

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2008

SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00dc1vz)

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dc9sq)

Making Money

Recovery

Evan Davis introduces a selection of writings, fiction and non-fiction, reflecting the repetitive boom-and-bust cycle of our economy. Will we ever learn?

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dc1w1)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dc2ly)

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

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dc2m0)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00dc2m2)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dc2m4)

Daily prayer and reflection with Claire Campbell Smith.

SAT 05:45 Fungi: The Fifth Kingdom (b00dc2m7)

Grassland Gems

Series featuring scientists and amateur naturalists studying fungi, one of the largest and most fascinating groups of organisms on the planet.

Some fungi like nothing better than old unimproved grassland. From red to yellow and pink to green, amateur naturalist Rosemary Winnall reveals the colourful delights of her garden where endless waxcaps, fairy clubs and earth tongues emerge.

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00dc2m9)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00dc2mc)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00dc2mf)

Countryside magazine. Elinor Goodman visits the Chilterns to find out if this part of the UK really does offer the best rural life in Britain.

SAT 06:35 Farming Today This Week (b00dc2mh)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00dc2mk)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00dc2mm)

With James Naughtie and Edward Stourton. Including Sports Desk, Thought for the Day, Weather.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00dc2mp)

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them, presented by Rev Richard Coles.

Featuring a Nobel Prize winner, gypsy caravans, stem cell harvesting and a woman brought up by two mothers. Plus the Inheritance Tracks of actor Eddie Marsan.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00dc2mr)

Lonely Planet Story - In the Footsteps of Gladys Aylward

THE LONELY PLANET STORY

There was a time when if lost or in trouble abroad one could expect the local ambassador to come to the rescue; but those days are sadly long gone, they have been replaced by an essential piece of kit – the travel guide.

Sandi Toksvig is joined by Tony Wheeler Co founder of Lonely Planet travel guides and Jennifer Cox, travel journalist and

writer, to discuss how the modern guidebook has changed the way we travel. Find out which British city was described as a symphony in grey and pick up some essential travel tips – including how to avoid the classic bird droppings scam.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GLADYS AYLWARD

Hazel Staten's life threatening illness inspired her to set off on an exceptional journey. She travelled from London across Europe to Yangcheng, a remote city in Shanxi Province, following in the footsteps of the early 20th century missionary Gladys Aylward, whose life story was made into the film *Inn of the Sixth Happiness*.

SAT 10:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00dc2mt)

Ancestors

John Sessions series charting the history of popular entertainment in the UK.

But rather than the usual wade through the shifting sands of film and TV celebrity, John is covering the period before electronic media.

He starts with our medieval ancestors and attempts to unpick a few myths about wandering minstrels and motley fools keeping the toiling peasants entertained.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

SAT 11:00 Beyond Westminster (b00dc4dm)

Series 1

Episode 8

Series looking at politics beyond and outside the Westminster parliament.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00dc4dp)

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

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00dc4dr)

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

This edition comes from Newcastle to ask how Northern Rock savers, borrowers and shareholders are faring now, one year on from the building society's collapse. Evaluating the impact been on staff and the community and what the future may hold.

Plus a discussion on how banking has changed, and what lessons should be learnt about how to deal better with such crises.

SAT 12:30 Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive (b00dbcw2)

Series 4

Episode 5

Comic pilot Armando Iannucci flies *Air Hilarious*. With Marcus Brigstocke, Andy Parsons and Justin Edwards. From September 2008.

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00dc4dt)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News Headlines (b00dc4dw)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00dbcw4)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Worthing.

The panellists are former minister Tony Benn, Shadow Immigration Minister Damian Green, columnist and broadcaster David Aaronovitch and author Rachel Johnson.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00dc4dy)

Jonathan Dimbleby takes listeners' calls and emails in response to this week's edition of Any Questions?

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b00dc4fo)

Just Between Ourselves

Adaptation of Alan Ayckbourn's celebrated 1977 stage play, a bitter-sweet comedy about love, marriages and mothers.

Dennis Stephen Critchlow
Vera Samantha Spiro

Marjorie Auriol Smith

Neil Chris Pavlo
Pam Alison Pettitt

Music composed by David Chilton.

Directed by Gordon House.

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b00dc4f2)

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

Including CERN women and science; tips on how to get your kids to school on time; French pianist Helen Grimaud talks about her life and work; helping the victims of the Jersey care system abuse scandal; Quentin Bryce the first ever Governor General of Australia; Michael Holroyd's biography of Ellen Terry, the Victorian celebrity actress; a guide to picking the best perfumes.

SAT 17:00 PM (b00dc4f4)

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

SAT 17:30 iPM (b00dc4f6)

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

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00dc4f8)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00dc4fb)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dc4fd)

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

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00dc4fg)

Emma Freud presents an eclectic mix of conversation, comedy and music.

Guests include Richard Wilson, Craig Revel Horwood and Ralf Little. Arthur Smith talks to Henry Hemming. Comedy comes from Wilson Dixon while music is provided by Lambchop and My Brightest Diamond.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b00dc4fj)

Damien Hirst

Series of profiles of people who are currently making headlines.

John Wilson, presenter of Radio 4's *Front Row*, profiles Damien Hirst. Explaining the controversy behind Hirst's forthcoming auction at Sotheby's next week, Wilson attempts to get under the skin of the man who only got an E grade in his Art A-level.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00dc4fl)

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

SAT 20:00 The Archive Hour (b0076jqk)

The Shanghai Sailors

Chinese seafarers made up a considerable proportion of the merchant navy fleet during the Second World War. But after the war was over, they were not as welcome in Britain as they had been and hundreds of Shanghai sailors were hurriedly repatriated. Ivan Howlett tells the story of those Chinese seafarers from Liverpool, and hears from the children they were forced to leave behind.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00d8h6p)

Tobias Smollett - The Expedition of Humphry Clinker

Episode 2

The Expedition of Humphry Clinker

Tobias Smollett's uproarious satire of 18th-century life, dramatised by Yvonne Antrobus.

The family is stranded. Bramble is keen to continue their grand tour, but how can they leave London when Humphry is in gaol?

Mathew Bramble Nigel Anthony
Tabitha Bramble Marcia Warren

Lydia Melford Helen Longworth
 Jerry Melford Dan Starkey
 Winifred Jenkins Joanna Page
 Humphry Clinker Stuart McLoughlin
 Lieutenant Lismahago John Rowe
 Mr Martin Chris Pavlo
 Mr Micklewhimmen Sam Dale
 Dutton/Wilson Nyasha Hatendi
 Gaoler Stephen Crichtlow

Directed by Marc Beeby.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00dc4fn)

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

SAT 22:15 Moral Maze (b00db05t)

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

SAT 23:00 Round Britain Quiz (b00d8x86)

2008

Episode 12

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

SAT 23:30 The Lament of Swordy Well (b00d8h6t)

Poet Paul Farley celebrates the work of John Clare through his landmark poem *The Lament of Swordy Well*, written in the 1830s before Clare was committed to an asylum. *Swordy Well*, a tract of limestone heath near Clare's home in Northamptonshire, is both the subject and the narrator of the piece. The site, now Swaddywell, is one of scientific interest, and has been preserved for its wildlife and habitat after decades of abuse.

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2008

SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00dcyzy)

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

SUN 00:30 The Late Story (b0077515)

More Tales from Westminster

The Coup

Series of short stories by writers generally better known for their non-fiction observations on the Westminster scene.

By Michael White.

At an Italian restaurant in Islington in 1994, two men came to an agreement about which of them should lead their party. But what if a slightly different deal had been struck all those years ago?

Read by Simon Tait.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dcyzy)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dcz1)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dcz3)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00dcz5)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00dcz7)

The sound of church bells from St Peter ad Vincula in the Devonshire village of Combe Martin.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b00dc4fj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00dcz9)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00dczc)

A Sense of Home

Poet Laureate Andrew Motion revisits Stisted, the village where he spent the first nineteen years of his life, and considers the complex feelings associated with a sense of home.

SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b00dczf)

Topical farming magazine. Alex James visits Baylham House Rare Breeds Farm in Ipswich, the first farm to be hit by the Bluetongue virus last September.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00dczh)

Weather

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00dczk)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00dczm)

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

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00dczp)

Citizens Advice Bureau

Liz Barclay appeals on behalf of the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b00dczr)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00dczt)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00dczv)

A service from St Paul's Church in Pentre Broughton, near Wrexham, led by Rev James Aylward. Jean Stanley-Jones directs the Sirenian Singers. Preacher: Canon Mary Stallard. Organist: Tim Stuart.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00dcbw6)

A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Katharine Whitehorn.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00dczy)

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

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00dcf8g)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 The Reunion (b00dcf8j)

Sue MacGregor presents the series which reunites a group of people intimately involved in a moment of modern history.

She gathers together five people who were involved in the fire which swept through Windsor Castle on 20 November 1992. Nine of the finest state apartments, the medieval Great Kitchen and more than a hundred further rooms were destroyed. She hears the dramatic story of the fire and explores the background to the remarkable restoration which followed.

