberbatch, the other members of the cast are Neil Dudgeon, David Holt, Frank Stirling and David Westhead.

Producer: Alyn Shipton
A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00ct57s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b00cv162)
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 (b00ctjvt)
4th August 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. US sprinter Tommy Smith backs a proposed boycott of the Mexico Olympics by black American athletes.

MON 17:00 PM (b00cv1jm)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news, presented by Eddie Mair.

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00cv1jp)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b00ctjwc)
Series 53

Episode 2

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game from the Hay Festival. Panellists are Clement Freud, Gyles Brandreth, Marcus Brigstocke and Dave Gorman.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00cv37g)
Pat tries to console Clarrie and insists Will won't leave George for long. Clarrie admits that Will went for Edward. She felt ashamed when she had to tell Adam the truth, and thinks that's how Will must feel too - that's why he can't show his face.

Tom and Helen realise they both envisage a future together at Bridge Farm - as owner-occupiers. Pleased but surprised at the news, Tony recalls what happened last time they tried to buy the tenancy, and reminds them that the tenancy will pass on to them anyway. Tom and Helen insist they'd rather be owner-occupiers and bombard him with their enthusiastic argument. Tony insists he needs to speak to Pat first - there's a lot to think about. Tom and Helen realise it's time to back off but Tony is touched that they care so much.

Ruth's shocked to hear that Oliver's winding up the business. Mike still hopes it won't happen but needs to look to his future. Ruth's flattered that Mike would consider using Brookfield milk but has to burst his bubble. It's too complicated even to consider separating their production for local processing. Ruth's sorry but Brookfield can't come to Mike's rescue.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00cv37j)
Presented by John Wilson.

Including:

Ronald Harwood discusses the work of Nobel Prize winning writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who has died at the age of 89. Harwood adapted Solzhenitsyn's One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich for a film in 1970.

Archeologist and historian Jonathan Foyle reviews the third film in the Mummy franchise series, which features the Chinese First Emperor of Qin and his terracotta warriors.

Andrew Dickson talks about two new plays at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Simon Stephen's Pornography is set in the July week when Britain went from the euphoria of the Olympics announcement to the tragedy of the 7/7 bombings. The first adaptation of Carl Hiaasen's Lucky You tells the story of a lottery winner in redneck America.

Fashion critic Martin Raymond discusses the V and A exhibition that explores the relationship between contemporary fashion and global sportswear brands.

Travis Elborough's book charts the 60-year history of the vinyl LP, which has recovered from the digital music threat and is now enjoying a revival.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00ctjxs)
Inside the Whale

Was I Delusional?

Lying in his hospital bed, Michael is writing out his life for Anna, who tends to him.

With Penelope Wilton and David Troughton.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

MON 20:00 1968 The Sixty-Eighters at Sixty (b00ctjzz)
Episode 1

David Aaronovitch assesses the legacy of 1968, talking to the self-styled revolutionaries of 40 years ago.

He talks to Foreign Office minister Kim Howells, then a leader of the Hornsey Art College occupation. Feminist Sheila Rowbotham recalls the communal house she was living in. John Birt explains why his rigorous reforms as BBC director general followed on from his youthful anti-establishment views. Right-wing columnist Bruce Anderson talks about his youthful communist self and why he changed, partly as a result of the conflict in his native Northern Ireland

Finally, David visits Northern Ireland itself to explore the outcome of the civil rights movement and the aggression it provoked, now seen by many as a crucial step in Ulster's descent into violence.

MON 20:30 Crossing Continents (b00crgsr)
Belarus Youth

Lucy Ash travels to Belarus ahead of parliamentary elections in autumn 2008 to ask the post-Soviet generation where they think their future lies on a country often described as the last dictatorship in Europe. Former collective farm boss Alexander Lukashenka has kept an iron grip on power for the past 14 years in this country sandwiched between Russia and the European Union. After rigged presidential elections in 2006, thousands took to the streets hoping to emulate the bloodless regime changes in neighbouring Ukraine and Georgia. But they failed and the nation still seems stuck in a Communist era time warp. So are young people happy with the status quo or are they paralysed by fear?

MON 21:00 Peer Review in the Dock (b00ctk01)

Mark Whitaker investigates the tarnished image of a flawed process. Peer Review is supposed to be the keystone of quality control for research projects and academic studies, yet evidence of its many deficiencies has been building up for over 20 years. American lawyers have started challenging expert witnesses on the basis that peer review no longer guarantees their expertise. Yet accurate peer review in fields such as medicine can be a matter of life and death.

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A Square Dog production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 21:30 Our Food, our Future (b00cx66d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00cv5jt)
The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00ctk11)

National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah.

Including reports on an attack in the Chinese border province of Xinjiang which left 16 policemen dead, the practice of circumcision to cut HIV infection rates, and how certain magazines can apparently encourage parental irresponsibility.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ctk1n)
God's Own Country

Episode 6

Matt Smith reads from Ross Raisin's compelling and disturbing tale of adolescence on the edge, set on the Yorkshire Moors.

Sam's parents have been concerned at his growing friendship with the daughter of the family who have recently moved into the neighbouring farmhouse. When the rebellious teenage girl asks Sam to help her run away from home, he doesn't hesitate and the two of them set out across the moors.

MON 23:00 Word of Mouth (b009y1sy)

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

MON 23:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b0124y8y)
Series 1

Dial M for Martian

Comedy series by Christopher William Hill, set in 1961. A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2006.

Will Hugo give in to government manipulation to save his beloved show from cancellation?

Nigel Lavery Peter Bowles
Sylvia Hann Cheryl Campbell
Godfrey Winnard John Fortune
Sir Angus McNairn Gary Waldhorn
Hugo Kellerman Joseph Kloska
Douglas Bennings Jon Glover
Colin Franks Paul Richard Biggin
Miss Pickford Miranda Keeling.

TUESDAY 05 AUGUST 2008

TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00ct90x)

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

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00ct915)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00ct90z)
The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00ct911)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00ct913)
The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00ct915)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00ct917)
Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Ernie Rea.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00ct919)
News and issues in rural Britain, with Mark Holdstock.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00ct91c)
Presented by Edward Stourton and James Naughtie.

Including:

Dr Barry Peters reports on a new vaccine designed to help HIV/Aids patients.

Journalist Richard Lloyd Parry and author Mark Leonard discuss the situation in China three days before the Olympics begin.

Should the Gangmasters' Licensing Authority be extended to include the construction industry? Employment Rights Minister Pat McFadden thinks not. GLA Chairman Paul Whitehouse discusses how to combat rogue employers.

