

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2008

SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00d1081)

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00ds8j7)

This Is Not About Me

Episode 5

Award-winning novelist Janice Galloway's memoir of her impoverished upbringing in 1950s Ayrshire.

Janice is beginning to see potential in her future, but first she must escape the familiar patterns and secrets from the past that threaten to drag her down.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00d1083)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00d1085)

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

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00d10jq)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00d10js)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00d12q5)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg.

SAT 05:45 Fungi: The Fifth Kingdom (b008p7vf)

A Fungus Amongst Us

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

For all their fascinating lifestyles, fungi can be friend or foe. Mycologists reveal the impact that fungi have had on the planet and how our survival is dependent on their own.

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00d12q7)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00d12q9)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00d12qc)

Countryside magazine.

Elinor Goodman finds that there is more to West Sussex than stately homes when she visits Markwell Woods, Horndean Parish and the surrounding areas where the next great oil rush may be about to occur.

SAT 06:35 Farming Today This Week (b00d12qr)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00d12qt)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00d12rd)

Presented by John Humphrys and Edward Stourton.

Kevin Connolly reports on the first US presidential debate, which was dominated by the current financial crisis.

Andy Moore reports on the latest data scandal involving the personal details of thousands of RAF staff.

Priest and financier Rev Mark Speeks and Jonathan Bartley, director of the thinktank Ekklesia, debate the morality of the Church of England's investments.

Greg Wood reports on the bailout for US homeowners.

Energy consultant David Hunter and Allan Asher, chief executive of Energywatch, debate whether the power will stay on this winter.

Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili talks to Bridget Kendall

about his country's relations with Russia.

Thought for the Day with Catherine Pepinster.

Simon Clarke, of the smokers' organisation Forest, and Bryan Stoten, chairman of the NHS Confederation, discuss the new images on cigarette packets.

Kevin Connolly gives his analysis of the performances of John McCain and Barack Obama in the first presidential debate.

Former editor Mark Seddon and David Goodhart, editor of Prospect magazine, discuss the future of Tribune magazine.

Gabriel Gatehouse reports on the elections in Belarus.

Justin Webb reports on the latest developments in the race to save the US financial system and speaks to former presidential advisor Stephan Halper.

Robert Peston reflects on the crisis at Bradford and Bingley.

Playwright Sir David Hare and Guardian theatre critic Michael Billington discuss the end of theatre censorship.

Author Dr Jan Zalasiewicz examines how the history of human existence could be deciphered from the traces we will leave in the rock strata of the planet.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00d12rg)

Award-winning actor and TV host Matthew Kelly joins Katie Derham. We hear about abortion in the 60s, an English shaolin monk and we take a stroll round Oscar Wilde's London.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00d12xp)

Iran - China

IRAN

Iran is a country of extraordinary antiquity, great science and art, yet it also presents to the West a somewhat ambiguous image via the prism of news bulletins and the occasional television or radio documentary.

John McCarthy is joined by Amelia Stewart, whose company specialises in desert travel and who will take her first group for a tour of Iran this weekend and Mary Emma Adams, the wife of the British Ambassador to Iran who has been living there for the past two and a half years. They discuss their experiences as women travellers in Iran.

CHINA

Journalist and writer Simon Winchester reveals a very different China through the life and achievements of the brilliant, eccentric biochemist Joseph Needham (1900-1995). Simon talks about the significance of Needham's life long work about China and shares tales of his Chinese travels.

SAT 10:30 Let Me Entertain You (b00d198j)

The Sporting Hero

A look at the hundred-year period from the Restoration of 1660 onwards, and the rise of a new figure in popular entertainment: the sporting hero.

Plus, the importance of the increasing use of printing, as a way of spreading popular entertainment around the country and of establishing popular tunes and songs.

John Sessions continues his series charting the history of popular entertainment in Britain, from medieval minstrels to Victorian freakshows.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

SAT 11:00 Beyond Westminster (b00d198i)

Series 1

Episode 10

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

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00d198n)

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

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00d198q)

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

SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b00d10k7)

Series 66

Episode 1

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

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00d19c1)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News Headlines (b00d19c3)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00d10kf)

Eddie Mair chairs the topical debate from Reigate, Surrey. The panellists are Liberal Democrat Home Affairs spokesman Chris Huhne, author Jeanette Winterson, Shadow Work and Pensions Secretary Chris Grayling and Labour Parliamentary aide Chris Bryant.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00dlb4s)

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

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b007762s)

Dr Freud Will See you Now Mr Hitler

By Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran.

At the age of six, Adolf Hitler suffered from recurring nightmares. The village doctor recommended a child psychiatrist in Vienna, a young man named Sigmund Freud. Adolf's brutal father, however, wouldn't hear of it. But what if....

Adolf Hitler Toby Jones
Sigmund Freud Allan Corduner
Anna Freud Sophie Winkleman
Martha Christine Kavanagh
Dr Bloch, Otto Rank John Dougal
Alois, Yung, Forster, Rothmeyer Sam Dale
Klara Jasmine Callan
Major Beck Mark Straker
Soldier Anthony Glennon

Directed by Peter Kavanagh.

SAT 15:30 Soul Music (b00djtj8)

Series 7

Swan Lake

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

1/4. Swan Lake

The story behind Tchaikovsky's ballet and the impact it has had on those who have heard and danced to it.

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b00dlbxb)

Highlights of this week's Woman's Hour programmes with Jane Garvey. Including Sheila Hancock, Sarah Brown and Labour Conference, new vestments at St Paul's Cathedral, a new biography of Queen Victoria, favourite children, women and tattoos.

SAT 17:00 PM (b00dlbg7)

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

SAT 17:30 iPM (b00dlbg9)

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

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00dlbgc)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00dlbgf)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dlbgh)

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

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00dlbgk)

Clive Anderson presents an eclectic mix of conversation, comedy and music. He is joined by Felix Dennis, John Torode and Jonathan Harvey, and Robin Ince talks to Ben Goldacre.

With comedy from Tim Minchin and music from Working for a Nuclear Free City and Don-E.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b00dlbgm)

Steve Hilton

Profile looks at Steve Hilton, David Cameron's director of strategy and the man credited with successfully rebranding the Conservative Party.

The son of Hungarian immigrants, the former Saatchi ad man and marketing expert is known for shunning the limelight and being more at home in jeans than a suit. Interviewees including Tim Allan, a friend and former adversary as an adviser to Tony Blair, consider what lies behind his influence.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00dlbk2)

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

SAT 20:00 The Archive Hour (b00dlbk4)

Julian Baggini's Sound Philosophy

Julian Baggini is a philosopher who thinks about sound. But he is also, of course, an ordinary person like anyone else. In this personal journey through the sound archives he explores how some of the sounds and recordings which have made an impact on his own life illustrate how our relationship to the past and present is changing.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00djtvl)

Apsley Cherry-Garrard - The Worst Journey in the World

Episode 1

The Worst Journey in the World

Apsley Cherry-Garrard's gripping account of his experiences as the youngest member of Captain Scott's polar expedition team, adapted by Stef Penney.

In the austere beautiful icescapes of Antarctica, things go disastrously wrong.

Apsley Cherry-Garrard Matt Green
 Captain Robert Falcon Scott John McAndrew
 Dr Atkinson Carl Prekopp
 Captain Oates Mark Meadows
 Lieutenant Bowers Peter Callaghan
 Charles Wright Simon Lee Phillips
 Dr Edward Wilson Richard Mitchley
 PO Tom Crean Jack Reynolds
 Taff Evans Huw Davies

Specially composed music by Will Gregory of Goldfrapp, orchestrated by Ian Gardiner and performed by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales, conducted by Grant Llewellyn.

Directed by Kate McAll.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00dlbpr)

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

SAT 22:15 Moral Maze (b00dkgrq)

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

SAT 23:00 Top Brain 2008 (b00dh8cl)

Robert Robinson chairs the prestigious 'champion of champions' quiz.

SAT 23:30 Poetry Please (b00djvzn)

Robert W Service, was by turns a bank clerk and a proto-Beat who commemorated the hardships and drama of the Yukon Gold Rush. Roger marks the fiftieth anniversary of his death, with Jimmy Yuill reading the classics.

The Shooting of Dan McGrew

The Spell of the Yukon

The Quitter

Funk

The Cremation of Sam McGee

All poems in this week's programme are by Robert Service and are taken from 'The Best of Robert Service' published by A&C

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SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2008

SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00775ng)

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

SUN 00:30 The Late Story (b00775nq)

More Tales from Westminster

An Honourable House

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

By Louise Bagshawe.

Karl wanted to be the next Tony Blair, but he had one slight problem in trying to get a seat.