SUN 12:00 Just a Minute (b00d90xf)

Series 53

Episode 7

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game from the Latitude Festival in Southwold. Panellists include Paul Merton, Clement Freud, Ross Noble and Robin Ince.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00dcf8l)

Pork

James Martin visits Hampshire in pursuit of the best pork. He meets small-scale pig producer Martin Martindale and learns about the bio-dynamic approach to farming used by former racing driver Jody Scheckter. Back at home, he has a belly of pork slow-roasting in his wood-burning oven outdoors.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00dcf8n)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00dcf8q)

The World This Weekend

A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

SUN 13:30 British Jews and the Dream of Zion (b00b4rqx)

Episode 2

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

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

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00dcf8s)

Peter Gibbs chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Bunny Guinness, Bob Flowerdew and John Cushnie answer questions from gardeners in Nottinghamshire.

The series on gardening fundamentals continues with Pippa Greenwood and Craig Baldwin looking at ponds.

SUN 14:45 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's History of Home (b009mc90)

Loft Living

Bowen hits Manchester to explore the rise of lofts during the 1980s - a change in people's expectations of what homes could be. From April 2008.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00degdw)

Tobias Smollett - *The Expedition of Humphry Clinker*

Episode 3

Tobias Smollett's uproarious satire of 18th-century life, dramatised by Yvonne Antrobus.

The Bramble family's adventures continue as they begin the long trip home, a journey full of surprises and unexpected revelations.

Mathew Bramble Nigel Anthony
 Tabitha Bramble Marcia Warren
 Lydia Melford Helen Longworth
 Jerry Melford Dan Starkey
 Winifred Jenkins Joanna Page
 Humphry Clinker Stuart McLoughlin
 Lieutenant Lismahago John Rowe
 Sir Thomas Bullford Trevor Peacock
 Oxmington/Dennison Sam Dale
 Wilson/French valet Nyasha Hatendi
 Frogmore Stephen Crichtlow

Other parts played by Chris Pavlo, Joan Walker and Ben Crowe.

Directed by Marc Beeby.

SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00dcn3l)

Tibor Fischer. Books for a rainy day, *Frankenstein in Fiction*, and *Winston Graham Centenary*

Tibor Fischer

Tibor Fischer's fifth novel and the first in five years "Good to Be God" is set in Miami where professional failure Tyndale Corbett goes to a security conference after borrowing the credit card and identity of handcuffs salesman. His last stand against total failure is to attempt convince the citizenry of Miami that he is God by performing miracles, including what he hopes will be the clincher, dying and coming back to life. Comic novelist Tibor Fischer's first novel was short listed for the Booker prize and he was listed as a Granta best young British novelist.

Books for a rainy day

After weeks of persistent rain, critic Kate Saunders suggests books to transform listeners to sunnier climes, or if not, sunnier climes then at least a sunnier mood.

Frankenstein in Fiction

When Mary Shelley wrote *Frankenstein* in 1818, prompted by the now legendary ghost story writing competition at the literary gathering of Byron and the Shelley's and others at the Villa Diodati in Italy, it would have been impossible for anyone to predict how her novel would almost immediately touch a nerve in the zeitgeist, spawning numerous creations of its own. Peter Ackroyd, author of a new book "The Case Book of Victor Frankenstein" in which Frankenstein is actually a friend of the

Shelley's and a guest at the Villa Diodati gathering which inspired his creation, novelist and academic Rebecca Stott, and Professor of Literature Chris Baldick talk about the different ways in which the Frankenstein legend has been interpreted and the way it speaks to us now.

Winston Graham Centenary

Winston Graham wrote some fifty books, but it is the twelve Poldark novels for which he is renowned. The first Poldark novel, called "Ross Poldark, A Novel of Cornwall" was published in 1945 and the last Bella Poldark in 2002, the year before Graham's death. Immortalised by the extremely popular television series of the 70s, attracting 15 million viewers, the books were fantastically successful in the own right, their fans identifying with the eternal love triangle at its heart, Ross Poldark marries his kitchen maid Demelza but holds a flame for Elizabeth tyrannised by the book's villain, George Warleggan. All this set against the very realistic backdrop 18th century Cornwall. Winston Graham's son Andrew Graham remembers his father's writing, and Mariella talks to Nickianne Moodie editor of Popular Narrative Media about the amazing success of the Poldark novels.

SUN 16:30 Poetry Please (b00dcn3n)

Ballade de la vie joyeuse by Max Beerbohm
From: Rhymes and Parodies
Publ: Heinemann

i carry your heart by ee cummings
From: Complete Poems
Publ: Liveright

Joys of the World by Christophe Plantin

Maude Clare by Christina Rossetti
From: Everyman's Book of Victorian Verse

Cats are Otherwise by Katherine Pierpoint
From: Truffle Beds
Publ: faber

here's a little mouse by ee cummings
From: Complete Poems
Publ: Liveright

A Tragic Tale by William Makepeace Thackeray
From: The Home Book of Verse
Publ: Holt

Ballad of the Army Carts by Tu Fu, translated by David Hawkes
From: A Little Primer of Tu Fu
Publ: Oxford

The Many Faces of Jazz by Billy Collins
From: Taking off Emily Dickinson's Clothes
Publ: Picador

Song by Edwin Muir
From: Collected Poems
Publ: Faber

SUN 17:00 The Politics of Chinese Meditation (b00d9ykv)
Mukul Devichand explores the practice of Qigong, breathing exercises designed to cultivate and harness the qi or inner energy. After high-profile state confrontations with Qigong groups such as Falun Gong in the 1990s, the practice is now highly sensitive in China and many of its teachers and practitioners have fled to the west.

SUN 17:40 Profile (b00dc4fj)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00dcn3q)
The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00dcn3s)
The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dcn3v)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00dcn3x)
Ernie Rea presents a selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00dcn3z)
Back from their honeymoon, Alan is dreaming of long lie-ins and room service from his new bride whilst Usha is determined to bring him back to earth with a strict regime of DIY. He thinks she is joking, but realises his mistake when she insists

that they begin on the bedroom immediately. That's just the start. There's the rest of the house and the garden to be done.

Lilian is worried that Matt might be facing an anti-climactic end to the search for his mother. Jennifer tries to reassure her that it's likely that Matt's mother will be delighted to receive a letter from him. Lilian finds Matt harbouring his own apprehensions. Feeling responsible for any potential rejection, she tries to reassure him. Matt insists that he's okay and that he doesn't expect an answer to his letter in the near future, if at all.

The IOUs are getting out of hand and Susan's had enough. The swap club committee meet to discuss their situation. Pat and Jennifer are determined not to give up on the transition community and Pat volunteers to research other similar schemes. If there's a way out of this mess, she's sure she'll find it.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00dcn41)
Barney Harwood travels back to Britain just after the Second World War with the help of author Michelle Magorian.

SUN 19:45 Last Night I Dreamed (b007h4cg)
Daffodil Dell

Stories celebrating the centenary of Daphne du Maurier's birth.

In Zoe Fairbairns's tale, the small suburban practice has now become a Dental Care Facility and a taxpayer can exercise customer choice in treatment. But the customer is not always right.

Read by Jenny Coverack.

SUN 20:00 For One Night Only (b00dbedj)
Series 4

Elvis Comes Back

In 1968 Elvis's star was somewhat tarnished; overtaken by the likes of the Beatles and Bob Dylan, he hadn't topped the charts for six years. He'd not played live since 1961 and he'd only been seen in movies that were increasingly awful. But it all changed in December 1968 when his electrifying performance on NBC TV convinced America that he was still 'The King'.

Paul Gambaccini re-lives the event.

Producer: Marya Burgess

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00dbcdl)
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 Money Box (b00dc4dr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00dczcp)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 In Business (b00db64b)
Down on the Farm

What has been the effect of rocketing food prices on British farmers? Peter Day reports.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00dcn43)
The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00dcn45)
Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including In the Think Tanks.

SUN 23:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b008wtbx)
Series 1

One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest

Paul Gambaccini traces the history of the Oscars and tells the story behind award-winning films.

Director Milos Forman recalls how the film reflected his views on the Iron Curtain and how the script came to influence mental healthcare in America. Louise Fletcher recalls the experience of

acting alongside the mixed cast of amateurs and professionals including Jack Nicholson.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00dczcc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2008

MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00dcn11)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00db05m)
Café Culture – Human Waste

CAFÉ CULTURE
Laurie Taylor examines our behaviour in coffee shops with Dr Eric Laurier, author of The Cappuccino Community: cafes and civic life in the contemporary city.

HUMAN WASTE
Simon Winchester wrote that "Few are the writers brave and bold enough to take on so difficult a topic". Rose George is bold enough, and she talks about her new book The Big Necessity: Adventures in the World of Human Waste with Patrick Wakely, Emeritus Professor of Urban Development at University College London.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00dcz7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dcn13)
The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dcn15)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dfb9n)
The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00dcn17)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dcn1l)
Daily prayer and reflection with Claire Campbell Smith.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00dcn19)
News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00dcn1c)
The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b00dcn1f)
Presented by John Humphrys and Edward Stourton.