Former US President Bill Clinton talks to Jane Dreaper about funding for HIV drugs.

Lord Lyell, chairman of the House of Lords Constitution Committee, discusses plans for 42-day detention for terrorist suspects.

Research reveals large gaps in the knowledge of high earners about incomes in Britain. Sarah Castell of Ipsos Mori discusses the findings.

Wyre Davies reports from the Jordan Valley on settlement activity on Palestinian land.

Robert Peston and Peter Montellier of Newcastle newspaper The Journal discuss the significance of the Northern Rock results.

Chancellor Alistair Darling discusses the economy and the Labour leadership.

Bryn Terfel explains what it is like to perform in front of 3,000 people.

Tim Parks and Indian novelist Amit Chaudhuri discuss the accuracy of novels based on India.

Former Conservative cabinet minister Norman Fowler and author Nigel Rees listen to some of the most famous examples of political euphemism.

Christian Tyler and Charles Cumming, author of a thriller built

around an attack on the Olympics by terrorists from Xinjiang, discuss the situation in the Chinese province.

TUE 09:00 The Choice (b00cv5mn)

Michael Buerk interviews people who have made life-altering decisions and talks them through the whole process, from the original dilemma to living with the consequences.

Dutch politician Geert Wilders discusses his decision to make a provocative anti-Islamic film.

TUE 09:30 A Sense of Liverpool (b008m6np)
Episode 1

Writers, artists and entertainers take a fresh look at Liverpool, to mark its year as European Capital of Culture.

Rastafarian poet Levi Tafari goes on a literary journey in and around his home in Toxteth. He explores why Liverpool is traditionally a city of storytellers, boasting a long tradition of poets, novelists and playwrights. He talks about its influence on him in poems such as Toxteth Where I Reside.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00ct9rg)
Batting on the Bosphorus

Episode 2

Scottish sports writer Angus Bell's account of a cricket tour to unusual places, read by Robin Laing.

Angus gets his first international cap - as captain of Slovakia.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00ct915)
Class A drugs; Katy Livingston

The relationship between professional women and Class A drugs discussed. Plus, pentathlete Katy Livingston; and who would run the country if the government was all female?

TUE 11:00 Batman and the Barbies (b0088ndb)
Felicity Finch joins conservationist Tim Dixon in search of the nesting places of the very rare Barbestelle bats amongst the ancient trees of Moccas Park in Herefordshire. The environment is currently under threat from a new National Grid gas pipeline.

TUE 11:30 Mr Punch Says That's the Way to Do It (b00ctkd3)

Actor Martin Reeve explores the history and tenacious survival of the Punch and Judy show. He talks to professors, fans and historians about how a glove puppet with attitude has managed to make his mark on popular culture for more than 250 years.

TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00ct91c)
Call You and Yours

Presented by Liz Barclay and Peter White.

Credit Crunch.

How are the economic problems affecting listeners?

With guests:
Cliff D'Arcy, economic commentator
Jerry Blackett, Birmingham Chamber of Commerce
Alex MacDermott, Citizens Advice Social Policy Officer
Terence Blacker, columnist for The Independent
Dan Atkinson, comedian.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00ct91c)
The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00ct91c)
National and international news with Shaun Ley.

TUE 13:30 Page to Performance (b00ctkd5)
Series 2

Man of Tango

Lowri Blake explores the history of well-known pieces of music.

Astor Piazzolla brought the tango into the orchestral repertoire with his Bandononeo Concerto. Lowri tells the story of the man who composed around 3,000 tangos. Featured performers include bandoneon virtuoso Per Arne Glorvigen, who demonstrates the versatility and expressiveness of this giant

among squeezeboxes.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00cv37g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b00774jb)
The Gunshot Wedding

By Katie Hims.

Aidan, 14, tells us the story of Leila Jones, the skinny girl from across the road. Her mum's fallen for a cowboy at line-dancing, except he's really a telephone engineer. Then she finds a gun in her brother's bedroom.

Aidan Louis Dunsford
Leila Ashley Madekwe
Julie Tanya Franks
Michael Freddy White
Niall Ralph Ineson.

TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b00cvbkh)
Richard Daniel and the team discuss listeners' questions about the environment and the natural world.

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00ctwx9)
The Foods of Love and Hate

Specialite du Perigord

Stories with a gastronomic flavour.

EJ Patience's tale is about Madame Boisseau, who danced with Les Folies Bergere in her youth. These days she pickles and bakes with her harvest of walnuts and provides gossip for the villagers. Opinions differ as to the cause of her still-youthful looks. Are they due to her well-water, her walnut-flavoured Pinot, or the steady stream of lovers who have climbed the path up the hill to her house over the years?

Read by Clare Higgins.

TUE 15:45 At War with Wellington Docudrama (b001znp)
Food and Entertainment

Peter and Dan Snow continue their investigation into the experiences of the army that marched with Wellington in Spain and Portugal in 1808.

We find out what the soldiers ate and drank, and what they did for entertainment. From the groaning tables of winter quarters to the arduous rations of the road, we travel from the formal dances for officers and men to the honorary bullfights staged for Wellington.

The part of the Duke of Wellington is played by Benedict Cumberbatch, the other members of the cast are Neil Dudgeon, David Holt, Frank Stirling and David Westhead.

Producer: Alyn Shipton
A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 16:00 Word of Mouth (b00cvbkk)
Michael Rosen takes another journey into the world of words, language and the way we speak. He looks at the language of apologies and insults. Guests are Quentin Letts and Janey Godley. American academic Nick Smith explains why he believes that many apologies are simply lies.

TUE 16:30 Great Lives (b00cvbkm)
Series 16

Lord Longford

Series of biographical discussions with Matthew Parris.

Jon Snow argues the case for the prison reform campaigner and former member of Attlee's cabinet. He is assisted by Longford's daughter Rachel Billington and his biographer Peter Stanford.

TUE 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00cvbkp)
5th August 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Peace talks commence in Addis Ababa between Nigeria and breakaway Biafra.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00cv1gr)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00cv1gt)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

TUE 18:30 Hut 33 (b00ljn73)
Series 1

Bridge Too Far

Three wartime code-breakers are forced to share a draughty wooden hut as they try to break German ciphers.

Unfortunately, they hate each other.

James Cary's sitcom set in Bletchley Park in 1941.