Read by Stella Forge.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dm4gb)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dm4gd)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dm4gg)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00dm4gj)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00dm4gl)

The sound of bells from St Mary's Church in Lymn.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b00dlbgm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00dm4gn)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00dm4gq)

Freely Given

Mark Tully explores the notion of a gift culture. How does a gift culture differ from a commodity culture and what are the intrinsic benefits of such a way of living? And is it true, as Lewis Hyde argues in *The Gift: How the Creative Spirit Transforms the World*, that art is always gift, not commodity?

SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b00dm4gs)

Typical farming magazine. Caz Graham meets a Cumbrian farmer who is producing beef the Japanese way, and exploding a few myths about diet and pampering animals.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00dm4k0)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00dm4k2)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00dm4k4)

Roger Bolton with the religious and ethical news of the week. Moral arguments and perspectives on stories, both familiar and unfamiliar.

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00dm4p1)

Maternity Worldwide

Caroline Hawley appeals on behalf of Maternity Worldwide. Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b00dm5g2)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00dm5g4)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00dm5g6)

A service marking the harvest season from Moorlands Theological College in Christchurch, Dorset, led by Rev Dr Steve Brady. Preacher: Rev Ian Coffey.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00dl0kh)

A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Lisa Jardine. She argues that if society were more ready to celebrate the ingenious then we would all become more interested in science.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00dm5g8)

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

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00dm5gb)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00dm5mm)

Miriam Margolyes

Kirsty Young's guest on Desert Island Discs this week is the actress Miriam Margolyes. Her rich career has seen her work with directors such as Martin Scorsese and Baz Luhrmann and she's won awards and acclaim for her film work, her theatre performances and her book readings. She made the leap from the Cambridge Footlights to become one of our most successful and popular character actresses. Yet, despite having one of the most sought after voices in the business, she says she hasn't had the career that she aspired to. She yearned to be taken more seriously and given meatier roles but, she jokes, Joan Plowright always stood in her way. On stage she seems to have the confidence and chutzpah of someone who is beyond embarrassment - but in reality, she says, for most of her life she has simply been a 'frightened little muffin'.

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

Favourite track: The opening of the Fourth movement of the Trout Quintet by Franz Schubert

Book: Little Dorrit by Charles Dickens

Luxury: A flush toilet.

SUN 12:00 Just a Minute (b00dhh35)

Series 53

Episode 9

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game from the Opera House in Manchester. The panellists are Paul Merton, Tony Hawks, Shappi Khorsandi and Ian McMillan.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00dm74n)

Milk and Dairy

The series investigating the world of food and the stories behind what we eat.

Demand for milk products has never been higher, but the cost of milk is falling. Simon Parkes finds out what farmers can, and are, doing to safeguard their businesses.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00dm74q)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00dm755)

A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

SUN 13:30 150 Years of the Halle (b00db3bc)

A celebration of the 150th anniversary of the feted Manchester-based orchestra. Music Director Mark Elder reflects on the special place Britain's oldest professional ensemble holds in the music world and in the hearts of music lovers.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00dm77d)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

John Cushnie, Anne Swithinbank and Matthew Biggs answer questions from gardeners.

Includes the Gardeners' Question Time gardening weather forecast.

SUN 14:45 Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen's History of Home (b009mc98)

Eco-houses

Laurence explores new ways to build and run a home for the mass market by visiting an eco-community in Nottingham. From April 2008.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00dm7q7)

Apsley Cherry-Garrard - The Worst Journey in the World

Episode 2

Apsley Cherry-Garrard's gripping account of his experiences as the youngest member of Captain Scott's polar expedition team, adapted by Stef Penney.

After two months of hard marching, Scott must tell four of the surviving twelve men that they must turn back.

Apsley Cherry-Garrard Matt Green
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 Dr Edward Wilson Richard Mitchley
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 Taff Evans Huw Davies
 PO Keohane/Dimitri Andrew Byron

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SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00dmwgy)

Zoe Heller, Alan Sillitoe, and Books for Men

Zoe Heller

Mariella Frostrup talks to Zoe Heller, whose Booker-nominated novel *Notes on a Scandal* was a huge bestseller and subsequently turned into a film. Five years after that book's phenomenal success she joins Mariella to talk about her long-awaited follow-up, *The Believers*, about an ageing socialist couple in New York.

Alan Sillitoe

Mariella also meets Alan Sillitoe, whose celebrated novel *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* was published fifty years ago this week. He remembers the publication of a book which was immediately hailed for its humour, atmospheric setting and realistic depiction of factory work, and reflects on a writing life spanning over half a century.

Books for Men

Stephen Andrews and Penny Smith discuss the new book which gives men a reading list of 100 must-read books. How much do male and female reading tastes differ, and is the world of books now dominated unfairly by women?

SUN 16:30 Poetry Please (b00dmwh0)

Both poems: Remember and Goblin Market are taken from A Choice of Christina Rossetti's verse, publ: faber.

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b00djvwn)

Allan Urry examines the case for linking animal cruelty with child abuse, amid concerns expressed by the RSPCA and the NSPCC that offenders may be more likely to commit both crimes.

SUN 17:40 Profile (b00dlbgm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00dmwh2)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00dmwh4)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dmwh6)

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

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00dmwm7)

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

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00dmwm9)

Roy and Hayley are remembering how tiny and fragile Abbie

was in the incubator. But that's all behind them, and their little angel is about to be christened.

At the church Will feels all eyes are on him. Clarrie tries her best to reassure him, and Roy gathers him up for the ceremony, telling him how much his presence means to them today.

Afterwards at Willow Farm, Alan remarks that Peggy would have liked the service. Jennifer tells him they're looking for a part time carer for Jack.

Will's desperate to get away to see George. He tells Clarrie he's had a card from Nic; she wants to meet up. He's reluctant to see her, but thinks she can't make things any worse than they already are. Hayley thanks Elizabeth for Abbie's cross and chain, but when she thanks Will for his gift she finds him lacking in cheer. Roy points out that the day can't have been easy for him.

Alice is raiding Jennifer's food cupboards for supplies for university. Jennifer observes wistfully that lunchtime is their last family meal together. And when she watches Alice finally set off for Southampton, she needs a big hug from Phoebe.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00dmwmc)

Natalie Barrass presents the children's magazine.

She speaks to Sarah Boynton, author of the childrens' music book *Blue Moo*. Also featured in the programme, musical comedian Mitch Benn gives a workshop on funny songs and an interview about Disney's latest musical, *Camp Rock*.

SUN 19:45 Last Night I Dreamed (b007h8zg)

The Last Manteana

Five stories celebrating the centenary of Daphne du Maurier's birth. Two people are sitting at separate tables in a Los Angeles cafe. By Michéle Wandor.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b00dl0jz)

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

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00dl0k3)

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 (b00dl98q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00dm4p1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 In Business (b00dkzm1)

Brand Wagon

Companies are obsessed with creating and nurturing their brands, but what is the business of branding all about? Peter Day visits a museum of brands that failed and talks to the people trying to revive old brands from the dead.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00dmwmf)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00dmwmh)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including In the Think Tanks.

SUN 23:00 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b0090f6p)

Series 1

The English Patient

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

4/4. The English Patient

Paul talks to author Michael Ondaatje about the adaptation of his novel. Publicist Tony Angellotti recalls how he ran the campaign to persuade the Academy that this film was a winner.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00dm4gq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2008

MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00dmxfb)

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

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00dkff9)

Crime and Consumerism - Meaning of Marriage

CRIME AND CONSUMERISM

According to Steve Hall, Senior Lecturer in Criminology at Northumbria University and co-author of a new book entitled *Criminal Identity and Consumer Culture*, many young people turn to crime as the most efficient means to get hold of the material possessions they desire. But they do not desire these consumer goods solely for their practical uses – they want to adorn their lives with the symbols of success, to set themselves apart from society. Laurie Taylor is joined by Steve Hall and Paddy Rawlinson, Lecturer in Sociology at the London School of Economics to explore the darker side of consumer culture. They debate how our immersion in consumer culture prevents individuals from reflecting critically upon themselves and their actions.

MEANING OF MARRIAGE

Fifties style traditional marriage is thought to be unequal and not very intimate; described in sociological terms as 'companionate'. Nowadays, however, marriage is imagined as more intimate and more egalitarian. But does it really meet these expectations? Has marriage really changed? Andrew Bell from Edinburgh University discusses the notion of modern marriage and talks about his research which challenges Anthony Giddens' model of the intimate marriage and suggests that the traditional notion of the 'companionable marriage' endures.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00dm4gl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dmxfd)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dmxfj)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dmxfj)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00dmxfi)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dmxfn)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00dmxfq)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Anna Hill.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00dmxfj)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b00dmxfv)

Presented by James Naughtie and Evan Davis.