Edward Stourton reports from Bath, where 16 years ago the Liberal Democrats had a surprising election victory.

Home Office minister Vernon Coaker explains a pilot scheme which will allow parents to check whether those working closely with their children have a record of paedophilia.

Dr Lee Rayfield, Bishop of Swindon, responds to claims that the Church of England will apologise to Charles Darwin.

Tim Franks reports on the return of former childhood concert pianist Elisha Abas.

Thought For The Day with Professor Mona Siddiqui of the University of Glasgow.

Vince Cable explains how the news about financial markets will affect Lib Dem spending plans.

Jon Moulton of Alchemy Partners and Terry Smith of Tullett Prebon discuss the demise of Lehman Brothers, one of the world's largest investment banks.

Peter Biles reports on the power-sharing deal that has been agreed between Zimbabwe's president Robert Mugabe and the MDC.

Mark Littlewood, of pressure group Liberal Vision, and Lib Dem spokesman Evan Harris discuss proposals for tax cuts by the Liberal Democrats.

Mathew Prichard, Agatha Christie's grandson, and Laura Thompson, author of *Christie: An English Mystery*, discuss the importance of the discovery of 13 hours of Agatha Christie recordings.

Nick Pelling and Dr Sven Dupre discuss the invention of the telescope.

Elie Wiesel, Nobel Prize winner and survivor of two German concentration camps, discusses the importance of educating future generations about the Holocaust.

MON 09:00 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dcv0q)

Justin Webb presents a debate to launch Radio 4's new American history series. He asks what influences have most shaped America today.

A panel of distinguished guests from both sides of the Atlantic includes series presenter Prof David Reynolds and Howard Zinn, author of the best-selling *A People's History of the United States*.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dd0hr)

A Strange Eventful History

Episode 1

Eleanor Bron reads from Michael Holroyd's biography of Ellen Terry and Henry Irving, two greats of the Victorian stage.

Ellen Terry's early life was spent in the shadow of her talented elder sister. In order to escape the gossip and rivalry of life on the stage, she married the eminent artist George Frederick Watts. But the marriage between the vivacious young teenage bride and the ageing hypochondriac bridegroom was soon to break down, and Ellen ran off with an architect friend of Oscar Wilde. Only when her debts begin to mount was she tempted back to the stage.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dd0ht)

Pam Ayres; Family debt

Poet Pam Ayres discusses her life and work. Plus in the footsteps of Thomas Hardy's *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*, and asking how families survive the credit crunch.

MON 11:00 Boot Camp for Dads (b00dd32y)

Richard Johnson investigates a new trend for support for fathers-to-be which has arrived in Britain from the US. Future fathers are offered the opportunity to share their fears and learn from others experienced in the sleepless nights and changes in life which parenthood brings.

MON 11:30 Dixon of Dock Green (b0076zj6)

Series 2

Andy Steps Up

Ted Willis's classic TV series, dramatised for radio by Sue Rodwell.

Crawford gets another chance to earn his stripes when some suspiciously priced tins of salmon turn up on Dock Green market.

George Dixon David Calder
Andy Crawford Hamish Clark
Mary Crawford Charlie Brooks
Duffy Shaun Prendergast
Mrs Jones Carol Macready
DI Cherry Christian Rodska.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00ddsgf)

Presented by Liz Barclay and John Waite.

Eurobeat is the latest Edinburgh Festival success to arrive in the West End of London. It's a rip-roaring, audience-participation parody of the Eurovision Song Contest. The Musicians Union, however, does not see the funny side.

John Folan, Head of the Dedicated Cheque and Plastic Crime Unit, discusses card fraud.

Alitalia, the Italian national carrier, has only a few hours left to be saved according to the Italian Industry Minister this morning. It is the latest airline to hit the financial buffers. Travel journalist Simon Calder reports.

Lehman Brothers, the fourth biggest investment bank in the world, went bankrupt this morning and as a result the UK branch has gone into administration with about five thousand jobs at stake. We speak to Justin Urquhart-Stewart of 7 Investment Management and BBC presenter Declan Curry.

Over the weekend there was exciting news from Beijing for people with learning disabilities. They have been excluded from the Paralympic Games for the past seven years after a blatant example of cheating. Peter White joins us from Beijing.

A Visit Britain report out today reveals that international visitor numbers have fallen by 150,000 to 32.6 million, and domestic tourism has also declined. We speak to Patricia Yates from Visit Britain.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00ddsgt)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00ddsgw)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

MON 13:30 Brain of Britain (b00ddsgy)

Robert Robinson chairs a special contest between the three most recent Brain of Britain champions.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00dcn3z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b00ddsh0)

The Day They Wouldn't Take it Any More

Sue Rodwell's play is based on real events.

When Luton's Mayor Henry Impey decides to hold a major event to celebrate peace in the summer of 1919, he invites only councillors and friends. The returning soldiers, many unemployed, many disabled, are forgotten, but are determined to make their voices heard. Intransigence on both sides leads to open conflict as the day of celebration becomes a riot.

Henry Impey David Timson
Mrs Impey Annette Badland
Cooper Richard Derrington
Smith Richard Katz
Fred Gibson Adrian Grove
Nell Gibson Anne-Marie Piazza
Insp Jackson Ian Brooker

Directed by Rosemary Watts.

MON 15:00 Money Box Live (b00df3mw)

Vincent Duggleby and guests answer calls on financial issues.

MON 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00df5cm)

In Bookshops Now

Monday Diary

Series featuring new and classic stories from collections all currently available and in print.

In Carys Davies's tale, Flipper is a teenager born without arms after his mother was prescribed drugs during her pregnancy. He is best friends with the local boy whom all the girls fancy, so how is he to woo Angela?

Read by Stephen Meo.

MON 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00df5yc)

Lost Civilisations

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by David Reynolds. Who were America's first inhabitants?

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00dcf8l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Click On (b00df6n3)

Series 3

Episode 3

Simon Cox presents the topical magazine series covering the latest developments and issues in the world of IT.

MON 17:00 PM (b00df6n5)

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

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00df6n7)

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

MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b00df6n9)

Series 53

Episode 8

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game from the Hay Festival in Hay-on-Wye. Panellists include Clement Freud, Gyles Brandreth, Marcus Brigstocke and Owen O'Neill.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00df6nc)

Lynda asks if Pat has found a solution for the Swap Club. Pat, however, has been busy defending herself from Nathan Booth who believes Pat began rumours identifying him as the IOU forger. Lynda and Pat decide to design and print their own forge-proof currency with a tightly controlled release to avoid hyperinflation.

Tom's putting up fencing in preparation for the weaners at Bridge Farm. Tony asks how he's coping with the extra work and Tom assures him everything's fine. Tom jokes that they should make a mess of the land, hoping for a lower valuation when the land agent calls on Friday. Helen shares Tom's excitement, but is aware of the pressure to succeed because of the financial risks. Tom wants to succeed just to prove himself to Brian. Helen insists it's only their parents who they must prove themselves to now.

David has seen posters opposing the biodigester and is frustrated that people haven't waited for the public meeting. Pat assures David that she won't put up a poster until she's heard what David has to say, but warns him that if only half the rumours are true he'll be seeing a lot more posters.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00df6nf)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Ian Rankin's new heist thriller, *Door Open*, features Miles Mackenzie, a self made man who decides to steal from the National Gallery of Scotland.

The Christie Archives Trust has announced that archive recordings made by Agatha Christie have been found by her grandson in a box at her former home outside Torquay. The Trust is now deciding what to do with the tapes and whether Christie's autobiography should be re-issued.

Art critic Rachel Campbell-Johnston reports from Sotheby's on the Damien Hirst auction.

Catherine O'Flynn, the winner of the 2008 Costa First Novel Award, picked *Infinite Jest* as a book she wanted to recommend to readers. As the apparent suicide of its author, the American writer David Foster Wallace, was announced, she talks to Mark about the novel.

New celebrity chef Valentine Warner, presenter of *What to Eat Now*, and television cookery producer Pat Llewellyn, the creator of *Two Fat Ladies*, *The Naked Chef* and *Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares*, discuss the best way to present food on TV and what you need to succeed as a TV chef.

Film critic and director of the Crime Scene Film Festival Adrian Wootton reviews the Korean crime drama *The Chaser*.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00df6nh)

The Dig

Episode 1

John Preston's account of a major archaeological excavation at Sutton Hoo in 1939.

Peggy and her husband interrupt their honeymoon as they are called to take part in Britain's most significant archaeological excavation.

Peggy Piggott Anna Madeley
Stuart Piggott Bertie Carvel
Rory Lomax Alex Wyndham
Charles Phillips Stephen Critchlow
Robert Pretty Ryan Watson
Edith Pretty Joan Walker
Basil Brown Sam Dale
Reid Moir Nyasha Hatendi
Will/Grately/Vuilamy Dan Starkey

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

MON 20:00 The Credit Crunch Mess: What Next? (b00df6m8)

Evan Davis presents a live debate, featuring BBC Business Editor Robert Peston. A panel of experts tackles three key questions: whether the banks should be reined in, whether

consumers should be spending less and saving more, and whether the era of American economic dominance is finally over. In conclusion, the guests discuss what might happen next in the world of global finance.