Charles Robert Bathurst
Archie Tom Goodman-Hill
Minka Olivia Colman
Gordon Fergus Craig
Mrs Best Lill Roughley
Joshua Alex MacQueen

Producer: Adam Bromley.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2007.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00cv2wt)

David's sorry they can't supply Mike with milk but applauds Mike's efforts. Mike admits he might end up having to buy from one of the big companies. Roy suggests it might be time to consider retiring but Mike won't hear of it.

David's got a huge bill to repair the Massey for Bert. He's also bought his costume for Shula and Kenton's party. David's pleased with his Jimmy Saville tracksuit but is disappointed that Ruth's going for the Lady Di look rather than an 80's ra-ra skirt. There's a letter from the council. They're looking into the feasibility of turning off the street lights at midnight.

Roy wishes Ed and Emma could have let things be. Ed tells him it's none of his business but, no matter what anyone thinks, Ed's determined to find Will for the sake of his mum and dad.

Oliver's shocked to learn that Ed was attacked by Will. Caroline wishes there was something she could do for Will but Oliver defends Ed's decision to go back with Emma. It's the wrong time to tell Ed about ending the business. He'll not say anything for a few more days and hopes and prays Will comes home soon.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00cv2ww)

Presented by John Wilson.

Last year Sting, Stewart Copeland and Andy Summers reformed The Police for a reunion world tour.

In a special programme, John talks to each member of the band - in their separate dressing rooms - about getting back together, backstage arguments, on-stage tensions and how audiences now respond to their songs.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00cwgqj)

Inside the Whale

'Putting a life together again'

After the tragedy of Alf's death, Michael finds a way to go on but he can't go back. In the London Blitz, Stevie waits to hear from him, and for her baby to be born.

With Penelope Wilton and David Troughton.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

TUE 20:00 The Last Nazi Hunter (b00ctkd7)

Jonathan Charles presents a profile of Efraim Zuroff, chief Nazi hunter of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, as he travels across Europe in dedicated pursuit of former war criminals. Although most senior Nazis are now dead, Zuroff believes that there are tens of thousands of lower-ranking officers who have never been investigated and is offering large rewards for information.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00cvbkr)

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

TUE 21:00 Case Notes (b00cvbkt)

Gardening

Dr Mark Porter explores health issues of the day.

He investigates what harm we can do to ourselves in the garden. In June 2008, The Lancet reported that a man had died from inhaling many Aspergillus spores from his compost heap. Mark discusses the realities of the problem, finds out about toxic plants and obtains some advice about protecting backs and knees while gardening.

TUE 21:30 The Choice (b00cv5mm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00cv4kr)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00cvbkw)

News and analysis with Riitula Shah.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00cwgqj)

God's Own Country

Episode 7

Matt Smith reads from Ross Raisin's compelling and disturbing tale of adolescence on the edge, set on the Yorkshire Moors.

What starts out as an exciting adventure soon turns into something more disturbing as Sam's mind descends into a state of dangerous delusion.

TUE 23:00 Quote... Unquote (b00cvbky)

Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz involving the exchange of quotations and anecdotes.

TUE 23:30 The Spiritual Centre (b007j7zw)

Series 1

The Wedding

Sitcom by Suk Pannu.

Bharat, self-styled Guru of Westgate and wise man of the western suburbs, presides over the spiritual centre.

Bharat is the most important man in the community, as far as he is concerned.

Bharat Vincent Ebrahim

Henry Tim Key

Mrs Sidhu Shelley King

Ravi Nitin Ganatra

Priya Archie Panjabi.

WEDNESDAY 06 AUGUST 2008

WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00ct9lf)

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00ct9rg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00ct9lh)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00ct9lk)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00ct9lm)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00ct9lp)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00ct9lr)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Ernie Rea.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00ct9lt)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Charlotte Smith.

WED 06:00 Today (b00ct9lw)

Presented by James Naughtie and Evan Davis.

Including:

Chris O'Ferrell discusses America's largest ever identity theft case.

ITV Chairman Michael Grade discusses the company's results.

Conservative health spokesman Andrew Lansley and Health Minister Ivan Lewis discuss the problems with cleanliness in NHS hospitals.

Sushil Wadhvani, former MPC member, and Geoffrey Robinson, former paymaster general, discuss the Monetary Policy Committee and interest rates.

Former Channel Five chief executive David Elstein discusses ITV's fall in profits.

Julie Burchill discusses her latest polemical book Not In My Name: A Compendium of Modern Hypocrisy.

Sir John Holmes sums up the state of humanitarian aid in Burma.

The funeral of Alexander Solzhenitsyn is due to take place in Moscow's Donskoi Monastery Cathedral. Richard Galpin reports.

Protesters are setting sail from Cyprus this weekend to take medical supplies to Gaza. Campaigner Lauren Booth and former Labour MP Lorna Fitzsimons discuss.

David Scott of the Sevenoaks and District Dog Training Society discusses whether yawning is contagious.

Critic Michael Billington and actor Simon Russell Beale discuss the new Royal Shakespeare Company production of Hamlet, featuring David Tennant in the title role.

WED 09:00 The House I Grew Up In (b00ct6p)

Series 2

Sir Tom Farmer

Wendy Robbins presents a series revisiting the childhood neighbourhoods of influential Britons.

She meets Sir Tom Farmer, Scottish entrepreneur and philanthropist, on his boyhood stamping ground of Leith.

WED 09:30 A Wonderful Way to Make a Living (b00ct6r)

Series 2

Episode 1

US satirist Joe Queenan meets people with unusual occupations. He meets an emergency shirt delivery man, whose clients include office workers with hangovers, and Miles Warde meets a naked yoga instructress.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00ct9rj)

Batting on the Bosphorus

Episode 3

Scottish sports writer Angus Bell's account of a cricket tour to unusual places, read by Robin Laing.

Angus visits a Slovenian village full of left-handed batsmen.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00ct9th)

Jane McDonald; Sex education; Lesbian fiction

Singer Jane McDonald on revisiting The Cruise, the show that made her famous. Plus, novelist Val McDermid on lesbian fiction; and should sex education be compulsory in all schools?

WED 11:00 Forbidden Families (b00ct6t)

Episode 1

Bettany Hughes tells the stories of remarkable women denied their families by the march of history.

In 842 AD, Dhuoda's two sons were kidnapped. This terrible loss spurred her to write a manual for her stolen boys, advising them on the skills they need to become men. We eavesdrop on a woman, bereft but unbroken, as she becomes a mother on paper, as she can no longer be one in the flesh.

WED 11:30 Cabin Pressure (b00ct6w)

Series 1

Fitton

Sitcom about the pilots of a tiny charter airline for whom no job is too small, but many, many jobs are too difficult.