Robert Peston and Vince Cable, Liberal Democrat treasury spokesman, discuss the government's decision to nationalise Bradford and Bingley.

Justin Webb reports from Washington on the multi-billion dollar rescue plan for the US financial system.

Conservative MP David Willetts gives Evan Davis a tour of Birmingham.

The National Housing Federation chief executive David Orr and Housing Minister Caroline Flint discuss affordable homes in rural England.

Virgin Radio has been taken over and will re-launch as Absolute Radio. Media correspondent Torin Douglas reports on a new mood of optimism in commercial radio.

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

Chancellor Alistair Darling and Shadow Chancellor George Osborne discuss the nationalisation of Bradford and Bingley.

Nick Robinson gives his analysis of an awkward Conservative Party Conference.

Sherry Jones, author of *The Jewel of Medina*, reacts to a firebomb attack at her publishers' office in London.

The Sound of Music will soon be 50 years old and a museum to celebrate its world success is being planned in Salzburg. Jonny Dymond reports.

US lobbyist Mark Bloomfield discusses the vote on the new 700 billion dollar deal to rescue America's financial system.

Steven Dorrell, former Conservative Financial Secretary, and Will Hutton, chief executive of the Work Foundation, discuss the success of building societies becoming banks in the 1990s.

MON 09:00 Inside Stories (b00dmxw7)

Series 3

Episode 2

Investigative series that looks at the progress of different news stories, talking to journalists and editors about the decisions and choices they made.

In this programme Steve Hewlett focuses on the reporting of knife crime. Since the murder of Stephen Lawrence in 1993, coverage of and concern about knife crime has been growing. But is knife crime really on the rise or is it the reporting of the issue that has changed?

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dmxw9)

That's Another Story

Episode 1

Julie Walters, one of Britain's best-loved actresses, reads from her new autobiography.

Childhood in the Black Country in the 1960s.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dmzsh)

Composer Debbie Wiseman; Theresa May

Composer Debbie Wiseman on making classical music more accessible. Plus Theresa May on how the Conservatives are appealing to women voters, and Nella Last's post-war diary.

MON 11:00 Where Scotland Meets England (b00dn030)

Episode 2

Hardeep Singh Kholi traces the history of the border country between England and Scotland.

Beginning the second leg of his journey at Liddesdale in the County of Roxburgh and ending at Gretna in the west, Hardeep explores the history of the area. Also, at a time when Scottish devolution and the promise of a referendum on independence has brought renewed attention to the borderline, he hears the views of those who live there, including the politician Lord Steel and the broadcaster Eric Robson.

MON 11:30 Dixon of Dock Green (b0076zr9)

Series 2

The Key of the Nick

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

What should have been a surprise party to celebrate George's twenty-one years at Dock Green turns into a night in cold storage as Dixon and Crawford are held hostage.

PC George Dixon David Calder
PC Andy Crawford Hamish Clark
Tessa Katharine Rogers
Albert Todd Michael Fenton Stevens
Jimmy Todd Carl Prekopp.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00dn223)

Presented by John Waite and Winifred Robinson.

Why the cost of compensation claims to the NHS has more than doubled in the last four years to 90 million pounds.

A speeding case has collapsed when the judge decided that vital information was missing from the police paperwork. Could this one case on Merseyside have much wider implications for police forces across the country?

How the contractors building the Olympic Village can plug the funding gap in the current economic climate.

It's the end of the line for the Bradford and Bingley, in the US

the bail out of the financial sector continues, and in Belgium, the big banking and insurance firm Fortis is being part nationalised. Is there more to come?

Almost a year after the sinking of the MS Explorer in Antarctica, fears are still being expressed about the safety of cruise ships, especially those operating in polar waters.

There are more mobile phones than people in the UK, more shoppers are using them to buy goods, and it seems they are also increasingly being targeted to defraud their owners.

Has our economy grown too dependent on success in banking and finance?

MON 12:57 Weather (b00dn225)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00dn28k)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

MON 13:30 Brain of Britain (b00dn2gm)

Robert Robinson introduces the new series of the perennial general knowledge quiz. The first heat features contestants from Scotland and the North of England.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00dmwm9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b0076sfv)

Love's Executioner

By Rachel Joyce, adapted from the case notes of Dr Irvin Yalom. Thelma is 70 years old and in love with a man 24 years her junior. They had a brief affair eight years ago and Thelma still can't get him out of her mind. Can psychotherapy cure her magnificent obsession?

Thelma Katherine Helmond
Therapist Harry Hamlin
Matthew Kevin Kilner

Directed by Kate McAll.

MON 15:00 Money Box Live (b00dn2j9)

Vincent Duggleby and guests answer calls on financial issues.

MON 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dn2zq)

Sentences

The Lesson

Five stories by men and women who have lived, worked and served in prison.

Lindsay Duncan reads Patrick Gale's story about a prison governor's wife, suffocating in the rigid world of a remote coastal jail who finds unlikely solace in the company of a long-term prisoner.

MON 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dnb9s)

Declaring Independence

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

The Declaration of Independence is drafted. Its principal author is Thomas Jefferson.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00dm74n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Click On (b00dncj8)

Series 3

Episode 5

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

MON 17:00 PM (b00dncjb)

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

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dncjd)

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

MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b00dncjj)

Series 53

Episode 10

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game from the Rose Theatre, Kingston upon Thames. The panellists include Paul Merton, Sue Perkins and Chris Addison.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00dncjj)

In Brookfield orchard Alistair's tending to a cow. Both he and David have their minds on very different meetings in Borchester that night. Alistair asks Ruth if she can make Jill's birthday cake; Shula won't have time. Ruth's not confident, but says she'll do her best. Later she reminds David they need to make decision about Ed and Emma renting Rickyard Cottage.

Chris and Alistair discuss Chris's new romance with Alice, and the subject comes up again later in the pub. Alistair enthuses about Neil's bell simulator idea, but Chris thinks his bellingring days might be numbered now he's got a long distance relationship to consider.

Alistair chairs a Gamblers Anonymous meeting and is supportive when new member Ryan tells his story. Ryan says Alistair's easy to talk to, and Alistair encourages him to keep coming to the meetings.

After his NFU meeting, David hears that the anaerobic digester plant at Loxley Norton has got all the relevant permits and an agreement with a supermarket chain to take their waste. Ruth reckons they can't compete with that. David agrees. It looks like their whole scheme's been overtaken.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00dncjl)

Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson.

Comedian David Walliams talks to Mark Lawson about three new facets to his career: the American version of *Little Britain*, his new childrens book and his West End stage debut playing opposite Micheal Gambon in Harold Pinter's *No Man's Land*.

Novelist and playwright Piers Paul Read discusses the new film version of *Brideshead Revisited*.

Artist and Critic Matthew Collings reviews the exhibition of work by this year's contenders for the Turner Prize: Runa Islam, Mark Leckey, Gosha Macuga and Cathy Wilkes.

Directors Richard Eyre and Samuel West discuss the plays and personality of the writer, director and artistic director Harley Granville Barker.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00dncv1)

The Whole of the Moon

Episode 1

Legal drama serial by Colin MacDonald.

Dark secrets, intrigue and romance as rising Edinburgh prosecutor Jo Ross investigates a crime uncomfortably close to home.

Jo Vicki Liddelle
Iain Steven McNicoll
Ross Simon Tait
Frank Paul Young
David Robin Laing
Fiona Eliza Langland
Gillian Watt Wendy Seager.

MON 20:00 A German Hero (b00drlqh)

In a new film, Tom Cruise plays Claus Schenk von Stauffenberg, the man who nearly killed Hitler in 1944. Chris Bowlby reports on Hollywood's long search for anti-Nazi heroes.

MON 20:30 The Learning Curve (b00dndgg)

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

MON 21:00 Cleansing The Thames (b0082dtp)

Episode 1

Tracey Logan reports on the regular spillages from London's sewage system into the River Thames and the government's proposed solution.

A century and a half after the Great Stink forced politicians to think seriously about a sewer system for London, vast quantities

of raw sewage are once again polluting the Thames at an alarming rate. The government has announced plans for the Thames Tideway Tunnel, a huge sewer to solve the problem, but completion will not be until 2020 and the project will cost an estimated 2 billion pounds.

Meanwhile, experts warn of the current health risks to river users, including Olympic rowers and canoeists in 2012. Environmentalists fear a repeat of the sewage dump in 2004 that killed thousands of fish.