MON 21:00 Inflamed Response (b00dfbsh)
Episode 1

Claudia Hammond investigates inflammation, the body's first line of defence against injury and infection. Researchers now realise that when it fails to switch off, the process is responsible for a host of unrelated medical conditions from cardiovascular disease to cancer.

The latest attempts to tame the inflamed response could offer new and much simpler ways of warding off some of the most challenging diseases.

MON 21:30 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dcv0q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00dfcn4)
The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dfcn6)
National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00dfcn8)
Someone at a Distance

Episode 6

Deborah Findlay reads from Dorothy Whipple's 1953 novel, abridged in ten parts by Jill Waters.

After Avery North and the young Frenchwoman, Louise Lanier, have been surprised in an embrace by his wife and daughter, Ellen has told Louise that she must leave the house immediately and she is trusting to Avery to take the right course of action.

MON 23:00 Word of Mouth (b00d9whr)
Michael Rosen takes another journey into the world of words, language and the way we speak.

MON 23:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b0175mdh)
Series 2

They Come to Freeze Our Children

An actress is forced to face her worst fear and work with a child.

Series two of Christopher William Hill's sitcom set in 1962. A BBC producer struggles to make a radio soap set in the unimaginably futuristic world of 2008.

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
Keith Wood Sam Pamphilon
Cynthia Valentine Rachel Atkins
Fenella Sayers Ania Gordon
Director Alex Lamipekun
Angela Anna Bengo
Continuity Simon Treves.

Producer: Liz Webb

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TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2008

TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00dcnbn)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dd0hr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dcnbnq)
The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dcnhs)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dcnbnv)
The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00dcnbnx)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dcnbnz)
Daily prayer and reflection with Claire Campbell Smith.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00dcnbn1)
News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00dcnbn3)
Presented by John Humphrys and Edward Stourton.

Greg Wood, Chris Hogg and Robert Peston explain how bad the day's trading was in the global markets.

Mike Sergeant reports on the improvement in security in Iraq during General Petraeus' 18 months in charge.

Chancellor Alistair Darling says that the economy is going through a stage of unprecedented turbulence.

Chris Morris reports from Hyderabad on the impact of the Premier League on the development of Indian football.

Thought For The Day with the Right Rev Tom Butler.

Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg discusses his speech from the party conference in Bournemouth.

Matthew Bishop, of The Economist in New York, and Sir Howard Davies, former chairman of the Financial Services Authority in the UK, discuss the future of AIG.

Former American Poet Laureate Donald Hall takes Nicola Stanbridge through some of his favourite poems.

MP Fiona MacTaggart and former Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett discuss the possibility of a leadership contest.

Ian Johnston, the president of the Police Superintendents' Association for England and Wales says public support for the police is 'fragile'.

Former Liberal leader David Steel and Olly Grender, former director of communications for the Liberal Democrats, discuss how successful Nick Clegg will be.

David Freud, former vice-chairman of UBS, and Lord Desai, Professor of Economics at the LSE, discuss whether investment banks are still the 'high priests' of the economy.

TUE 09:00 The Choice (b00dh7q7)
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.

Roderick Young discusses his decision to become a Rabbi after spending a childhood ignorant of his Jewish identity.

TUE 09:30 I Was a Child Prodigy (b00djegl)
Episode 3

Chris Ledgard presents a series looking at the lives of people who were labelled child prodigies.

Demis Hassabis was once the highest-ranked twelve-year-old chess player in the world. He wanted a career in chess and hoped one day to become world champion. Then he gave up playing the game seriously, a decision he doesn't regret. Why does chess have such a hold on so many bright young people? International Masters Bill Hartston and Malcolm Pein join the debate.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dcy80)
A Strange Eventful History

Episode 2

Eleanor Bron reads from Michael Holroyd's biography of Ellen Terry and Henry Irving, two greats of the Victorian stage.

Henry Irving was born John Brodribb, a sickly child with a pronounced speech impediment and a disappointment to his parents. But after a trip to see Hamlet, he decided that his future lay on the stage. Turning his back on his parents, the determined young man embarked upon the long process of

transforming himself into one of the greatest actor-managers in theatrical history.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dd0fk)
Kathy Reichs; War nurses

Crime writer Kathy Reichs discusses the appeal of forensic science. Plus the women who served in the Second World War, and the enduring tale of Turandot.

TUE 11:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b00dghmj)

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

TUE 11:30 London's Fashion Spectacular (b00dghml)
Episode 2

Bronwyn Cosgrave finds out why London has become the centre of the fashion world.

Can London ever hope to build a solid fashion industry to rival Paris or Milan, or are British labels destined to burn brightly but all too briefly?

TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00dd46p)
Call You and Yours

Presented by John Waite and Winifred Robinson.

Fuel poverty: Are the government's proposals to help stave off fuel poverty too little too late? What should be done to help people now?

With guests:
Derek Lickorish: Chairman of the Government's Fuel Poverty Advisory Group
Alan Asher: CEO of Energywatch
Mark Todd: Energyhelpline
Jenny Saunders: Chief Executive of National Energy Action

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00dd46r)
The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00dd46t)
National and international news with Martha Kearney.

TUE 13:30 Pulling out the Stops: The Vienna Court Organist (b00dghmn)
Award-winning violinist Daniel Hope takes an exclusive tour of the city of Vienna, through its back streets, hidden secrets - and lost music - in the company of the Royal Court Organist Martin Haselbock.

It's a musical detective story, which features an exclusive recording of Choralfantasie BWV 1128, the long-lost recently discovered Bach piece, premiered by Martin Haselbock.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00df6nc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b00dghmq)
A Tokyo Murder

The Parents

By John Dryden and Miriam Smith.

Jennifer and Peter Whitelock arrive in Japan to help find their daughter Daisy's murderer. Frustrated with the progress of the police investigation, Peter puts his trust in TV producer Norio Ito, who promises to champion their cause on his popular 'news and entertainment' show, while Jennifer tries to discover what her daughter's life in Tokyo was like. Then she starts getting calls from a man claiming to be the killer.

Jennifer Whitelock Lynne Hobday
Peter Whitelock Martin Burns
Akira Takahashi Nariyasu Kato
Norio Ito Ryuji Yoshimura
Brie Erika Hirokawa

Other parts played by Junnichi Takahashi, Sachiko Yamada, Gemma Nokes, Shinji Kobata, Michael Ryhs, Hiroyuki Nojima, Teruhiko Nakajima, Adam Browning, Masaru Yoshihara, Harumi Tsumoto, Takako Anami, Kei Katsumoto.

Directed by John Dryden.

A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b00dhh1j)

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

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dgtls)

In Bookshops Now

The Cane

Series featuring new and classic stories from collections all currently available and in print.

Author Machado de Assis (1839 -1908) is an important figure in Brazilian literature. His selected short stories have been recently translated and published in English.

Translated by John Gledson and read by Ben Onwukwe.

TUE 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dgd2)

Columbus: Bearer of Death

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by David Reynolds. The first European explorers brought fatal diseases which reduced the numbers of native Americans.

TUE 16:00 Word of Mouth (b00dghms)

Michael Rosen takes another journey into the world of words, language and the way we speak.

TUE 16:30 Great Lives (b00dhh1n)

Series 16

Field Marshal Bill Slim

Series of biographical discussions with Matthew Parris.

General Sir Mike Jackson, former Head of the British Army, nominates Field Marshal Bill Slim, leader of the Burma Campaign. Military historian Julian Thompson lends weight to the argument that Slim, less well known today than other Second World War Generals, was perhaps the greatest commander of the 20th century.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00dhh1s)

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

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dhh1v)

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

TUE 18:30 Hut 33 (b00lxzyd)

Series 1

Food

The Bletchley Park code-breakers think of some new ways to improve wartime rations. Stars Robert Bathurst. From July 2007.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00dhh1z)

Joe is missing Mildred, but flights to Canada are too expensive for him and he feels too old to make such a long journey anyway. Clarrie attempts to distract him by asking him to come along to the biodigester meeting.

At the meeting, David and Adam are feeling nervous, as the village hall is full to bursting. Buoyed by Annabelle's confidence, David tries his hardest to dispel the rumours that have flooded the village. Susan is appalled to learn of the plans to process supermarket waste, and the atmosphere at the meeting remains fraught. This is consolidated by Joe, who fears that the increase of traffic the biodigester would bring to Ambridge would prevent him from driving his pony trap. Annabelle defends the project, but many members of the audience remain unconvinced.

Ruth, David and Annabelle go to the Bull for drinks after the meeting. Ruth reveals that Pip seemed upset when she left halfway through the meeting; she found it hard to see everyone giving her dad such a hard time but she's also got caught up in Izzy's love-life problems. Everyone congratulates David on his performance, but he remains unsure that any progress has been made.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00dhh21)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

With 41 novels under his belt, the thriller writer and former champion jockey Dick Francis has just published his latest, *Silks*. In a rare interview, the 88 year old writer and his son Felix, a long-time collaborator in the writing process, reflect on a cruel twist of fate in the 1956 Grand National and a subsequent writing success story which has gone rather a long way to compensating for that bitter blow.