The crew are grounded, so Arthur shows the crew why apples are the secret of happiness and Martin shows Carolyn how to be an Air Hostess

Starring

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole
1st Officer Douglas Richardson..... Roger Allam
Capt. Martin Crieff..... Benedict Cumberbatch
Arthur Shappey..... John Finnemore
Mr Goddard.....Adam G
Goodwin
Helena Richardson..... Melisande Cook

Written by John Finnemore

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00cthck)

Presented by Liz Barclay and Sheila McClennon.

Including:

Organised criminals target payday loan companies.

Independent book shops join forces to take on the big players.

North Wales links with Alice in Wonderland under threat.

Diana Anderson of Filippo Berio UK and Jonathan Banks from the market research company Nielsen discuss the rise in the price of cooking oils.

The power of petitions. Sheila McClennon talks to local government expert Tony Travers, Peter Roberts from the Drivers Alliance and Hazel Blears, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

How the credit crunch is affecting Ireland. Diarmaid Fleming reports from Dublin.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00ctqr2)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00ctqr4)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

WED 13:30 Off the Page (b00ct16y)

Making Your Mind Up

Dominic Arkwright, Dr David Lewis, Christine Webber and Michael Blastland discuss our decision-making process. From June 2008.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00cv2wt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b0077450)

The Night Manager

By Dermot Bolger.

When a particular guest checks into Finbar's Hotel on the last night of Johnny Farrell's management, his past life comes back to confront him.

Johnny Sean Campion
Alfie Garrett Keogh
Simon Tom Hickey
Helena Alison McKenna
Taxi driver/chef Sean Kearns
Dr Gorman John Hewitt
Receptionist Nikki Doherty
Barman/Waiter Conor McGreevey
Woman Guest Bronagh Taylor
Colm Michael Ritchie.

WED 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00d0kjl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00ctwxc)

The Foods of Love and Hate

A Birthday Cockatrice

Stories with a gastronomic flavour.

In Gerard Woodward's tale, Jodie's divorced parents come together for her seventh birthday party, but weird things start happening when the specially cooked cockatrice comes out of the oven.

Read by Helen Lederer.

WED 15:45 At War with Wellington Docudrama

(b00d1znr)

Spoils of War

Everybody knows the phrase "the spoils of war", but what does it really mean?

Peter and Dan Snow introduce more of the experiences of Wellington's army in the Iberian Peninsula 200 years ago, and pull no punches in describing looting, pillaging and worse, as the French, Spanish and English armies clashed in some of the most famous battles in history.

The part of the Duke of Wellington is played by Benedict Cumberbatch, the other members of the cast are Neil Dudgeon, David Holt, Frank Stirling and David Westhead.

Producer: Alyn Shipton

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00cvdzm)

Women and Gambling - Cleanliness

WOMEN AND GAMBLING

Laurie Taylor talks to Emma Casey, Senior Lecturer in the School of Social Sciences at the University of Kingston about her research findings into women's gambling experiences and the ways in which these experiences are integrated with their everyday lives.

CLEANLINESS

Virginia Smith is the author of a new book entitled Clean: A History of Personal Hygiene and Purity. She is joined by anthropologist, Adam Kuper, to discuss her contention that our striving throughout history for personal cleanliness has brought great social benefits as well as great tragedies.

WED 16:30 Case Notes (b00cvbkt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00cv1gw)

6th August 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Canning Town Residents Associations fight attempts to rehouse victims of the Ronan Point disaster in tower blocks.

WED 17:00 PM (b00cv1gy)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00cv1h0)

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

WED 18:30 The Music Group (b00b71rd)

Series 2

Episode 6

Comedian, broadcaster and GP Dr Phil Hammond asks each of three guests to play the track of their choice for the delight or disdain of the others.

Guests include Zoe Ball, Andrew Collins and Polly Toynbee in a show coming from the Pavilion Theatre at the Brighton Festival.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00cv2wy)

Nigel and Shula discuss the adjustments which the inspector has requested for the Lower Loxley team chase course.

Everyone gets to St Bride's in good time for the bell-ringing competition, except for Neil and Christopher. Christopher insists on Neil stopping so he can buy a burger. Neil's anxiety starts to show, as do Susan's concerns over the future of the post office. She needs ideas to boost sales. Neil agrees to give it some thought - but not right now! The draw's already been made and to Neil's dismay they have a long wait - they're second to last. And to make matters worse, Shelley Magna have drawn second - the best slot.

The burger has made Christopher feel sick. He doesn't think he can face ringing but in the end it goes well. The team celebrate

their third place, just behind Shelley Magna. Nigel would like to get Freddie and Lily involved in ringing. Neil suggests they come to the Ringing Roadshow in a few weeks time. He thinks it would be good for them all to get together again. Christopher says he has too much on, until he learns there'll be a real ale tent there!

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00cv2x0)

Presented by John Wilson.

Including:

Writer and academic Jerry Brotton reviews the RSC's new production of Hamlet, with David Tennant in the title role.

In his collection of autobiographical short stories Tales From the Back Green, actor Bill Paterson reflects on his childhood and youth, growing up in a tenement block in Glasgow in the 1950s. He discusses the characters, stories and the changing face of Glasgow after the wrecking balls moved in.

Winner of the Golden Bear at this year's Berlin Film Festival, Tropa de Elite (Elite Squad) is a stark portrayal of the urban war raging in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro. The film illustrates how the violence of fighting drug traffickers leads to corruption and vigilantism amongst the city's police. Adrian Wootton reviews the film.

A new TV series follows eight celebrities competing to conduct the BBC Concert Orchestra on the Last Night of the Proms. John talks to participants Jane Asher and Peter Snow.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00cv2x2)

Inside the Whale

Moving On

Stevie finds sanctuary at last, in the form of a Government Inspector. Michael remembers African solace and Queen Matilda, the only pigeon to be awarded the Dicken Medal for bravery.

With Penelope Wilton and David Troughton.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

WED 20:00 Inside the Ethics Committee (b00ct170)

Series 4

Episode 1

Series in which Vivienne Parry is joined by a panel of experts to tackle the ethics involved in a real hospital case.

Three-year-old Catherine has a life threatening condition. She desperately needs a bone marrow transplant from a sibling. Should the parents select a suitable embryo to help?

WED 20:45 Bowing out Gracefully: The Brandreth Rules on Standing Down (b00ct172)

Down and Out and Up Again

Gyles Brandreth examines how political careers end and how to step down while maintaining one's dignity.