MON 21:30 Inside Stories (b00dmxw7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00ndndy)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00ndndyy)

National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah. Including reports on the vote by the American Congress on whether to bail out US financial institutions, the Bradford and Bingley nationalisation, results from the Belarus election and whether social networkers make good spies.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ndndz0)

Out of a Clear Sky

Episode 6

Nicola Walker reads from Sally Hinchcliffe's psychological thriller.

Manda's life is unravelling, and she goes to her favourite haunt to clear her head. But someone else has got there first.

MON 23:00 Word of Mouth (b00b4wtw)

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

MON 23:30 Tomorrow, Today! (b017srrs)

Series 2

Taffy Jones - Protector of the Universe

With war imminent, the production relocates to Wales, but is it safer?

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
Mr Thomas Ben Crowe
Tannoy Laura Molyneux
Porter Peter Marinker

Producer: Liz Webb

First broadcast on Radio 4 in February 2008.

TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00dmwxg)

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

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dmxw9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dmwxj)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dmwxl)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dmwxn)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00dmx04)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dmx57)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00dmx9h)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Anna Hill.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00dmxdk)

Presented by James Naughtie and Evan Davis.

Republican Congressman Steven King and Democrat Steve Cohen discuss why the Bush administration's 700 billion bail-out did not get through Congress.

Shadow Schools Secretary Michael Gove discusses the stresses of parenting.

Justin Webb reports on US Congress' decision to vote against the 700 billion bail-out plan.

Graham Chapman, deputy leader of Nottingham City Council and David Frost, director general of the British Chambers of Commerce, discuss whether a 350 pound tax on parking spaces is unfair.

Journalist Charles Moore discusses whether the Conservative Party has changed.

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

Economist Professor Willem Buiter discusses the government's ability to restore confidence in financial markets.

Conservative leader David Cameron discusses what can be done to ease the economic situation in the UK.

Political Editor Nick Robinson discusses the dilemmas faced by politicians dealing with the economic crisis.

Veteran film critic David Thomson discusses the state of the movie industry.

Historians David Faber and Dr David Dutton discuss Neville Chamberlain's role in the Munich agreement.

Times columnist Anatole Kaletsky and Martin Wolf, chief economist at the Financial Times, discuss how severe the effect of US turmoil will be on the UK markets.

TUE 09:00 The Choice (b00dnhg2)

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.

He talks to Dylan More, who was born a woman and decided to have a baby before he completed the change to a man.

TUE 09:30 I Was a Child Prodigy (b00dnhtd)

Episode 5

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

Retired civil servant David Heigham spent years looking for someone to explain why his schooling left him incapable of fulfilling his intellectual talents. Then he found Professor Carol Dweck of Stanford University, whose theories David believes offer important lessons to anyone dealing with a gifted child.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dmy11)

That's Another Story

Episode 2

Julie Walters, one of Britain's best-loved actresses, reads from her new autobiography.

Growing up in a happy but noisy household that included two brothers and her Irish grandmother.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dngyb)

Suicide; Dr Arju Deuba

Nepalese MP Dr Arju Deuba on improving women's lives in her country. Plus the issues affecting people whose lives have been touched by suicide, and the world's first sex therapist.

TUE 11:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations

(b00dnjd6)

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 Dreaming of Toad Hall (b00dnjd8)

A hundred years after the publication of Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows*, John O'Farrell returns to the Berkshire riverbank of Grahame's childhood to explore the relationship between the author and his son Alastair and some of the themes and imagery of this classic tale.

TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00dnjj6)

Call You and Yours

Presented by Liz Barclay and Peter White.

Is the UK economy overly dependent on success in banking and finance? Do we need a stronger manufacturing sector?

With contributions from a panel of experts.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00dnjj8)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00dnjrl)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

TUE 13:30 Soul Music (b00dnjrn)

Series 7

So What

On 2nd March 1959, Miles Davis and his sextet began recording a new album: "Kind of Blue".

The first track was "So What" and the album became the best selling Jazz album of all time.

This programme tells the stories of people whose lives have been changed by this piece of music.

Featuring:

Clemency Burton-Hill
Jonathan Eno
Estelle Kokot
Ashley Kahn
Dr Richard Niles

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Rosa Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2008.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00dncjj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b00dnkd4)

Number 10 - Series 2

Episode 1

Series of plays by Jonathan Myerson depicting life inside Downing Street.

After a man dies from a virus picked up abroad, newspapers run a panic campaign that questions the government's security measures.

Adam Antony Sher
Steve Julian Rhind-Tutt
Monica Sasha Behar
Polly Deborah Findlay
Colin Colin McFarlane
Josephson Philip Jackson
Elliot Christopher Ettridge
Dimitri Chris Pavlo
Lord Rudolph Paul Jesson

Directed by Clive Brill.

TUE 15:00 Making History (b00dnwqt)

Descendants from the Armada - Heroine of Matagorda

Descendants from the Armada
Are the so-called 'black Irish' descendants of shipwrecked

sailors from the Spanish Armada? Making History listener Martin Hurley is an Irishman living in Saudi Arabia. Like many listeners from Ireland and the Western Isles of Scotland, he is familiar with the story that many of the sailors from the wrecks of the storm-battered Spanish Armada came ashore and made their homes along the Atlantic coast of Britain and Ireland. It is this, so the story goes, that accounts for the high rate of Rhesus negative blood in the population there today (some 3%) - comparable to levels found in the population of the Basque region of Spain where many of the Armada mariners would have come from.

Making History consulted Pauline Croft, Professor of Early Modern History at Royal Holloway, University of London and Dan Bradley, Professor of Molecular Population Genetics at the Smurfit Institute at Trinity College, Dublin.

Heroine of Matagorda

Two Making History listeners contacted the programme about the grave of a little-known heroine in the Southern Necropolis in Glasgow. Her name is Agnes Harkness or Agnes Reston as she was to become known and her gravestone hints at a remarkable story...

The story goes that Agnes took her four year old son with her to join her husband who was fighting in the Peninsular war in 1810. There she helped to nurse the wounded soldiers and in one incident fetched water whilst under fire. However, when they returned to Glasgow after the war life was tough. They found it difficult to survive on an army pension. When James died in 1834, Agnes was thrown into poverty and lived for many years in a Glasgow workhouse.

But, a book by Joseph Donaldson brought the story of her bravery to a new audience and it wasn't long before newspapers were running a campaign to get her a pension to live on. It's said that even Queen Victoria contributed to the appeal. Making History consulted Eric Gruber von Arni to find out how typical the story of Agnes Harkness is and whether more women were involved in nursing in the decades before Florence Nightingale.

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dn9x1)

Sentences

Qian, Mr Huxing and the Rats

Five stories by men and women who have lived, worked and served in prison.

A new student, Qian, arrives at a Beijing university. In her digs she makes a startling discovery which leads to an even more surprising meeting.

TUE 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dnb90)

Winning Independence

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

The battles against the British.

TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b00dnwqw)

Bogus Marriages

Clive Coleman takes his weekly look at legal issues.

He examines a key case which tested new rules on bogus marriages and asks whether it might allow more immigrants to use fake marriages to stay in the country. Clive also casts new light on Barack Obama by investigating his past as a law professor. Plus he gets a tour behind the scenes at Britain's most famous court, the Old Bailey.

TUE 16:30 Great Lives (b00dnwsm)

Series 16

William Hogarth

Series of biographical discussions with Matthew Parris.

Eighteenth-century satirist and painter William Hogarth is nominated by Private Eye editor Ian Hislop. The art historian Andrew Graham-Dixon joins the discussion.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00dnwt0)

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

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dnwvx)

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

TUE 18:30 Happy Mondays (b00dsbh6)

The Odd Half Hour

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

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00dnx2j)

Adam thinks Matt's been evasive since the public meeting on the anaerobic digester, but finds Brian's equally reluctant to talk. It becomes clear why when David rings Adam with the news about the Loxley Norton plant's supermarket agreement.

Adam's furious, and even more incensed when he learns that Brian has known about it for a week. Adam thinks Brian pleading confidentiality is no defence. Brian also admits that Matt and Annabelle want to make an approach to Loxley Norton. Adam storms out to tell Debbie, Ruth and David.

Debbie asserts that there must be sound business reasons behind Matt's decision. But Adam thinks it stinks. They've done all the groundwork for Matt, and they can't go on without Borchester Land. And what if Carl the consultant is involved? Debbie says they shouldn't get paranoid. It may all come to nothing. She'll fly over for the next meeting and they can challenge Matt then.

Lilian tells Jennifer she's not having much luck finding a carer to relieve Peggy. The only offer she's had is of a two hour slot which would differ each week. Demand is high, and carers are in short supply. She doesn't think they're going to find anyone fast.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00dnxkj)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

The American composer John Adams reflects on a career which has included a life-changing encounter with the music of Wagner while driving, and reveals why he believes that America has yet to produce a composer whose music offers the gravitas of Beethoven or Mahler.