Chart-topping rapper Mike Skinner, better known as The Streets, discusses his new album. Skinner acknowledges some unexpected influences found in poetry and psychology and explains why his next album will be his last under the name of The Streets.

Television executive and former Controller of BBC Three Stuart Murphy reviews the film *Live!*, a mockumentary about a reality show where the contestants risk their lives for five million dollars in a primetime game of Russian roulette.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00dggfn)

The Dig

Episode 2

John Preston's account of a major archaeological excavation at Sutton Hoo in 1939.

Peggy has found gold. Basil Brown explains how he first found traces of the Anglo-Saxon burial ship.

Peggy Piggott Anna Madeley
Stuart Piggott Bertie Carvel
Rory Lomax Alex Wyndham
Charles Phillips Stephen Critchlow
Robert Pretty Ryan Watson
Edith Pretty Joan Walker
Basil Brown Sam Dale
Reid Moir Nyasha Hatendi
Will/Grately/Vuilamy Dan Starkey

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b00dhh27)

While Britain's hospitals struggle to contain the spread of MRSA, Jenny Cuffe reports on a new and potentially fatal strain of the bacteria which attacks children and young people in the community. Experts warn that the death toll will continue to rise unless the government takes decisive action.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00dhh2c)

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

TUE 21:00 Case Notes (b00dhh2k)

HPV

Dr Mark Porter explores health issues of the day.

He is joined by Dr Anne Szarewski to discuss HPV, a family of viruses that cause verrucas, warts and cervical cancer. The majority of the infections clear up without any treatment but some are more serious.

A vaccine will soon be available for all girls aged 11-18 to prevent the two viruses that cause the majority of cervical cancers. Since these viruses are sexually transmitted, the aim is to vaccinate before girls become sexually active.

TUE 21:30 The Choice (b00dh7q7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00dhh2p)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dgvvy)

National and international news and analysis with Shaun Ley.

Including reports from Wall Street on how tumbling shares worldwide affects the 'real economy' and from Cornwall on the rural economy in the south west of England.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00dglf4)

Someone at a Distance

Episode 7

Deborah Findlay reads from Dorothy Whipple's 1953 novel, abridged by Jill Waters.

Avery has left the family home. Unable to face the horrified reaction of his daughter after she witnessed him with Louise, he has told his wife that he will not be returning.

TUE 23:00 Edge Falls (b00dghmv)

Series 2

Episode 3

Will a protest halt the park's Sales and stop Mick going 'Dirty Dancing' with Valerie? Stars Mark Benton. From September 2008.

TUE 23:30 American Dreams (b00c88w3)

Michigan

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

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

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2008

WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00denj5)

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dcy80)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dcnj7)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dcnj9)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dcnjc)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00dcnjf)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dcnjh)

Daily prayer and reflection with Claire Campbell Smith.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00dcnjk)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

WED 06:00 Today (b00dcnjm)

Presented by John Humphrys and James Naughtie.

Robert Peston explains why the US government has stepped in to rescue insurance company AIG.

Tom Symonds discusses the sale of Gatwick, London's second-largest airport.

Phillip Ward, director for local government services at the Waste Resources Action Programme, discusses new waste disposal ideas.

Professor Ian Fells and US Deputy Energy Secretary Jeffrey Kupfer discuss the arguments for increasing the use of nuclear power.

Thought For The Day with Rabbi Lionel Blue.

Labour MP Phil Hope and BBC political editor Nick Robinson discuss how PM Gordon Brown will fare at the Labour party conference.

In New York, Sarah Montague interviews Jeffrey Sachs, Professor of Economics and a special adviser to the United Nations secretary-general, about the situation on Wall Street.

Head of BAA Colin Matthews discusses the decision to sell Gatwick airport.

Author Eoin Colfer discusses the challenge of writing the sixth book in the *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* series.

Tim Franks reports on the candidates most likely to take over Israel's ruling party, Kadima.

Winifred Robinson returns to her home city looking at the stereotypical image of Liverpool's inhabitants. She discusses her findings with Liverpool-born poet and broadcaster Paul Farley.

Colin Paterson reports on Carla Bruni's appearance on BBC2's Later With Jools Holland.

Steven Bell, chief economist at GLC Hedge Fund, discusses how the market reacts to bad news.

WED 09:00 The House I Grew Up In (b00dggj0)
Series 2

Baroness Mary Warnock

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

Baroness Mary Warnock has been a moral referee for 30 years. Her judgement has often been relied upon to steer a path through a tangle of controversies from human embryo research to euthanasia. She takes Wendy back to her idyllic childhood in Winchester, where she was brought up by her beloved nanny and an eccentric mother.

WED 09:30 Backstreet Business (b008pxsz)
Episode 4

Nicola Heywood Thomas visits small businesses. Ronnie Scott works alone in an ageing Edinburgh workshop, repairing bowls which have lost their bias.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dcy82)
A Strange Eventful History

Episode 3

Eleanor Bron reads from Michael Holroyd's biography of Ellen Terry and Henry Irving, two greats of the Victorian stage.

Irving's blood-and-thunder melodramas and versions of Shakespeare proved huge hits at the Lyceum Theatre. After a triumphant tour of the United States, his relationship with Ellen deepened and a romance was rumoured. But the course of their relationship was to change with the death of the father of Ellen's two illegitimate children.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dd0fm)
Gloria Hunniford; Joyce DiDonato; Baby routines

Gloria Hunniford on grieving for her daughter Caron Keating. Plus mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato on her love of Handel, and asking if strict routines can harm a baby's development.

WED 11:00 The Trouble with Scousers (b00dggj2)
Winifred Robinson examines the stereotypical image of the Liverpudlian. She returns to her home city to talk to fellow Scousers including Willy Russell, Paul Farley and Bel Mooney.

WED 11:30 Kicking the Habit (b00dggj4)
Series 2

Calendar Boys

Comedy drama by Christopher Lee, set in a Carmelite monastery where the brown habit is no protection against the problems and temptations of the modern world.

When a famous young artist arrives to paint the pictures for next year's Friary Calendar, tensions arise which give Father Michael more than one reason for concern.

Father Bertie Alfred Molina
Brother Martin Roy Dotrice
Father Michael Martin Jarvis
Brother Luke Darren Richardson
Mave Rosalind Ayres
Gwyneth Moira Quirk

Friars and pilgrims played by Kenneth Danziger, Matthew Wolf and Alan Shearman.

Directed by Pete Atkin.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00dd46w)
Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson and Sheila McClellon.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00dd46y)
The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00dd470)
National and international news with Martha Kearney.

WED 13:30 Tracing Your Roots (b00dggj6)
Series 3

Episode 5

Sally Magnusson presents a series exploring the practice of researching family history, one of the UK's most rapidly growing pastimes.

With genealogist Nick Barratt, she looks at how stories handed down through generations can offer a whole new slant on history. They investigate how private diaries and oral history accounts can be made available to a wider audience.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00dhb1z)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b00dhfsf)
A Tokyo Murder

The Detective

By John Dryden and Miriam Smith.

Detective Inspector Julie Hill is sent to Tokyo to investigate the disappearance of British teacher Daisy Whitelock. Working with the Tokyo police, who are reluctant to have a foreign police officer interfering with the case, she has to overcome cultural and bureaucratic obstacles as she attempts to untangle what really happened at the foreign language school Daisy taught at.

Julie Hill Rachel Ferguson
Assistant Inspector Takasugi Takuya Matsumoto
Superintendent Yamagawa Teruhiko Nakajima
Alex Micheal Naishut
Brie Erika Hirokawa
Akira Takahashi Nariyasu Kato

Other parts played by Ken Endo, Daan Archer, Shinji Kobata, Hiroyuki Nojima, Masaru Yoshihara, Takako Anami, Rika Wakasugi and Kei Katsumoto.

Directed by John Dryden.

A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00dcf8s)
[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dgtlv)
In Bookshops Now

The Far West

Series featuring new and classic stories from collections all currently available and in print.

Author Julian Maclaren-Ross was a hard-drinking literary denizen of Fitzrovia in the 40s and 50s. Set in France, his story portrays the casual cruelty of small boys.

Read by Nigel Lindsay.

WED 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dhv23)
Borderlands of the Spanish Superpower

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by David Reynolds.

The Spanish successfully colonised Central and South America, but the lure of gold and silver encouraged some to try their luck to the north.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00dhg7h)
Class and Reality TV - Balti Britain

CLASS and REALITY TV
According to new research around 78% of our free to air tv schedules is now comprised of reality TV advising us, chastising us, humiliating us and surprising us – but what is the underlying message about the kind of people we are supposed to think we are? Laurie Taylor is joined by Professor Beverley Skeggs, co-author of a recent ESRC research project entitled Making Class and Self Through Televised Ethical Scenarios. They discuss the

sub-text of reality TV make-over programmes and the manner in which they portray working class people.