He explores how former MPs - such as himself - rebuild their careers after being voted out of office. Some go on to greater things, while others find life extremely difficult.

WED 21:00 Dead Sea Scrolls Revisited (b007spqp)

Episode 1

Roger Bolton reassesses one of the world's great archaeological discoveries, beginning at the caves where a remarkable collection of Jewish texts hidden in the first century was discovered 60 years ago. The task of preserving and understanding these extraordinary documents continues.

WED 21:30 The House I Grew Up In (b00ct16p)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00cv4kt)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00cv4kw)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Featuring reports on the verdict on Bin Laden's driver in the first Guantanamo military tribunal, the Iraqi government's large surplus and the army recipe book that helped to feed to Desert

Rats at El Alamein.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00cv4ky)
God's Own Country

Episode 8

Matt Smith reads from Ross Raisin's compelling and disturbing tale of adolescence on the edge, set on the Yorkshire Moors.

The adventure started to turn sour when the two runaways stole food from a village store and Sam smashed the shop window. The girl is beginning to regret her decision and wants to turn back, but Sam is having none of it. Now entertaining dangerous delusions about the nature of their relationship, he starts planning for their future together.

WED 23:00 Bespoken Word (b00ct174)
Mister Gee presents the performance poetry series from this year's Latitude Festival in Suffolk. Featured performers include exciting newcomer Dockers MC.

WED 23:15 Fabulous (b007mtv4)
Sitcom by Lucy Clarke about a woman who wants to be Fabulous but can't cope. With Daisy Haggard, Adam Buxton, Katy Brand, Eve Dallas, Olivia Colman, Jot Davies.

WED 23:30 The Strange Parallel World of Christian Pop (b008x9my)
With the help of some of the original musicians, Paul Bayley tells the story of a neglected musical genre. From February 2008.

THURSDAY 07 AUGUST 2008

THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00ct91y)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00ct9rj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00ct920)
The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00ct922)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00ct924)
The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00ct926)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00ct928)
Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Ernie Rea.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00ct92b)
News and issues in rural Britain, with Mark Holdstock.

THU 06:00 Today (b00ct92d)
Presented by James Naughtie and Evan Davis.

Including:

Chris Patten, former governor of Hong Kong, discusses the current situation in China.

Prof David Salisbury from the Department of Health talks about the risk of delaying immunisations.

East Africa correspondent Peter Greste reports on 10 years of Al-Qaeda prominence.

Security correspondent Frank Gardner reports on the growing number of young British Muslims attracted to violent extremism. Communities Secretary Hazel Blears discusses how to tackle the problem.

The London 2012 Olympics Aquatics Centre will cost more than three times as much as originally estimated. Arts correspondent Razia Iqbal reports.

Former Attorney General Lord Goldsmith refers to

Guantanamo Bay as a symbol of injustice.

Prof Peter Littlejohns of NICE and Prof Peter Johnson discuss kidney cancer care.

Prof Kathryn Hughes and author Naomi Alderman discuss whether e-books threaten the printed word.

George Bush has delivered a speech critical of Chinese policy towards dissidents. Prof Stephen Tsang and former diplomatic minister George Walden discuss.

The government has just issued its 500,000th free passport under rules which offer free travel documents for senior citizens who were adults during World War II. With Home Office Minister Lord West.

Catherine Arnold and Prof John Strang of Bethlehem Hospital discuss the changing view of mental illness.

Author Jason Burke and documentary film maker Peter Taylor discuss the decade since the Al-Qaeda bombings of the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

THU 09:00 Between Ourselves (b00cvsp4)
Series 2

Episode 4

Olivia O'Leary presents the series which brings together two people who have had profound and similar experiences, to hear their individual stories and compare the long-term effects on each of their lives.

City traders Roger Hanbury and Charles deRoepel discuss the highs and lows of their heady occupation.

THU 09:30 The Last Post (b00ct1hh)
Episode 4

Mark Stephen explores the effects of changes in the Post Office network for communities around the UK.

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00ct9rl)
Batting on the Bosphorus

Episode 4

Scottish sports writer Angus Bell's account of a cricket tour to unusual places, read by Robin Laing.

Angus visits a small Croatian village where cricket has been played since the days of Napoleon.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00cth79)
Vanessa Mae: Oral cancer

Violinist Vanessa Mae on nature versus nurture. Plus, novelist Lia Mills on the impact of oral cancer; and which are the iconic dresses of our generation?

THU 11:00 Crossing Continents (b00cvsp6)
In the Shadow of the Cartel

Emilio San Pedro visits Tijuana to find a community under the influence of one of Mexico's most powerful drug cartels. Nearly fifteen hundred people have been killed so far this year in Mexico in drug-related violence, and the government has sent thousands of troops into the worst hit states in an effort to break up these criminal organisations and stem the flow of drugs into the United States. How does the cartel shape the lives of Tijuana's inhabitants?

THU 11:30 With Great Pleasure (b00ct1hk)
Dominic Dromgoole

From London's Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, its Artistic Director from 2006-2016 Dominic Dromgoole shares his passion for poetry and prose.

But - is this an act of disloyalty? - without the whiff of a word by the Bard.

Featuring the works of Jack Kerouac, George Eliot and WH Auden.

Readers: Michelle Terry and John Light.

Producer: Mark Smalley

First broadcast on Radio 4 in August 2008.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00cthm)

Presented by Carolyn Atkinson and Liz Barclay.

Including:

Thousands of people all over the world have been left ticketless and out of pocket following the closure of a website called beijingticketing.com.

Psychologist Oliver James discusses his new book Contented Dementia, which outlines what he describes as a groundbreaking new method of caring for people with dementia.

Statistics show that one bike is stolen every minute in Britain.

The Office of Fair Trading has charged four former BA executives with price fixing of airline fuel surcharges. With travel journalist Simon Calder.

Motability is now thirty years old.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00ctqr6)
The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00ctqr8)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

THU 13:30 Open Country (b00csm1j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00cv2wy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00ct1hm)
Left at Marrakech

In 1943, B-17 Lucky Charm takes off from Florida on its way to active service in England, embarking on an epic flight via Puerto Rico, Dakar, and Marrakech. But the crew are obliged to take on board with them two British hitchhikers who need a lift home; taciturn Lieutenant Draper and an attractive young WAAF, Charlie Bradbury.

Albie, the happy-go-lucky American gunner believes his luck's in because Charlie looks like the Lucky Charm painted on the aircraft's nose, and she seems to have taken a liking to him. As the journey begins, however, it seems that there's anything but luck on board. There must be a Jonah on board - is it Draper, or Charlie?