Comedian, writer and critic Natalie Haynes reviews the film *How to Lose Friends and Alienate People*, based on a book by Toby Young, which stars Simon Pegg as an English journalist who hopes to make a name for himself working on a New York magazine.

Mark discusses the cartoonist Osbert Lancaster who introduced 'pocket' cartoons to British newspapers in his work for the Daily Express. We hear from writer and curator James Knox, publisher John Murray and cartoonist Charles Peattie, the creator of the Alex cartoon in The Daily Telegraph.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00dnxnn)

The Whole of the Moon

Episode 2

Legal drama serial by Colin MacDonald.

An old jacket reveals some startling evidence.

Jo Vicki Liddelle
Iain Steven McNicoll
Frank Paul Young
John Lennie James Bryce
Fiona Eliza Langland
Tom Fiddes Simon Tait
David Robin Laing.

TUE 20:00 Is Al Qaeda Winning? (b00dny8b)

Episode 1

Series that questions who is winning the global 'war on terror', seven years in.

This programme looks at the battle for hearts and minds. Including interviews with an Al Qaeda recruiter and an imam who wrote speeches for the movement's former leader in Iraq, a look at efforts to reform rather than kill captured insurgents, and the views of potential US allies in Europe and Pakistan who say that America's 'war on terror' is in fact doing more harm than good.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00dny8d)

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

TUE 21:00 Am I Normal? (b00dny8g)

Series 5

Anger

Vivienne Parry continues her quest to find out what is normal.

She investigates a recent claim that anger should be viewed and treated as a mental health problem.

New research shows that getting angry frequently is bad for the heart and affects immune function. Intermittent Explosive Disorder is now a recognised psychiatric condition in the United States. Could the same happen in the UK, and, if so, are we in danger of medicalising our every emotion?

TUE 21:30 The Choice (b00dnhg2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00dnyjl)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dnyjn)

National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah.

Including reports on the European implications of America's economic problems, the Tory debate on family policy and why chef Nigel Slater thinks afternoon tea is so special.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00dnyjq)

Out of a Clear Sky

Episode 7

Nicola Walker reads from Sally Hinchcliffe's psychological thriller.

When she sees someone moving about in her house Manda flees and takes refuge at Tom's cottage in the woods. From there she plans a new start, but will she choose safety or freedom?

TUE 23:00 Edge Falls (b00dnyjs)

Series 2

Episode 5

It's charity week at Edge Falls retail park, but Sonya's daughter is after making money. Stars Mark Benton. From September 2008.

TUE 23:30 Punt PI (b00b3z4b)

Series 1

Episode 1

Steve Punt turns private investigator, examining little mysteries that perplex, amuse and beguile. He explores the case of a couple who found 400 false legs hidden under their floorboards.

WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER 2008

WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00dmwxq)

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dmy1l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dmwxs)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dmwxv)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dmwxw)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00dmx06)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dnz0w)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00dmx9k)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Anna Hill.

WED 06:00 Today (b00dmxdm)

Presented by James Naughtie and Evan Davis.

Pippa Malmgren, former adviser to President Bush, discusses the new US financial rescue plan.

Barbara Plett reports on the details of an attack by an unmanned US drone in Pakistan.

Hugh Sykes reports on 'Awakening' groups in Iraq, former insurgency fighters who have turned against Al Qaeda and now fight them with US help.

Angela Knight, chief executive of the British Bankers Association, says there is no need to panic about the possibility of bank collapses.

Sanchia Berg interviews Robert Meeropol, son of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, the New York couple executed after being found guilty of passing WW2 atomic secrets to the Soviet Union.

Thought for the Day with the Right Rev James Jones, Bishop of Liverpool.

Shadow Foreign Secretary William Hague discusses whether current financial turbulence has overshadowed the Tory Conference.

Sir Brian Pitman, the former chairman of Lloyds TSB, says that the UK will return to a safe banking model.

Helen Walasek and Bill Tidy discuss the long-lasting appeal of Punch magazine.

Professor Christofer Toumazou discusses a one million pound annual investment in 'blue skies' scientific research.

Author Nassim Nicholas Taleb and Larry Elliot, economics editor at the Guardian, discuss recent financial events.

Journalists Martin Kettle and Trevor Kavanagh discuss the political conference season.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b00dnz0y)

Lively and diverse conversation with Libby Purves and guests.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dmy1n)

That's Another Story

Episode 3

Julie Walters, one of Britain's best-loved actresses, reads from her new autobiography.

Recalling her schooldays and the triumph of being able to captivate a classroom audience.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dngyd)

Ali Smith; Coming out as a lesbian; Vermeer's women

Award winning novelist Ali Smith on the appeal of the short story; Tracy Chevalier and Waldemar Januszczak on Vermeer's women; coming out as a lesbian; male midwives.

WED 11:00 Lifeboats on the Thames (b00dnz10)

Episode 2

Horatio Clare joins the crews of lifeboats based on the River Thames. Established in 2002 in response to the inquiries into the Marchioness disaster, the four lifeboats are permanently manned and have to respond to a distress call within 30 seconds. The boats are not like familiar sea-going lifeboats but are jet-propelled, capable of travelling at 40 knots.

Horatio joins the crews at Chiswick and Teddington, whose work mostly involves helping people who use the river for pleasure rather than business. Horatio explores the changes in the ways that people use the river and the RNLI's response to them, and undergoes storm training at the Lifeboat College in Poole.

WED 11:30 Inspector Steine (b00773zk)

Eyes Down

By Lynne Truss. Steine decides to go undercover at the Black Cat Casino, much to Brunswick's profound dismay. Meanwhile, a robbery takes place in the bank next door to the police station.

Inspector Steine Michael Fenton Stevens
Mrs Groynes Jan Ravens

Brunswick John Ramm
Twitten Matt Green
Bouncer Michael Roberts

Music by Anthony May
Directed by Karen Rose.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00dnz71)

Consumer news and issues with Liz Barclay and Sheila McClennon.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00dnzp8)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00dnjkl)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

WED 13:30 The Media Show (b00dnzpb)

Steve Hewlett presents a new topical programme about the fast-changing media world.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00dnx2j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b007ng3k)

Clear Air Turbulence

By Dana Fainaru.

Mel's idyllic existence is turned upside-down when she suddenly stops sleeping. As the sprawling nights become filled in increasingly risky fashion, a would-be accomplice demands to join in the nocturnal adventures.

Mel Tara Fitzgerald
Nick Aidan McArdle
Stephen David Thorpe
Saskia Ashley Madekwe
Dad Ian Masters
Nurse Tika Sandra James-Young

Other parts played by Rachel Bavidge, John Dougall, Jasmine Callan and Anthony Glennon.

Directed by Toby Swift.

WED 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00dm77d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dn9x3)

Sentences

New Friends

Five stories by men and women who have lived, worked and served in prison.

A fairytale from an absent father for his daughters. Read by Tim Pigott-Smith.

WED 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dnb92)

'To Form a More Perfect Union'

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

The Founding Fathers form a federal government under a new constitution.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00dnzw1)

Tartan - Dog Ownership

TARTAN

A favourite of punk and the Christmas garb of the Windsors, a textile of tradition and a radical rebellious symbol, from the Jacobites to the Bay City Rollers, Tartan has developed into an extraordinarily potent weave. Is it an invented tradition? How did it garner such seemingly contradictory associations?

Laurie Taylor is joined by Jonathan Faiers, Senior Lecturer at Central St Martins College of Art & Design and the author of a new book entitled Tartan; and Murray Pittock, A. C. Bradley Professor of Literature at the University of Glasgow to discuss the cultural and political history of tartan.

DOG OWNERSHIP

Social psychologist Sarah Knight co-author of a paper entitled In the Company of Wolves discusses the findings of her research on the physical, social and psychological benefits of

dog ownership.

WED 16:30 Am I Normal? (b00dny8g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b00dnz3)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dnz5)

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

WED 18:30 The Castle (b007yd2d)

Series 1

Episode 2

Sitcom by Kim Fuller, set in a medieval castle with some remarkably modern trappings.

An unexpected lion and the world's first satellite dish spell trouble for Anne and Sam Tree's ongoing romance.

Sir John Woodstock James Fleet
Sir William De Warenne Neil Dudgeon
Lady Anne Woodstock Susan Earl
Cardinal Duncan Jonathan Kydd
Lady Charlotte Ingrid Oliver
Master Henry Woodstock Steven Kynman
Sam Tree Toby Ross-Bryant.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00dnx20)

David tackles Annabelle about the digester project, but she says he should be talking to Matt. She's not in a position to betray Borchester Land board confidences.