BALTI BRITAIN
Ziauddin Sardar talks about his new book *Balti Britain – A Journey through the British Asian experience and discusses the nature of the relationship between Britain and the Indian Sub-continent.*

WED 16:30 Case Notes (b00dhh2k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b00dgvtd)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dgvtg)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

WED 18:30 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00dhg7k)
Series 2

Humility

The comedian ponders the virtue of living more modestly. With poetry and songs by Tim Key and Tom Basden. From September 2008.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00dgg5n)
It's the Go-Getters' team chase in Ramsbury. Elizabeth is apprehensive about their chances of success but this does nothing to dampen Nigel's spirits. Shula and Caroline perform well but Alice cuts across Nigel, causing him to fall. Nigel's body may be bruised, but his enthusiasm remains healthy. Elizabeth suspects Alice was showing off to Christopher. With the team coming in 23rd overall, Nigel's a bit disappointed. Elizabeth's just pleased he's ok.

Now that Will has agreed to be Abbie's godfather, Hayley has to tell Emma that this means neither she nor Ed can attend the christening. Emma seems hurt but understands, and thinks this will be a healthy experience for Will. She'll be sorry to miss the christening but it's good that Will has said yes.

Matt's had a response from his mother's nursing home, and she is happy to receive a letter from him. He's been advised to take a gentle approach, and Lilian is keen to help but Matt has other ideas. He's never been good at writing letters so has made a decision. He'll drive to the nursing home tomorrow to see his mother face-to-face. Lilian's welcome to go with him. It's up to her but he's going anyway.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00dgg5q)
Presented by John Wilson.

Robert Downey Jr talks about his latest film, *Tropic Thunder*, in which he plays an Australian method actor who, cast as an African-American, dyes his skin black and remains in character even when the cameras are off.

John is joined by architect Amanda Levete to discuss the new exhibition about the Cold War era at the V&A.

John meets British sculptor Sir Anthony Caro in northern France for a special preview of his sculptures, made from twisted and rusted steel slabs, before the official opening next month.

Novelist Bidisha reviews *Merlin*, the new Saturday evening family drama on BBC1, which updates the legend of King Arthur's sorcerer.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00dgg5s)
The Dig

Episode 3

John Preston's account of a major archaeological excavation at Sutton Hoo in 1939.

As Peggy's husband leaves the site to discuss finds with the British Museum, Rory Lomax arrives at Sutton Hoo and introduces her to the nightingale's song.

Peggy Piggott Anna Madeley
Stuart Piggott Bertie Carvel
Rory Lomax Alex Wyndham
Charles Phillips Stephen Critchlow

Robert Pretty Ryan Watson
Edith Pretty Joan Walker
Basil Brown Sam Dale
Reid Moir Nyasha Hatendi
Will/Grately/Vuilamy Dan Starkey

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b00dgg8)

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

WED 20:45 In the Think Tanks (b00dhg7m)

Dennis Sewell considers the influence of think tanks in the current political debate.

WED 21:00 The Great Big Particle Adventure (b00dgjgb)
Episode 2

Comedian and physicist Ben Miller explores the workings of the new LHC atom smasher at CERN in Switzerland and what it is designed to discover.

He looks at dark matter, the invisible material that fills the universe but whose exact nature remains a mystery.

WED 21:30 The House I Grew Up In (b00dgjg0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00dggw0)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dggw2)

National and international news and analysis with David Eades. Including reports on another volatile day on international markets, the fallout from rising unemployment in the UK and the importance of the Latino vote in the American presidential election.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00djd4b)

Someone at a Distance

Episode 8

Deborah Findlay reads from Dorothy Whipple's 1953 novel, abridged by Jill Waters.

Avery is determined that divorce is the only possible course of action left to him. Ellen is convinced that he is in love with the French girl.

WED 23:00 Strangers on Trains (b00dgjgd)

Episode 4

Lone male travellers share their secret feelings about 'home'. With Nat Segnit and Stewart Wright. From August 2008.

WED 23:15 All Bar Luke (b00dgjgg)

Series 3

The Hen Night

Poignant comedy drama series by Tim Key.

Luke is trapped in the hen party from hell when the love of his life appoints him chief bridesmaid.

An Angel Eye Media production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 23:30 American Dreams (b00cdjry)

Houston

James Naughtie explores the unease preoccupying American politicians and voters in a presidential election year.

He visits Houston, a city in the grip of a demographic revolution driven by a huge influx of immigrants, some legal and many illegal. They are fuelling both an economic boom and resentment in one of America's most ethnically diverse cities.

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2008

THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00dcnjp)

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

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dcy82)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dcnjr)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dcnjt)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dcnjw)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00dcnjj)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dcnk0)

Daily prayer and reflection with Claire Campbell Smith.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00dcnk2)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

THU 06:00 Today (b00dcnk4)

Presented by James Naughtie and Evan Davis.

Robert Peston and Sir Peter Burt discuss the merger of HBOS and Lloyds TSB.

Dr Sara Kenyon of the University of Leicester discusses the use of antibiotics by pregnant women.

Paul Adams reports on Georgia's bid to join Nato.

Charles Goodhart, former member of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee, discusses the HBOS takeover.

Correspondent James Reynolds reports from Beijing on milk tainted with toxic melamine.

Dr Sam Parnia discusses what people have said that they had seen, or felt, when they came back from the brink of death.

Thought For The Day with Rev Angela Tilby, Vicar of St Benet's Church in Cambridge.

John Prescott, former Deputy Prime Minister, discusses the launch of a campaign for Labour recovery and a fourth term in office.

Chancellor Alistair Darling responds to criticism that the HBOS-Lloyds TSB merger could have been avoided.

Mike Thomson reports on the cover-up by the British government of the massacre of prisoners of war by Japanese sailors during the First World War.

Evan Davis finds out how city workers are responding to the economic crisis.

Professor Lesley Ebdon and Professor Malcolm Grant discuss whether financial constraints are preventing students from going to university.

Gordon Brown has ordered a review of the intelligence surrounding the Omagh bomb attack. John Ware, the Panorama reporter who broke the story, discusses whether any more information was available before the attacks.

Sports Editor Mihir Bose discusses the Ryder Cup.

THU 09:00 The City (b00dgjn2)

Futures and Options

Jeff Randall gets behind the scenes in London to meet the money men whose decisions affect all of us.

He looks at history to establish why London has become so powerful a financial centre and examines how it may remain so. The city is constantly evolving as new breeds are created and old ones disappear. Jeff looks to the lessons of previous crises and the cyclical nature of markets and examines the big issues facing us in the future.

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dcy85)

A Strange Eventful History

Episode 4

Eleanor Bron reads from Michael Holroyd's biography of Ellen Terry and Henry Irving, two greats of the Victorian stage.

Despite Ellen's fears that the role of Lady Macbeth was beyond her capabilities, her performance was perhaps her greatest ever role. But after Macbeth, her relationship with Irving became more and more distant and her roles less and less demanding. The Lyceum suffered failure after failure, with Irving seemingly out of touch with contemporary trends as he ignored the work of modern playwrights such as Ibsen, Shaw and Wilde. The fortunes of the great theatre began to look very precarious.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dd0fp)

Body shopping; The life of Harriet Cohen

Should children's body parts be used in the cosmetics industry, even if the tissues used are extracted legally? Plus the life and loves of pianist Harriet Cohen.

THU 11:00 Crossing Continents (b00dhhen)

Northern Uganda

Callum Macrae reports from a devastated region.

The conflict in northern Uganda is one of Africa's longest running and most brutal civil wars. Now, after more than 20 years, a delicate peace reigns, but could this be under threat? The International Criminal Court has issued warrants of arrest against rebel leader Joseph Kony and some of his commanders, but many Ugandans fear that intervention may actually prolong the conflict. On the other hand, international pressure is growing for a military solution to the war, which is now seen to threaten the strategic interests of the west in the region.

Callum investigates the risks of the west's new interest in this war and to examine claims that traditional processes of reconciliation, focusing on forgiveness rather than punishment, may hold the key to bringing a lasting peace to this unhappy land.

THU 11:30 Thoroughly Modest Mollie (b00dgjn4)

Bernard Cribbins pays tribute to Mollie Millett, who wrote scripts for many of Kenneth Horne's radio appearances and eventually became a ghostwriter for the series Beyond Our Ken.

He is joined by actor Jonathan Rigby, who plays Kenneth Horne in the popular stage production Round the Horne Revisited, and Bill Pertwee, an original BOK cast member. They recreate some of Mollie's sketches and poems, along with readings from the unique correspondence she shared with Horne over several years.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00dd472)

Presented by Liz Barclay and John Waite.

As a new production of Rain Man takes to the stage, we ask why writers are so attracted to the subject of autism. We speak to Adam Godley, who plays Raymond, and author Michael Blastland, who has autistic son.

Although the price of oil seems to finally be dropping, some oil experts believe that we have reached what is called 'peak oil', when supplies begin an irreversible decline.

Many families who have bought former council flats are facing bills of thousands of pounds because of a government scheme to improve the standard of social housing.

The Lloyds TSB takeover of HBOS will mean less competition on the high street. Adrian Graves, campaigner for bank and insurance customers, and Peter Hahn, Former managing director at Citigroup, discuss.