Left at Marrakech is based on a true story and is in the same vein as the film Ice Cold In Alex - a journey thwarted from the outset. A Nevil Shute-style adventure, with classic ingredients of matinee thrills: romance, mystery and danger.

Written by Richard Stevens; this is his third play for BBC Radio 4.

Cast:
Will Keen
Jonathan Cullen
Alan Cox
Nicholas Rowe
Ben Lewis
Clare Corbett

Producer: Fiona McAlpine
An Allegra production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 15:00 Lives in a Landscape (b00811qp)
sk8boiz

Documentary series telling original stories about real lives in Britain today.

Negotiating the half-pipes and bowls of the North's skateparks, Tim, Carl, Johnny, Woody and Daz look a little out of place. At least 25 years older than most of their fellow skateboarders, they are the Middle Aged Shredders.

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00ct21c)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00ctwxf)
The Foods of Love and Hate

Five Easy Ways with Chilli

Stories with a gastronomic flavour.

In Scarlett Thomas's tale, a young woman shares her knowledge of how to cook with chillis, illuminating her relationships with her lovers in the process. Chillis are hot and passionate, but they also sting and can leave a bad taste in the mouth.

Read by Claire Skinner.

THU 15:45 At War with Wellington Docudrama (b00d1znt)
Retinue

When an army went to war in the Napoleonic era, it wasn't just a question of soldiers on the march. In this episode we delve into the letters and diaries of the Royal Greenjackets Museum, Peter and Dan Snow discover who else accompanied the redcoats as they fought in Portugal and Spain.

From the loyal women who drew lots to accompany their husbands into battle to the children carried through all kinds of terrain and conditions, we discover all about the retinue that had to be fed and watered whenever an army took to the road.

The part of the Duke of Wellington is played by Benedict Cumberbatch, the other members of the cast are Neil Dudgeon, David Holt, Frank Stirling and David Westhead

Producer: Alyn Shipton
A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 16:00 Bookclub (b00ct585)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00cvsp8)
Subglacial Lakes -

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Radar surveys in the 1970s identified a number of liquid water lakes beneath the Antarctic ice sheet. In recent years the number of 'sub-glacial lakes' we know about has risen to over 160.

Now the British Antarctic Survey has carried out the first geophysical survey on Lake Ellsworth – more than 2km below the ice sheet. The lakes exist in complete darkness, with ecosystems that have been isolated from the rest of the world for hundreds of thousands of years. The question is how do you explore them without contaminating them?

A UK university consortium is planning to explore Lake Ellsworth. Quentin Cooper talks to Dr. Martin Seigert from the University of Edinburgh who is leading the consortium and Dr. Andy Smith from the British Antarctic survey who led the geophysical team studying Lake Ellsworth. What can subglacial lakes on Earth tell us about life in extreme conditions on other planets?

ALIFE XI

For the first time the UK is hosting the eleventh world Artificial Life conference: ALIFE XI. Artificial life 'attempts to understand the general properties of living systems by synthesizing life-like phenomena in software, hardware, and wetware'. The conference is being hosted by Southampton University in Winchester and has contributions from scientists around the world.

Quentin is joined by conference chair Dr. Seth Bullock, School of Electronics and Computer Science, University of Southampton and Professor Mark A. Bedau, Professor of Philosophy and Humanities at Reed College, USA. What kind of new scientific advances can we expect from 'artificial life'?

THU 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00cv1h2)
7th August 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Ukrainian students demonstrate against political arrests in the USSR outside the Soviet embassy in London.

THU 17:00 PM (b00cv1h4)

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

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00cv1h6)

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

THU 18:30 Bleak Expectations (b00ct1hp)
Series 2

A Happy Life, Cruelly Re-kippeded

The further remarkable adventures of Pip Bin, inventor of the bin, as he struggles against the cruel plotting of his evil guardian

Mr Gently Benevolent, recently returned from the dead.

Mark Evans's epic comedy in the style of Charles Dickens after far too much gin.

Volume Two, Chapter the First: A Happy Life, Cruelly Re-kippeded

You're invited to bask in the kindness of St Lovely's school, with its classes of double Definitely-Not-Latin and its School Cakery. But what is that sinister presence lurking with a very large number of horses? Could it be that Mister Benevolent has plans to steal the school?

Sir Philip.....Richard Johnson
Mr Benevolent.....Anthony Head
Sternbeater.....Geoffrey Whitehead
Young Pip.....Tom Allen
Harry Biscuit.....James Bachman
Lily.....Sarah Hadland
Mr Parsimonious.....Laurence Howarth
Pippa.....Susy Kane
Sundry boys.....Mark Evans

Producer: Gareth Edwards

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2008.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00cv2x4)

Following the big increases in cereal prices, Matt knows they have to go for a bigger digester to be profitable. David refuses to discuss any changes without Adam.

Matt tells Lillian what he's learned about his birth mother - Louise Cave. Seeing her name on his birth certificate has made her feel real. He wants to find her, if she's still alive.

The land agent confirms that buying the Bridge Farm tenancy will be expensive. Pat doesn't see how they can do it. But Borchester Land might accept a big discount and Tony's confident they'll get the bank loan. His only concern is the level of Tom's commitment.

George is asking for his daddy. Clarrie gets a call from Rosie. She's remembered that William mentioned a special place he wanted to take Nic and the children - somewhere Will and Ed used to love. Clarrie urges Ed to think where it could be but Ed can't recall. He decides he and Eddie should go to Great Yarmouth and look for him. It's Emma's birthday but he knows she'll understand. Eddie and Ed can stay at Rosie's tonight and start looking first thing in the morning.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00cv2x6)

Presented by John Wilson.

Including:

Critic Mark Eccleston joins John to discuss Death Defying Acts, which stars Guy Pearce as Harry Houdini and Catherine Zeta Jones as a Scottish con artist.

Damon Albarn from Blur has teamed up with his Gorillaz collaborator, artist Jamie Hewlett, to create an opera based on the Chinese Monkey legend. This has been released as an album and the duo have created BBC opening credits for the Olympics. John talks to Damon and Jamie about their collaboration.

A tribute to playwright Simon Gray.

The award-winning crime writer Mark Billingham joins John to talk about In The Dark, a novel set in the murky underworld of gangland London - and his first stand-alone thriller.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00cv2x8)
Inside the Whale

It's A Kiss

Jennie Ronnie's tragi-comic tale of two lovers as they look back on their lives that should have been spent together.

Michael's time to tell Anna his whole story is running out - today he reveals what happened the last time he met Stevie.