Ed's angry that Tom tried to poach Jazzer for his pig business. Ed points out that he and Mike are fighting hard to keep the dairy business going, and Tom should look elsewhere for his staff.

Ruth tells Tom about the benefits of Brookfield's planned new grazing scheme. Tom hopes he'll be seeing her at the Grange Farm open day - if he's still welcome. Ruth asks Pip if she'll make Jill's birthday cake, but Pip's too busy; maybe Ruth could use some of her Tea notes?

David's putting up obstacles to offering Rickyard Cottage to Ed and Emma. Pip points out how much they have at Brookfield, while Ed's just starting out. When Ruth reminds him later that they should count their blessings, it strikes a chord and he relents. He admits having Ed on site would be handy, and it would be a relief for Ruth not to have to worry about holiday lets. It looks like the decision's made. When Ruth relays the news, delighted Ed can't believe it, and can't wait to phone Emma.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00dnx1k)

Presented by John Wilson.

Craig Cash and Phil Mealey talk to John about their new sitcom, Sunshine, in which they play friends of the lead character, Bing Crosby - a gambling addict played by Steve Coogan.

American artist Richard Serra, best-known for his enormous, emotionally moving steel sculptures, is in Britain preparing for his first solo exhibition in this country since 1992. He tells John how and why he works with steel and explains why he didn't mind when somebody added graffiti to one of his sculptures in France.

The Saatchi Gallery is about to re-open in its new home, the former headquarters of the Duke Of York's Regiment. Rebecca Wilson, Head of Development for Saatchi Online, gives John a sneak preview of both the gallery and its inaugural exhibition, Revolution Continues: New Chinese Art, which brings together work by 30 of China's leading contemporary artists. John also talks to art market expert Sarah Thornton, author of Seven Days In The Art World.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00dplrs)

The Whole of the Moon

Episode 3

Legal drama serial by Colin MacDonald.

The wine-stained Iain Rae plays Watson to Jo's Holmes.

Jo Vicki Liddelle
Iain Steven McNicoll
David Robin Laing
Fiona Eliza Langland
Mrs Thom Wendy Seager.

WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b00dp1rv)

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

WED 20:45 In the Think Tanks (b00dp23b)

Dennis Sewell discovers the latest ideas coming out of political think tanks.

WED 21:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b00dnjd6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 21:30 Midweek (b00dnz0y)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00dp2fm)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dp2fp)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on Ireland's banks guarantee scheme, David Cameron's speech to the Conservative Party conference and why it still pays to be green in a financial crisis.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00dp2fr)

Out of a Clear Sky

Episode 8

Nicola Walker reads from Sally Hinchcliffe's psychological thriller.

When Manda reaches Norfolk her van becomes the focus of renewed and furious attacks. Driving north - or driven north - she hopes to regroup in Scotland.

WED 23:00 Strangers on Trains (b00dp2h1)

Episode 6

Series of character comedies by Nat Segnit and Stewart Wright, in which Nat talks to people sitting alone on trains.

Nat asks strange men about marriage and family.

WED 23:15 All Bar Luke (b00dp2nh)

Series 3

The Wedding

Poignant comedy drama series by Tim Key.

The love of Luke's life, Hayley, finally marries his brother. In an explosive climax, Luke is forced to stand in for Lee at the wedding reception.

An Angel Eye Media production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 23:30 Punt PI (b00b615y)

Series 1

Episode 2

Steve Punt turns private investigator, examining little mysteries that perplex, amuse and beguile.

He explores the case of the missing steam trains supposedly hidden away ready to keep the country running in case of nuclear war. Steve tracks down former railwaymen, combs through declassified government documents and even visits the secret government bunker where it has been claimed the so-called Strategic Steam Reserve was kept.

THURSDAY 02 OCTOBER 2008

THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00dmwxz)

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

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dmy1n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dmwy1)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dmwy3)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dmwy5)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00dmx08)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dmx9n)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00dmx9q)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Charlotte Smith.

THU 06:00 Today (b00dmxdp)

Presented by John Humphrys and Sarah Montague.

Jim Naughtie reports on the changes the US Senate has made to the financial bail-out bill.

Chas Bayfield from the Churches Advertising Network explains why a prize is being offered to the young person who can best tell the Christmas story in under 30 seconds.

Rory Cellan-Jones looks at how the music industry is finding ways to make money in the digital age.

Paul Hayes, head of the National Treatment Agency, reacts to the latest statistics which suggests drug treatment fails.

Justin Webb reports on how Sarah Palin may fare in the US Vice-presidential debate.

Michael Izza from the Institute of Chartered Accountants discusses accounting practices.

Marks and Spencer boss Sir Stuart Rose and Richard Lambert, Director-General of the CBI, debate the growing economic gloom.

Jim Naughtie reports on the politics of the Wall Street bail-out.

Multiple sclerosis sufferer Debbie Purdy discusses her campaign to allow her husband to help her end her life in a foreign country where assisted suicide is legal.

Should horses be brought back to our towns and cities? Nicola Stanbridge goes for a ride with writer Simon Barnes, who is campaigning for more urban horseplay.

Professor Charles Spence discusses how the sound of food affects our experience of eating.

Greg Wood reports on the latest moves to shore up the US economy.

Endensor Technology College in Stoke-on-Trent has called off its four day conference to discuss the future of the school, which was due to be held in a four-star resort in Marbella. Mark Meredith, the Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent, responds to the decision.

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b00dp4d8)

The Translation Movement

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss one of the greatest intellectual projects in history - the mass translation of Greek ideas into Arabic from the 9th century onwards. One night in Baghdad, the 9th century Caliph Al-Mamun was visited by a dream. The philosopher Aristotle appeared to him, saying that the reason of the Greeks and the revelation of Islam were not opposed. On waking, the Caliph demanded that all of Aristotle's works be translated into Arabic. And they were. And it wasn't just Aristotle. Over the next 200 years Greek philosophy, medicine, engineering and maths were all poured and sometimes squeezed into Arabic. Centred on Baghdad, this translation movement introduced the Islamic world to the philosophy of Aristotle, the geometry of Euclid and the Medicine of Galen. It caused an intellectual ferment that demanded the creation of new words to explain new concepts and house new arguments. Over 600 years before the European renaissance the intellectual legacy of Greece was woven into the tapestry of Arabic thought and it was only through the Arabic versions that Europe got its hands on many Greek ideas. With Peter Adamson, Reader in

Philosophy at King's College London; Amira Bennisson, Senior Lecturer in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at the University of Cambridge; and Peter Pormann, Wellcome Trust Assistant Professor in Classics and Ancient History at the University of Warwick

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dmy1q)

That's Another Story

Episode 4

Julie Walters, one of Britain's best-loved actresses, reads from her new autobiography.

Having abandoned a career in nursing for her long cherished dream of acting, Julie finds herself in London working for the first time with Victoria Wood. Then she is cast as a hairdresser called Rita in a play that was to change her life.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dngy)

Women leaders; Friendship and money

Do female world leaders act differently in times of crisis? Plus the problems that arise between friends when serious money differences come between them.

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b00dp4db)

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

THU 11:30 Scraps of Bacon (b00dp4km)

Novelist James Maw paints an unofficial portrait of Francis Bacon by speaking to his Soho drinking companions and trying to track down the paintings he gave away.

Bacon's characteristically austere paintings are at odds with the man himself, who was known as a bon viveur, gambler and inveterate drinker who attracted a diverse social circle. Maw investigates the rumours of the works that Bacon gave away to friends or to settle bills, and in the process paints his own portrait of the great artist.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00dnz78)

Presented by Liz Barclay and Sheila McLennon.

Consumer watchdog Passenger Focus Rail says that disabled passengers are too often let down by the rail industry.

There are 186 wind farms on and off shore in the UK and only a handful went up without a protest. And, because three times that number would be needed to meet government targets, lots more trouble lies ahead.

An inquest into a person's death is being used to show schoolchildren the reality of drug-related deaths in Manchester.

With fewer people able to afford to move, more have been opting for an extension on their existing home. We assess how the new domestic planning rules affect homeowners.

Discussing the National Trust's decision to take on the management of a two and a half mile stretch of coastline south of Whitehaven in Cumbria, an area that has been used for industrial purposes for most of the last 200 years.

A report on the suspicions of city officials and investigators in Naples that local Mafia are behind many of the unlicensed bakeries which have sprung up in the city's back streets and neighbouring towns.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00dp4kp)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00dnjkn)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Open Country (b00dl2qc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00dmx20)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00dp4kr)

O Margate

Poignant comedy by Annie Caulfield. Aisha is an Algerian artist, taking refuge from death threats in Margate. The town is trying to reinvent itself as the new St Ives, but is hindered by the inconvenient presence of asylum seekers.