As the Paralympics draw to a close, Peter White reflects on the success of the Games.

The Fire Brigades Union says that damage to the Channel Tunnel could have been much less severe if the recommendations made after the last tunnel fire over 10 years ago had been heeded. We speak to John Keefe from Eurotunnel and John McGee from the Fire Brigades Union.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00dd474)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00dd476)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Open Country (b00dc2mf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00dggw5n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00dhcq)

A Tokyo Murder

The Daughter

By John Dryden and Miriam Smith.

Daisy Whitelock arrives in Japan to teach English at a foreign language school in Tokyo. Her desire to scratch beneath the surface of Japanese society leads her to shun the companionship of the other ex-pat teachers in her shared apartment, and exposes her to the terrifying reality of a disturbed mind.

Daisy Whitelock Sophie Cartman
Akira Takahashi Nariyasu Kato
Brie Erika Hirokawa
Alex Michael Naishtut

Other parts played by Junnichi Takahashi, Sachiko Yamada, Adam Browning, Shinji Kobata, Rika Wakasugi, Kei Katsumoto, Ken Endo, Masaru Yoshihara, Takako Anami, Erika Akiyama, Hikari Motohashi.

Directed by John Dryden.

A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 15:00 Questions, Questions (b00dhcs)

Stewart Henderson answers those niggling questions from everyday life.

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00dccc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dgtlx)

In Bookshops Now

Flight of Freedom

Series featuring new and classic stories from collections all currently available and in print.

In Courttira Newland's tale, a failed drug-dealer spends his time hanging out on a London street corner near the tower block where he lives alone. One day he develops a worryingly insistent itch, between the shoulder blades.

Read by Don Gilet.

THU 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dgtlz)

New France Astride America's Heartland

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by David Reynolds. The French moved from the north to the south, searching for the mouth of the Mississippi.

THU 16:00 Open Book (b00dcn3l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00dhcww)

Volcanic Nanoparticles - Seawater Greenhouses

Volcanic Nanoparticles

How do volatile metals from volcanoes end up in polar ice cores? It has always been a mystery how trace metals, like mercury, with a volcanic signature find their way into polar ice in regions without nearby evidence of volcanic activity.

Now scientists think they have discovered the answer - volcanoes are a source of tiny nanoparticles. Until now no one knew that volcanoes did this.

Quentin is joined by Dr Tamsin Mather & Dr David Pyle, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Oxford, who have been leading the new research. These nanoparticles are small enough to be carried around the world by the wind and could be involved in the formation of clouds and have a role in reflecting solar radiation back into space. They may also 'seed' distant patches of barren ocean with nutrients. Volcanoes may be large and explosive but their effects are now seen to be pervasive and at happening at the very smallest of levels.

Seawater Greenhouses

The world is running short of accessible fresh water. With agriculture accounting for some 70% of all water used, the shortage is closely linked to food production. Fortunately, the shortage is closely linked to food production. Fortunately, the shortage is not short of water itself, it's just in the wrong place.

Converting seawater to fresh water in the right quantities and in the right places offers the potential to solve water shortage problems, particularly in arid areas.

A team comprising an inventor, an architect and an engineer

have proposed a new technology that could produce food, fresh water and clean energy in arid regions as well as re-vegetating large areas of desert.

The Seawater Greenhouse is an ingenious technology that creates a cool growing environment in hot parts of the world and is a net producer of distilled water from seawater.

Quentin is joined seawater greenhouse designer Charlie Paton, Seawater Greenhouse Limited, and by Michael Pawlyn, Exploration, an architect who specialises in 'biomimicry' - designs that follow natural systems to solve problems.

THU 17:00 PM (b00dgvjt)

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

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dgvtl)

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

THU 18:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00dgvjn6)

Series 1

Phill Jupitus

Marcus Brigstocke invites Phill Jupitus to try new experiences.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00dgv5v)

Pat tells Susan of the plan to print a Tea currency for the swap club, along with the idea of introducing a subscription charge. Initially unconvinced, Susan concludes that it can't be any worse than their current situation. Pat suggests that Susan presents the idea to the rest of the committee.

A passing comment in the shop creates an argument between Pip and Susan, who has expressed her fears over the biodigester. Pip reacts angrily, and her considered argument for the project soon becomes infused with insults directed at Susan.

Lilian accompanies Matt to the nursing home where Matt's mother, Louise, agrees to meet them. Louise tells Matt how she fell pregnant at a young age and the father disappeared shortly afterwards. Louise's father insisted that the baby go up for adoption. Matt is empathetic and understanding. He learns that she remarried and had three more children but is now widowed.

While genuinely pleased to know that Matt has forgiven her, Louise remains distant and doesn't share his enthusiasm for keeping in touch. Matt tells Lilian that he's left things too late. Louise isn't fussed if he comes back or not, so maybe it's best if he doesn't.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00dgv5x)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Mark Lawson and novelist Philip Hensher discuss Anton Chekhov's Ivanov, the opening production of the Donmar Warehouse's year-long residency at the Wyndham's Theatre. This new version by Tom Stoppard stars Kenneth Branagh in the title role with Gina McKee as his doomed wife.

Actress Helen Hunt talks to Mark about directing her first film, *Then She Found Me*, the story of a New York schoolteacher who has a mid-life crisis, and why Hollywood is biased against women.

David Quantick charts the parallels in the lives and music of Elvis Presley and Cliff Richard, who both have new albums out this week.

Novelist Howard Jacobson discusses *The Act of Love*, his story of sexual jealousy and betrayal.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00dgv5z)

The Dig

Episode 4

John Preston's account of a major archaeological excavation at Sutton Hoo in 1939.

As the public are invited to see the excavations, a row erupts over where the treasure is to be kept.

Peggy Piggott Anna Madeley
Stuart Piggott Bertie Carvel
Rory Lomax Alex Wyndham
Charles Phillips Stephen Critchlow
Robert Pretty Ryan Watson
Edith Pretty Joan Walker
Basil Brown Sam Dale
Reid Moir Nyasha Hatendi

Will/Grately/Vuilamy Dan Starkey

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

THU 20:00 Document (b00dhlf9)

The Case of the Suez Maru

Mike Thomson presents the series using documentary evidence to throw new light on past events.

He examines the events surrounding a massacre of Allied POWs by the Japanese in 1943 and peruses the document that allowed the perpetrators to escape justice.

THU 20:30 In Business (b00dgvjn8)

Casino Capitalism

What can financiers learn about risk management from gambling and the casinos who do it every day of the week? Peter Day asks the experts.

THU 21:00 Costing the Earth (b00dhlfcc)

Can you spare some change please?

The environmental series looks at the politics of famine. At a time of heightened food insecurity, are the food aid policies of many UK-based aid agencies actually contributing to the problem?

THU 21:30 The City (b00dgvjn2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00dgvjw4)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dgvjw6)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on the FSA's ban on short selling, the impact of the financial crisis on the American presidential election and Ukraine's second thoughts about joining NATO.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00dh230)

Someone at a Distance

Episode 9

Deborah Findlay reads from Dorothy Whipple's 1953 novel, abridged by Jill Waters.

Ellen has agreed to divorce Avery but is refusing to accept his money as alimony. His son and daughter both continue to reject their father.

THU 23:00 Jon Ronson On (b00dhlf9)

Series 4

How to Stop Time

Jon Ronson wonders how we slow down or even stop time in a world which seems to be constantly accelerating. He talks to the scientist who claims to be developing a method of time travel and eventually hopes to visit the father who died in his childhood. He also talks to a man who holds the world record for staying awake the longest, thereby doubling his time. Guests include comedian Danny Robins.

THU 23:30 American Dreams (b00chsyn)

Kansas

James Naughtie explores the unease preoccupying American politicians and voters alike in a presidential election year.

He visits Fort Riley in Kansas, a rapidly expanding base playing a key role in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. He examines the use of the military as an instrument of US foreign policy and assesses the direction America may take as the world's superpower.

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2008**FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00dcnk6)**

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dcy85)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dckn8)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dcknb)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dcknd)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00dckng)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dcknj)

Daily prayer and reflection with Claire Campbell Smith.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00dcknl)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00dcknk)

Presented by Sarah Montague and Evan Davis.

Miriam Rosen, Director of Education at Ofsted, discusses whether criticism of maths lessons is justified.

Mark Easton explains why the UK will sign the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in full.

Brian Paddick, former Deputy Assistant Commissioner at the Met, discusses whether the police service is in crisis.

James Rodgers reports on how the stock market in Russia has been suspended several times.

The Bush administration is reviewing its war strategy in Afghanistan because of the problems there. UK Defence Secretary Des Browne discusses how this will affect Britain.

Tom Feilden reports from beneath the dramatic new Corpus Clock in Cambridge.

Thought For The Day with the writer Rhidian Brook.

Ian Cheshire, chief executive of Kingfisher, says that leading retailers 'have a responsibility' to take action to tackle climate change.

Alistair Milne, George Magnus and Martin Wolf discuss whether the worst is over for the US economy.