With Penelope Wilton and David Troughton.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

THU 20:00 Children of the Olympic Bid (b00ct57z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 13:30 on Sunday]

THU 20:30 Analysis (b00cvw09)

Al Qaeda's Enemy Within

Could Osama bin Laden's erstwhile comrades be responsible for bringing about the collapse of Al Qaeda? As criticism of the terrorist leader from within the ranks of the Islamist movement itself grows, BBC Security Correspondent Frank Gardner talks to former allies of Osama bin Laden who are now engaged in countering the terrorist leader's agenda.

THU 21:00 Game Academy (b008g43f)

Episode 1

Anthony Baxter follows teams of young developers as they compete over ten weeks to produce a working computer game that will dazzle the public at the Edinburgh Festival.

Anthony takes listeners to the Game Academy in Dundee.

THU 21:30 Between Ourselves (b00cvsp4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00cv410)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00cv412)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

Including reports on the threat to impeach Pervez Musharraf, Scotland's high death toll from drugs and the International Aids Conference in Mexico City.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00cv414)

God's Own Country

Episode 9

Matt Smith reads from Ross Raisin's compelling and disturbing tale of adolescence on the edge, set on the Yorkshire Moors.

Sam has seen a newspaper reporting his apparent abduction of the girl. With the police on their trail, he knows he needs to keep the girl closer than ever to him. What began as an adventure has now become something much darker as Sam continues to entertain dangerous delusions about the nature of their relationship.

THU 23:00 A Week with Adam Buxton (b00ct1hr)

Adam Buxton offers some personal observations from the past week in a mixture of stand-up, sketches, parodies, songs and intergenerational bickering.

THU 23:30 Fordham and Lipson (b0088n7b)

Episode 1

Comedy sketches from Philippa Fordham and Simon Lipson. With Alex Lowe and Laura Shavin.

FRIDAY 08 AUGUST 2008

FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00ct92g)

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00ct9rl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00ct92j)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00ct92i)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00ct92n)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00ct92q)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00ct92s)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Ernie Rea.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00c92v)
News and issues in rural Britain, with Charlotte Smith.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00c92x)
Presented by James Naughtie and Evan Davis.

Banking analyst Ralph Silva discusses the future of the banking sector.

Edward Lucas, author of *The New Cold War*, discusses the clashes in Georgia.

Mark Thomas of Shelter and Peter Bolton King of the National Association of Estate Agents discuss how far the government should intervene in the housing market.

Ian Kearns of the think tank IPPR discusses why he supports the government's new risk register.

Siladitya Battacharya and Prof Robert Winston discuss fertility treatments.

Evan Davis sets off to see how easily he can hitch to Bournemouth. Two experienced hitchhikers, Simon Osborne and Tony Hawks, discuss his attempt.

Conservative MEP Edward McMillan-Scott discusses why he has been campaigning for a boycott of the Olympic Games.

Jon Moulton of Alchemy Partners and Terry Smith of Tullett Prebon discuss the Royal Bank of Scotland's reported losses.

Democrats worry that Barack Obama has not put enough distance between himself and his Republican rival John McCain. North American editor Justin Webb reports.

Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell discusses the games with Garry Richardson.

The Olympics opening ceremony will begin at eight minutes past eight on the eighth day of the eighth month of the eighth year of the century. Numerologist Sonia Ducie discusses the Chinese lucky number.

Wilco Van Rooijen talks about being airlifted to safety in the K2 tragedy.

The MBA business degree is not just useless but positively dangerous, a new book argues. Author Philip Delves Broughton and Sean Rickard of Cranfield School of Management discuss.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00ct21r)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00ct9rn)
Batting on the Bosphorus

Episode 5

Scottish sports writer Angus Bell's account of a cricket tour to unusual places, read by Robin Laing.

Angus's hopes of making his elusive first century rest on his final game in Poland.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00ct7c)
Private fostering; Helen Escobedo

What can be done to protect children in private fostering arrangements? Plus, Mexican artist Helen Escobedo interviewed; and writer Bernadine Evaristo on the slave trade.

FRI 11:00 At War with Wellington (b00cw0yq)
Peter and Dan Snow follow in the footsteps of Wellington's forces in the Peninsular War against the occupying forces of Napoleon. The campaign lasted five years but was ultimately successful, resulting in the expulsion of the French forces from Portugal and Spain.

They visit the sites of two of Wellington's most impressive yet controversial victories. In 1812 he stormed the hitherto impregnable fortress of Badajoz on the Spanish border, but the looting that followed was one of the worst breakdowns of discipline in British military history. A further wave of looting occurred after Vitoria, an equally impressive triumph against the forces of Napoleon's brother Joseph.

FRI 11:30 Mark Tavener - High Table, Lower Orders (b00hdfdn)
Series 2

Episode 5

Simon continues his murder investigation, while the Dean sets his sights on promotion. Mark Tavener's comic thriller with Geoffrey Palmer and Samuel West.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00cthcp)
Presented by Carolyn Atkinson and John Waite.

Including:

As the cost of raw materials goes up, some manufacturers are shrinking their products rather than putting up prices. Are shoppers being short-changed?

Many people are turning down plastic bags, but how difficult would it be to live without using any plastic packaging at all?

Energy Watch and Post Watch are being merged into a new consumer group.

People are allegedly being denied employment because of trivial criminal offences committed years ago, details of which are being illegally supplied to potential employers by the Criminal Records Bureau.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00ctqrb)
The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00ctqrd)
National and international news with Brian Hanrahan.

FRI 13:30 For One Night Only (b007wt0w)
Series 5

Hot August Night

Paul Gambaccini presents the award-winning series that revisits the occasion where a classic live album was recorded.

In August 1972, Neil Diamond returned to The Greek Theatre in Los Angeles for a series of sell-out concerts. For those in the audience who'd seen him there the previous year, the change was extraordinary. The once subdued star now burst onto the stage in a blaze of smoke and light, sporting his new mane of shaggy hair and dressed to kill by Bill Whitten.

This was going to be an event: the first time a concert by a singer-songwriter was 'staged' and the first time surround-sound was used to envelop the audience in the luscious sound of strings supplementing Neil's rhythm section. Those who were there, backstage, on stage and in the audience, remember the thrill.

Producer: Marya Burgess

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00cv2x4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b00ctq9)
Love-Shaped Thing

By Rebecca Papworth.

When artist Guy escapes London to return to his home town of Halifax, he falls for 16-year-old Shona, who has never met anyone like him before. Can she escape through his colourful canvasses?