Aisha Leila Farzad
Saleh Ashvin-Kumar Joshi
Carol Helen Longworth
Paul Russell Boulter
Alan Stephen Critchlow
Penny Nadia Williams
Jane Cherie Taylor-Battiste.

THU 15:00 Questions, Questions (b00dp4lv)

Stewart Henderson answers those niggling questions from everyday life.

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00dm4p1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dn9x5)

Sentences

The Naked Palms

Five stories by men and women who have lived, worked and served in prison.

Sereni remembers life with her grandparents, Cuba on the brink of revolution, and her parents, whose passion for the revolution eclipsed their feelings for her.

THU 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dnb94)

Making the Republic Work

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

George Washington is inaugurated as the country's first President and the Bill of Rights is ratified.

THU 16:00 Open Book (b00dmwgy)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00dp4s6)

Designing Against Crime - Facial Recognition

Designing Against Crime

How can businesses use design to lower crime? When the Design and Technology Alliance (DTA) was formed in September 2007, its intention was to promote innovation, identify incentives for business to use design to lower crime and to advise on what consumers want.

These crime-fighters cannot fly and do not possess secret weapons, but they are armed with the power of design technology.

Quentin Cooper is joined by designer Sebastian Conran, director of Studio Conran and founder member of the Design and Technology Alliance, and Lorraine Gamman, Professor in Design Studies at Central Saint Martins School of Art and Design – and Director of the Design Against Crime Research Centre.

They are looking into new ways to deter crimes by designing harder to steal objects and by rethinking the way we design public spaces where things like bikes are kept.

Facial Recognition

Face processing (the way that we look at faces, the decisions we make about faces) is key to human communication and social interaction – how do we do it and are there different ways of doing it in different parts of the World.

Quentin Cooper is joined by Dr Lisa DeBruine of Aberdeen University has shown how we can learn, in a fraction of a second, the sex of a person, their age, their emotional wellbeing, how healthy they are, and whether we might be related to them.

And by Roberto Caldara of Glasgow University - who looked at eye movements of Western caucasians and East Asian observers as they examined new faces.

His findings show that different cultures process faces in different ways.

Westerners tend to look at the eyes and mouth, while East Asians fix the central part of the face....

This suggests that different cultures have developed different strategies for processing faces.

THU 17:00 PM (b00dnwv7)

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

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dp4w7)

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

THU 18:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00dp4w9)

Series 1

Mark Steel

Marcus Brigstocke invites Mark Steel to try new experiences.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00dnx22)

Clarrie's pleased that Ed and Emma are having Rickyard Cottage. It was being cooped up in the caravan that caused so much trouble for them before. She's anxious for Joe not to tell Will - she and Eddie need to think about how to break it to him. She's not happy when Joe offers to take George to Will's for her, but lets it go for now. Joe takes offence when his tips for Ed about his radio interview fall on deaf ears, and he stomps off. But Clarrie assures Ed that Joe will be listening.

Ian's made Jill's birthday cake, in return for all thirty of Ruth's Teas and a dozen eggs. Lillian asks him if she's done anything to upset Adam. Ian tells her about Matt's underhandedness, and Lillian remarks ruefully that she tries to protect Matt, but keeps getting caught in the crossfire.

Ed gives a good account of himself on Radio Borssetshire, defending Grange Farm milk and publicising the open day. Joe thinks he's a natural.

Lillian's finally found an ideal carer for Jack. She can come to the Dower House tomorrow for a chat. But Jennifer's wary. How do they persuade Peggy to meet her?

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00dnx19)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Stephen Fry's new documentary, in which he takes his black cab to all 50 US states, looks at how vast, diverse and unique the country is. He talks to Mark about his adventures and the essential differences between the British and the Americans.

The uncensored versions of both Bob Guccione's film Caligula and Pasolini's Salò have now been released on DVD. Is their uncompromising content still as shocking as when they caused scandal some 30 years ago? Mark discusses the two films' strengths and weaknesses with Germaine Greer and Kate Saunders.

Le Corbusier is regarded as one of the twentieth century's most influential architects, but for many years in Britain his influence was seen as malign. In recent years, though, his reputation has risen again, as Mark discovered when he went to see a new exhibition, Le Corbusier - The Art of Architecture, in Liverpool.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00dp4xq)

The Whole of the Moon

Episode 4

Legal drama serial by Colin MacDonald.

Jo's investigations take her into Edinburgh's underworld.

Jo Vicki Liddelle

Iain Steven McNicoll
Gillian Watt Wendy Seager
David Robin Laing
Fiona Eliza Langland
Gallery Guide Paul Young
John Lennie James Bryce.

THU 20:00 Soul and Skin: Religion and Race in the Battle for the White House (b00dp5g6)

Mind The God Gap

Two-part series exploring two of the most sensitive fault lines in American politics, religion and race, and what role they will play in the 2008 presidential elections.

Rob Watson reports on the fierce battle for religious voters in the key state of Ohio, and asks if the Democrats can close the 'God Gap'.

THU 20:30 In Business (b00dp6z9)

Forty Per Cent Female

This year in Norway it became law that company boards must consist of at least forty percent women. Peter Day asked four

years ago why the country intended to take such drastic action. Now he wonders if other countries may follow suit.

THU 21:00 Leading Edge (b00dp6zc)

Brain Pathway and Obesity

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New ideas on how to treat the global epidemic of obesity and diabetes are desperately needed. Dr Dongsheng Cai of the University of Wisconsin is attracting interest with his recent paper published in Cell. In it he describes how a signalling pathway in the brain which controls the bodies immune system can also be activated by eating too much.

Nobel Prize 2008

Whether it's Hollywood Oscars or the church fete cake-baking competition, we all love awards. In fact there's only one thing we love more: criticising the judges' decisions. Nobel Prizes are, of course, no exception. Roland Pease of the BBC Radio Science Unit anticipates this year's results.

Tongan Tsunami Boulders

It has always been a puzzle how to account for the presence of a number of gigantic boulders lying a short way inland on the otherwise flat Western shore of the Pacific island of Tonga. Geoscientist Cliff Frohlich and his colleagues have been to Tonga to see if they can solve the mystery.

Song of the Whale

Beaked whales can be found around the Canary Islands, and in particular the most southerly, called El Hierro. Not much is known about this particular whale family – but a group of scientists on a research vessel operated by the International Fund for Animal Welfare is aiming to put that right. BBC environment correspondent Richard Black is spending a week with them.

Sleight of Hand

There is a well known psychological phenomenon where people can be tricked into believing a rubber hand is their own. But now Professor Charles Spence of Oxford University has taken the illusion one step further.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00dp4d8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00dp6zf)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dp6zh)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on the resignation of the head of the Metropolitan Police Sir Ian Blair, the Bank of England's prediction of more problems in getting credit and the nuclear deal between India and the United States.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00dp6zk)

Out of a Clear Sky

Episode 9

Nicola Walker reads from Sally Hinchcliffe's psychological thriller.

David is dead, but how will the police react given Manda's history? Should she run or should she hide?

THU 23:00 Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency: The Long Dark Teatime of the Soul (b00dp6zm)

Episode 1

Douglas Adams's comic fantasy, dramatised by Dirk Maggs and John Langdon.

Dirk Gently loses a secretary and Odin sells his soul.

Dirk Gently Harry Enfield

Kate Laurel Lefkow
Simon Draycott Peter Davison
Cynthia Draycott Jan Ravens
Janice Pearce Olivia Colman
Richard MacDuff Billy Boyd
Thor Rupert Degas
Toe Rag Michael Roberts
Elena Sally Grace
Antsey Jon Glover
Odin Stephen Moore
RAF Pilot 1 Wayne Forrester
RAF Pilot 2 Philip Pope
Newsreader Sarah Montague
Announcer John Marsh

Music by Philip Pope

Directed by Dirk Maggs.

THU 23:30 Punt PI (b00b9y3h)

Series 1

Episode 3

Steve Punt turns private investigator, examining little mysteries that perplex, amuse and beguile.

He explores the area around Dark Peak in the Peak District, which can claim to be Britain's own Bermuda Triangle. Over 50 aircraft crashed there in a space of 30 years.

FRIDAY 03 OCTOBER 2008

FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00dmwy7)

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dm1q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dmwy9)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dmwyc)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dmwyf)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00dmx0b)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dmx9s)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00dmx9v)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Charlotte Smith.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00dmxdr)

Presented by John Humphrys and Sarah Montague.

Tony Travers of the LSE says that the resignation of Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Ian Blair demonstrates the extraordinary power of the office of Mayor of London.