Children's Commissioner Sir Al Aynsley-Green and Jasmine Whitbread of Save the Children discuss whether children seeking asylum should be treated just like all other children.

Kate Bellingham, former maths teacher and presenter of Tomorrow's World discusses whether maths is taught just to pass tests.

Chris Dearden reports from Wales on just how high a mountain has to be.

Tony Blair will begin a teaching course on faith and globalisation at Yale University. President of Yale Richard Levin discusses how Blair will be received by the students.

Mike Sergeant reports from Baghdad on how Ali Hamed has rebuilt his life after his family were killed by a bomb.

Michael Morpurgo and Seni Glaister discuss the return of the children's magazine Puffin Post.

FRI 09:00 The Reunion (b00dcf8j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dcy87)

A Strange Eventful History

Episode 5

Eleanor Bron reads from Michael Holroyd's biography of Ellen Terry and Henry Irving, two greats of the Victorian stage.

In his old age, Irving embarked upon a tour of Britain, in which he seemed to literally be dying on stage in front of his public. After a performance of Becket, his end finally came, and the nation mourned the passing of the great tragedian. Ellen, however, was determined to carry on. After an unlikely marriage to an American 30 years her junior, her career continued successfully for another 20 years.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dd0fr)

Foreign correspondent Ann Leslie; Women in the city

Award-winning foreign correspondent Ann Leslie on 40 years of chasing stories. And whether with more women working in the City would the financial crisis be any different?

FRI 11:00 Britain's Teenage Suicides (b00dgjw1)

Episode 2

Penny Marshall investigates the extraordinary suicide rate among young people in the Bridgend area of South Wales.

She asks why the mental health needs of Britain's youth are often ignored. Such disorders are often difficult to identify in teenagers and in some parts of the country, such as South Wales, mental health services are very limited.

FRI 11:30 Psmith in the City by PG Wodehouse (b00dgjw3)

First Steps in a Business Career

Mike's future looks gloomy when he's forced to give up his dreams of university and work in a bank. But help is at hand...

PG Wodehouse's comic adventures of the extraordinary Psmith and his friend Mike in the world of Edwardian finance.

Dramatised by Marcy Kahan

PG Wodehouse Simon Williams
Psmith Nick Caldecott

Mike Jackson Inam Mirza
John Bickersdyke Stephen Critchlow
Mr Rossiter/Mr Jackson Chris Pavlo
Mr Waller Jonathan Tafler
Bannister Robert Lonsdale

Producer: Abigail le Fleming

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00dd478)

Presented by Liz Barclay and John Waite.

Piers are part of the traditional British seaside holiday but their susceptibility to fire has meant that many have been lost over the years. How can the 55 that remain be protected?

Both legs of a return ticket are often invalidated if you fail to use the outbound part of the journey.

A new website has been set up by the charity Parentline to help parents understand teenagers. The site features a short dictionary translating teenage slang into proper English. Comedian Steve Punt investigates.

The Property Investor Show opened in London has opened, but with the turbulence on financial markets and UK property prices falling, is anyone still interested in buying property?

The film Billy Elliot may have got more boys interested in ballet but many are still too embarrassed to go to classes with girls, so a dance teacher in Portsmouth has launched a weekly boys-only class.

People planning to make the Hajj pilgrimage later this year are being warned to be aware of rogue travel agencies when making arrangements.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00dd47b)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00dd47d)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00dhn2)

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

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00dgw5v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b00dgjw5)

The Judgement Test

Officers in the armed units of the Police have a dangerous job - both physically and psychologically. We ask them to face death and to make life and death decisions. But when it comes to the crunch, what kind of decisions does Constable John Woolf make? And how are they affecting him?

In Michael Butt's play, a probing journalist asks some difficult questions and gets some very unexpected answers.

John Woolf Ian Hart
Paul Jay Simpson
Linda Claire Price
Gerry Lawson Alistair Danson
Mr Taylor Peter Sproule
Mrs Taylor Caroline Gruber
Armourer Ian Barnes
Counsellor Andrew Branch

Director: Penny Gold

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 15:00 Costing the Earth (b00dhfc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Thursday]

FRI 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dgtm1)

In Bookshops Now

The Way to Behave

Series featuring new and classic stories from collections all currently available and in print.

In Elizabeth Baines's tale, sisterhood amongst the community of social workers is a fine and noble concept. When a husband's infidelity is involved, however, revenge is a long game.

Read by Lesley Sharp

Read by Stephen Meo.

FRI 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dgtm3)

Southern Planters and Black Slaves

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by David Reynolds.

The English settled in Virginia and Maryland. Tobacco became an important crop and slaves from Africa were introduced.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00dhn4)

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 (b00dgjw7)

Francine Stock talks to Ben Stiller about his controversial comedy Tropic Thunder, which drew protests from disability rights groups at its world premiere.

In A Lonely Place: Humphrey Bogart's murder mystery is Adrian Wootton's choice of a crime film to rent or buy on DVD.

Walter Salles, the director of Central Station and The Motorcycle Diaries talks about his new movie and why he abandoned the screenplay.

Joanna Hogg discusses her award-winning debut Unrelated about a mid-life crisis in Tuscany.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00dgvtn)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dgvtt)

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

FRI 18:30 Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive (b00dhn7)

Series 4

Episode 6

The comedy banker awards laughter bonuses. With Chris Addison, Miranda Hart and David Quantick. From September 2008.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00dgw61)

Pat and Jennifer are delighted that Susan managed to persuade everyone to accept the new forgery-proof Tea currency.

Pat recounts the argument between Susan and Pip from the previous day. Ruth is shocked to learn how rude Pip had been.

Ruth discusses Pip's behaviour with David, only to find Pip listening behind them. David appreciates Pip's support but thinks she was a bit over the top. Pip isn't sorry for what she said and begins to question how committed to saving the environment her parents are. Ruth attempts to calm Pip, and reassures her that she isn't alone in feeling frustrated at many people's apparent complacency towards environmental issues.

David calls Matt to express his concern about public opposition to the biodigester, but Matt seems preoccupied.

Lilian tells Jennifer how disappointed she had been at Matt's reunion with his mother, saying that she felt Louise agreed to see them purely out of curiosity. Lilian urges Matt to keep in touch with his mother, but Matt is convinced that Louise wants to be left alone. Matt seems upset, and Lilian feels responsible. She reminds him that he has her, and he wistfully agrees that makes him a lucky man.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00dgv63)

Presented by John Wilson.

In the company of Lewis Biggs, the director of the Liverpool Biennial, the UK's international festival of contemporary art, and the art critic Richard Cork, John sees the painting that won this year's John Moores Contemporary Painting Prize. He travels around the city to see some of the key works that can be found on the streets of Liverpool.

Political cartoonist Gerald Scarfe talks to John about how and why he depicts his subjects the way he does, and the difference between Richard Nixon's and Tony Blair's reaction to his work.

Oscar winners Philip Seymour Hoffman and Cate Blanchett discuss their new international collaboration, a partnership between their respective theatre companies and London's Trafalgar Studios. The first product of this alliance is *Riflemind*, a play by Blanchett's partner Andrew Upton, directed by Hoffman and starring John Hannah as an old rocker who tries to reunite his band.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00dgv65)

The Dig

Episode 5

John Preston's account of a major archaeological excavation at Sutton Hoo in 1939.

As war is declared, work stops on the dig. A major chapter in Peggy's life comes to an end.

Peggy Piggott Anna Madeley
 Stuart Piggott Bertie Carvel
 Rory Lomax Alex Wyndham
 Charles Phillips Stephen Critchlow
 Robert Pretty Ryan Watson
 Edith Pretty Joan Walker
 Basil Brown Sam Dale
 Reid Moir Nyasha Hatendi
 Will/Grately/Vuilamy Dan Starkey

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00dgjw9)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Upton-By-Chester, Cheshire.

The panellists are former Liberal Democrat leader Menzies Campbell, Northern Ireland Secretary Shaun Woodward, Shadow International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell and economist Bridget Rosewell.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00dj0wx)

A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Lisa Jardine.

FRI 21:00 America, Empire of Liberty Omnibus

(b00dj0wz)

Land and Peoples

The omnibus edition of David Reynolds's series charting the history of America tells the story of America's first inhabitants and the impact of European exploration.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00dgvw8)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dgvwb)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on President Bush's views on the world

economy, what can be done to restore confidence in financial systems, Labour's forthcoming annual conference and how plants heal themselves.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00dh237)

Someone at a Distance

Episode 10

Deborah Findlay reads from Dorothy Whipple's 1953 novel, abridged by Jill Waters.

Louise's return to Amigny fails when her Catholic parents refuse to recognise her marriage to Avery. Ellen is successfully building a new life as assistant manageress at Somerton Manor.

FRI 23:00 Great Lives (b00dhh1n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 American Dreams (b00cm955)

Washington DC

James Naughtie explores the unease preoccupying American politicians and voters alike in a presidential election year.

In Washington DC, he finds a system dominated by money, lobbyists, partisan politics and anger on the airwaves. At a time of increasing polarisation, what changes could a new president really bring about?