Shona Sarah McDonald Hughes
Guy Joseph Alessi
Mum Sue Kelly
Dad James Quinn
Vicky Jemima Foxtro
Meredith Christine Brennan

Directed by Susan Roberts.

FRI 15:00 Ramblings (b00ctqz)
Series 10

Ireland - Mullaghmore Head

Clare Balding explores holiday walking routes.

She goes to a remote but idyllic part of Ireland to walk round Mullaghmore Head. In the company of two local fishermen, she discovers why this beautiful part of the country is an ideal area for holiday walking.

FRI 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00ctwxh)

The Foods of Love and Hate

The Chanterelles of Ostvig

Stories with a gastronomic flavour.

In Heidi Amsinck's tale, Gudrun Holm has only days to live. She must pass on what she knows about her beloved chanterelles before she dies - but to whom? In the depths of a Danish forest, she may have found the answer.

Read by Geraldine James.

FRI 15:45 At War with Wellington Docudrama (b00d1znw)
Medicine

It wasn't good news if you were injured in battle 200 years ago. Men were as likely to die from the ministrations of the doctors as from their wounds during the Portuguese and Spanish campaigns against Napoleon.

Concluding their look at the letters and diaries of the soldiers and men who fought alongside Wellington, Peter and Dan Snow find out what happened to the wounded, and how they were looked after during a five year conflict in which thousands of soldiers were seriously injured.

The part of the Duke of Wellington is played by Benedict Cumberbatch, the other members of the cast are Neil Dudgeon, David Holt, Frank Stirling and David Westhead.

Producer: Alyn Shipton
A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00cw0yw)
Matthew Bannister presents the obituary series, analysing and celebrating the life stories of people who have recently died. The programme reflects on people of distinction and interest from many walks of life, some famous and some less well known.

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00cw0yy)
The latest movie news and reviews.

Matthew Sweet talks to Guy Pearce, star of *LA Confidential*, *Memento* and *Neighbours*, about his new movie *Death Defying Acts*, in which he plays Harry Houdini opposite Catherine Zeta-Jones.

FRI 16:56 1968 Day by Day (b00cv1h8)
8th August 1968

John Tusa looks back at the events making the news 40 years ago. Richard Nixon wins the Republican Party's nomination for the presidential election.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00cv1hb)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00cv1hd)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

FRI 18:30 The Now Show (b00cw0z0)
Series 24

Episode 7

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 (b00cv2xb)
The 'Go Getters' riding practice is a shambles. Accepting he's out of practice, Nigel agrees that Shula should be the lead rider.

Everyone enjoys reminiscing about the 1980's at Shula and Kenton's party. His t-shirt - 'Kenton Says Relax' - is a big hit.

As Eddie and Ed drive round the car parks of Great Yarmouth, Ed wishes he could change what's happened between him and Will. They're about to call it a day when Ed recalls a distant memory of him and Will playing in the sand dunes. Suddenly he remembers a WW2 pillbox they loved and realises that's the place to look.

Sure enough, Will can be seen sitting next to the pillbox. Ed insists on going to him alone.

Will is totally vulnerable and feels Ed's taken everything from

him - he's won. Ed hates what he's hearing and recalls how he looked up to Will. Will cracks at the thought of George not needing him. He sees himself as a violent loser and breaks down when he realises that Ed's not going to stop him from seeing George. Ed assures Will that things will be all right. As Will slowly gets to his feet, Ed tells him they're going home.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00cv2xd)
Presented by John Wilson.

Including:

Folk singer Seth Lakeman talks about taking his inspiration from the stories, ancient and modern, of his native west country, and about the recent revival in the fortunes of English folk music.

John discusses The Imagined Village, an album featuring traditional English folk songs given a contemporary multicultural make-over by British artists including Billy Bragg, Martin Carthy, Paul Weller and Benjamin Zephaniah.

Traditional singer and multi-instrumentalist Eliza Carthy talks to John about growing up as the daughter of Martin Carthy and Norma Waterson, about the difference between folk and traditional music, and about writing intensely personal songs.

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 over forty years after their first gig.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00cv2xg)
Inside the Whale

Not as practical as I thought

Jennie Rooney's tragi-comic tale of two lovers as they look back on their lives.

Michael gives Anna a final parting gift and Stevie discovers that she can see what she thought she had lost forever.

With Penelope Wilton and David Troughton.

Abridged by Penny Leicester.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00cw0z2)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Norton-sub-Hamdon, Somerset. Panellists include former Lib Dem leader Paddy Ashdown and musician Billy Bragg.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00cw0z4)

A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Katharine Whitehorn.

FRI 21:00 Friday Drama (b00ct1qf)

One Chord Wonders

Television's Over

Series of plays by British screenwriter Frank Cottrell Boyce looking at the punk generation three decades on, with each play telling a different, but connected, story.

In the spring of 1977, punk rock is rumoured to be arriving in suburban Surrey. Is anarchy about to overwhelm civilized society or is this salvation for the bored teenagers of Camberley?

Adam Kristopher Milnes
Pete Freddy White
Sergeant Henshaw Gerard Horan
Councillor Myatt Fenella Woolgar
Mo Leanne Rowe
Benny James Daley
Pete's dad Ben Crowe
Muttley/Steve John Hasler
Margaret/Sharon Amy Enticknap
DI Voke John Rowe
Charlie Damage Dan Starkey
Town Clerk Nyasha Hatendi
Julie Sarah Bedi
Mo's mum Joan Walker
Mick Tim James

Directed by Toby Swift.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00cv416)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00cv418)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

Including features on the escalating tension between Russia and Georgia, Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, and BMX at the Olympics.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00cv41b)

God's Own Country

Episode 10

Matt Smith reads from Ross Raisin's compelling and disturbing tale of adolescence on the edge, set on the Yorkshire Moors.

To prevent her from running away, Sam has tied the girl up in a sea cave near Whitby. He continues to entertain dangerous delusions about the nature of their relationship.

FRI 23:00 Great Lives (b00cvbkm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Potting On (b00kmm18)

Stones

Pam and Gordon Grant are a couple at odds running a garden centre.

While Pam still feels young, Gordon wants to dive, slippers first, into middle age. She wants to go to a rock gig, but he wants to join the bowls club.

Let battle among the begonias commence!

Starring Pam Ayres and Geoffrey Whitehead as Pam and Gordon Grant.

With Trevor Bannister, Karl Theobald and Alex Tregear.

Sitcom by Chris Thompson and Peter Reynolds.

Producer Claire Jones

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