Kevin Connolly reports on the US Vice-presidential debate between Sarah Palin and Joe Biden.

Professor David Salisbury is calling on more people who are at risk to get a flu jab. He says that being immunised 'can literally save lives'.

Sir Howard Davies, former chairman of the FSA, says the notion of an EU common fund for bail-outs is a non-starter.

Gordon Corra reports on the current threat of terrorism.

Sanchia Berg reports on the Cabinet Secretary's notebooks on the Suez Crisis.

Thought for the Day with the Chief Rabbi Sir Jonathan Sacks.

Nick Seaton, chairman of the Campaign for Real Education, and Margaret Morrissey, chair of lobby group Parents Outloud, discuss whether the return of corporal punishment would improve discipline.

Former Home Secretary David Blunkett and Ken Jones, president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, discuss the resignation of Sir Ian Blair.

James Naughtie reports on the House of Representatives' vote on the 700 billion dollar bail-out plan.

Dr Paul Zollinger-Read and Tam Fry of the Child Growth Foundation discuss the possibility of incentives for patients to visit GPs.

Jack Masey and Vladimir Bukovsky discuss the role played by culture in the power games between countries.

Nick Robinson reports on details of a Cabinet reshuffle.

Writers Will Buckley and Hunter Davies discuss the literary

merits of sports writing.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00dm5mm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dm1s)

That's Another Story

Episode 5

Julie Walters, one of Britain's best-loved actresses, reads from her new autobiography.

The 1983 American publicity tour for the film of Educating Rita offered some bizarre glimpses of life as a Hollywood star. But more down to earth experiences are in store for the actress when she finally meets the love of her life.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dngyj)

Emma Thompson; Nursery rhymes

Actress Emma Thompson on Brideshead Revisited and adapting books for the big screen. Plus the meaning behind Baa Baa Black Sheep, and are food and class as intertwined as ever?

FRI 11:00 Once upon a Time on the Front Line (b00d43fx)

The touching story of the families of British soldiers deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan recording bedtime stories for their children. Storybook Soldiers is a new army-backed grassroots initiative which records the troops reading the stories, complete with sound effects and frequently moving messages.

A poignant look at a difficult separation and how the stories are helping to keep soldiers close to their children and bridge a gulf of not just miles, but also of experience and basic childhood understanding.

Featured stories: The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle; The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake; The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson; The Tiger That Came To Tea by Judith Kerr; Hannah Banana by Josh Ingram; The Littlest Knight by Carol Moore; The Gingerbread Man; Goldilocks and The Three Bears.

FRI 11:30 Psmith in the City by PG Wodehouse (b00dp7lw)

Stirring Times with Comrade Waller

Psmith and Mike discover the secret passion of the kindly Head of Cash.

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
Edward Waller Ryan Watson
Mr Waller Jonathan Tafler
Comrade Prebble Chris Pavlo
Bill Dan Starkey
Ada Jill Cardo
Plebeian Stephen Critchlow
Plebeian Robert Lonsdale

Producer: Abigail le Fleming

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00dnz7b)

Presented by Liz Barclay and John Waite.

The Advertising Standards Authority has criticised the advertising of half price cruises because they are never sold at full price.

Experts and an artist discuss whether picking up a masterpiece at a great price online is as good as seeing paintings in a gallery.

Cycling casualties rose in 2007 despite an eight per cent drop in cycle traffic. We speak to Gordon Telling from the Freight Transport Association and Jim Fitzpatrick, Minister for Road Safety.

A Liverpool theatre is using Facebook, texts and Bluetooth to communicate with its target teenage audience.

In the latest of her reports from her round-the-world trip, Liz Carr visits what is billed as 'The last place in the USA where an audience can see a sideshow of freaks, wonders and human curiosities!'

A woman who sold a bag used in the closing ceremony at the Beijing Olympics has been told there are restrictions on how she can publicise the fact.

Vintage wine is expensive and no matter how much you pay there is always the chance that the wine could be fake. Wine expert Robert Joseph talks about ways to tell what is really inside.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00dp7ly)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00dnjkq)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00dp7m0)

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

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00dnx22)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b00dp7m2)

Blinded by Science

By Paul Viragh.

Research scientists Prof. Mike Hart and Dr Chris Murray don't like each other. What is more, they are competing to become the new government advisor on genetics. As they both strive to impress the new government minister, natural selection must prevail.

FRI 15:00 Ramblings (b0076d2t)

Walking for Spiritual Renewal

Clare Balding follows in the footsteps of those who have made walking a central part of their lives.

Clare walks the North Devon Coast Path with Satish Kumar, who recalls his 8000-mile walk from India to America in the 60s to protest about nuclear arms.

FRI 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dn9x7)

Sentences

My Dad

Five stories by men and women who have lived, worked and served in prison.

A small boy who dreams of monsters awakes to find two strange men in his room. Is it a dream or are these monsters real?

FRI 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dnb96)

Founding A Capital

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

The fierce bargaining between north and south over where to locate the country's capital.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00dpc6n)

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 (b00dpc6q)

The latest movie news and reviews. Francine Stock talks to Simon Pegg about his new comedy How to Lose Friends and Alienate People.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00dnwv9)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dpc6s)

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

FRI 18:30 The News Quiz (b00dpc6v)

Series 66

Episode 2

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. Panellists include Andy Hamilton, Hugo Rifkind and Jeremy Hardy.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00dnx24)

Oliver gives Ed some new overalls for the open day at Grange Farm. He's full of praise for Ed's publicity efforts in the radio interview. Ed says he and Emma can move into Rickyard Cottage next week. It's really tiny and not Emma's style, but it'll do for now. Oliver's pleased that they have at least found somewhere.

Peggy's defiant when Oliver suggests life with Jack must be limiting, asserting that she manages very well. But as if to prove her wrong she has a battle with Jack over his new slippers.

Jennifer and Lilian arrive on the pretext of coffee and a catch up, but Peggy soon rumbles them. They tell her a carer, Maria, is coming for a chat, and Peggy reacts predictably.

Between them Jennifer, Lilian and Maria manage to persuade Peggy that it would be a good idea for Jack and Maria to meet, at least. Jack's charmed by her. Peggy grudgingly notices this but comes up with any amount of reasons for not having Maria. But eventually she agrees to a trial, with the option of calling it off if Jack's not happy. Relieved Lilian assures her it's the right decision.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00dnxlc)

Presented by Kirsty Lang.

Joan Baez talks to Kirsty about her childhood experiences of Baghdad, years of chronic stage fright, and dealing with her voice as it changes with age.

Waldemar Januszczak has co-curated an exhibition, Statuephilia, at the British Museum which puts modern works, including Marc Quinn's solid gold statue of Kate Moss, alongside ancient artefacts. Classicist Bettany Hughes gives her views on the exhibition.

Established in 1968, The Great Georges Community Cultural Project in Liverpool was Britain's first community arts centre. It quickly acquired the nickname The Blackie, adopted by those running the centre. Now the centre is about to be re-launched and there is a debate over whether it should be renamed.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00dpc6x)

The Whole of the Moon

Episode 5

Legal drama serial by Colin MacDonald.

The Book of Psalms provides the final, vital clue.

Jo Vicki Liddelle
Iain Steven McNicoll
Fiona Eliza Langland
Lennie James Bryce
Sheriff Paul Young.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00dpc6z)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Birmingham.

The panellists are the playwright David Edgar, Shadow Business Secretary Alan Duncan, Lib Dem spokesperson Julia Goldsworthy and newly-promoted Minister for the Cabinet Office Liam Byrne.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00dpc71)

As financial chaos grips the public imagination, Lisa Jardine ponders debt in the Renaissance.

FRI 21:00 America, Empire of Liberty Omnibus (b00dpsxr)
Independence and Republicanism

Omnibus edition of the series charting the history of America, written and presented by David Reynolds.

America wins independence from Britain and George Washington is inaugurated as the country's first President in 1789. But how will the new republic work?

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00dpc8z)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dpc92)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on the crucial vote in the US Congress on the financial rescue package, Peter Mandelson's dramatic return to government and the reaction from Weston-super-Mare on the proposed Severn Barrage.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00dpc94)

Out of a Clear Sky

Episode 10

Nicola Walker reads from Sally Hinchcliffe's psychological thriller.

The discovery of new evidence relating to David's death provides the last piece of the puzzle, and Manda tries to save Zannah before it is too late.

FRI 23:00 Great Lives (b00dnwsm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Phil Hammond's Bad Golf Day (b008nb6g)

Phil Hammond spends a day at his local golf club in a desperate bid to understand the complexities and absurdities of the most socially divisive sport on the planet.