

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2008

SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00dsy3t)

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dqlrd)

Chocolate and Cuckoo Clocks: The Essential Alan Coren

Episode 5

John Sessions reads from a new anthology of humorous writing by the late Alan Coren, edited by his children, Giles and Victoria.

2000s: Radio Fun; I Blame The Dealers; The Long Goodbye.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dsy3w)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dsy3y)

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

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dsy40)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00dsy42)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dsy44)

Daily prayer and reflection with Commissioner Betty Matar.

SAT 05:45 iPM (b00dsy46)

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

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00dtlfg)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00dtlfs)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00dtlfv)

Countryside magazine.

Elinor Goodman explores Lambourn in Berkshire and finds out why horse trainers are having to recruit staff from as far away as India and Brazil to help prepare future champions for the race track.

SAT 06:35 Farming Today This Week (b00dtlwg)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00dtlwj)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00dtlwx)

Presented by John Humphrys and Edward Stourton.

Joe Lynam reports on how the G7 is working to stabilise the world's panic-stricken markets.

Steve Chittenden reports on how the Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin has been found guilty of an abuse of power by an official inquiry in Alaska.

Dr Lee Elliot Major explains how grammar and faith schools have fewer children from poor families.

Credit default swaps are the next economic problem on the horizon. Analyst Marcus Schuler explains their importance.

Michael White, the assistant editor of the Guardian, looks at the history of political food.

Thought for the Day with Rev Roy Jenkins, baptist minister in Cardiff.

Rebecca Jones talks to Booker Prize nominee Amitav Ghosh, author of Sea of Poppies, a historical novel set in the mid-19th century just before the First Opium War between Britain and China.

NATO has agreed that its troops will be allowed to attack

opium factories in Afghanistan for the first time, in an attempt to stop drugs financing the Taliban. David Loyn reports on the move.

Robert Peston and Steven Bell, chief economist at GLC hedge fund, discuss proposals to tackle the global financial crisis.

Ivan Moore, an independent pollster based in Anchorage, evaluates Sarah Palin's chances in the US election.

Science reporter Tom Feilden reports on the Turing Test.

Bethany Bell reports on the death of the far-right Austrian politician Joerg Haider.

What would a map of the world look like if it were drawn not according to its size and geography but according to its population, wealth or even health?

Psychologist Oliver James and historian Dominic Sandbrook discuss the effect that the credit crunch has on our lives.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00dtnvc)

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. Peter Curran is joined by broadcaster Nick Baker, who talks about his newly-published Spotters Guide to Groovy Old Men. Plus James Brett, the man who is trying to persuade opium farmers in Afghanistan to grow pomegranates instead of poppies, Brighton's Disco Pete, Twiggy's Inheritance Tracks and poetry from Kate Fox.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00dtnw4)

Remote Places - Angling

John McCarthy reviews four decades of colourful travel to some extraordinary places and hears about some quite different fishing experiences in the UK and further afield.

JOURNEY TO REMOTE PLACES

Patrick Richardson shares his sensory memories of forty years of travel to some of the world's most remote places compiled in his new book Reports from Beyond.

ANGLING

Jeremy Wade, ex-biology teacher and angling explorer, and Annalisa Barbieri, former Fishing correspondent for the Independent and keen angler, discuss amateur and professional fishing from the bucolic River Stour to the majesty and fury of the Congo.

SAT 10:30 Baghdad Headbangers (b00dvc57)

The story of Iraq's most celebrated heavy metal band, Acrassicauda.

Formed in Baghdad in 2000, they even managed to perform in front of wildly enthusiastic audiences during the violence and chaos that followed the fall of Saddam Hussein. This programme catches up with the four band members in Turkey, where they are now living as refugees, and hears how they hope to gain asylum in the United States and hit the big time.

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00dtp02)

A look behind the scenes at Westminster with Jackie Ashley.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00dtp04)

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

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00dtp26)

Paul Lewis with the latest news from the world of personal finance. What will the turmoil on the global markets and the banking bail-out mean for our savings, investments and pensions? Plus a look at the latest details of compensation available for Icelandic banks' depositors. And we ask if the cut in the Bank of England base rate will bring good news for homeowners looking to re-mortgage and first time buyers.

SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b00dswdm)

Series 66

Episode 3

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. The panellists are Francis Wheen, Carrie Quinlan, Mark Steel and Jeremy Hardy.

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00dtp28)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News Headlines (b00dtp2b)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00dswdp)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a sixtieth anniversary edition of the topical debate with a return to Winchester, Hampshire, from where the programme was broadcast for the first time in 1948.

The panellists are deputy Labour leader Harriet Harman, Liberal Democrat peer Baroness Shirley Williams, Conservative Party policy review chairman Oliver Letwin and political historian Prof Peter Hennessy.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00dtq0n)

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

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b00dtq0q)

Conclave

Gripping drama by Hugh Costello.

After the short reign and mysterious death of Pope John Paul I, the election of a new Pope takes place in an atmosphere of high tension between opposing factions within the Vatican, including those who want to elect the first non-Italian Pope for over four hundred years.

Cardinal Franz Koenig David Calder
Hannah Popper Alison Reid
Cardinal Giovanni Benelli Nicholas Le Prevost
Cardinal Karol Wojtyla Andrew Hilton
Cardinal Jean Villot Nigel Anthony
Cardinal Aloisio Lorscheider Paul Humpolezt
Cardinal Giuseppe Siri Paul Nicholson
Cardinal John Krol Christian Rodska
Monsignor Virgilio Noe Jonathan Nibbs
Cardinal Johannes Willebrands Bill Wallis
Cardinal Paulo Evaristo Arns David Collins
Uli Melzer Paul Dodgson

With John Sandeman and Kristian Phillips.

SAT 15:30 Soul Music (b00drrl5)

Series 7

Chopin's Ballade No 1 in G Minor

Chopin's Ballade clearly tells a story, and yet that story differs for each person who hears or plays it.

Pianist Peter Donohoe heads a cast of people whose lives have been shaped and changed by hearing and playing this technically demanding, emotionally turbulent piece of music.

Featuring:

Peter Donohoe
Pete Rosskamm
Edi Bilimoria
Richard Bielecki
Andrew Armstrong
Dr Jay B. Hess
Joshua Wright

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Rosie Boulton

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b00dtqbc)

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

Including Dawn French on marriage to Lenny Henry; singer Randy Crawford on her career; Physicist Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell on being a role model and the first female President of the Institute of Physics; the stigma of mental illness and its impact on family and friends. Plus, when money is tight, is taking a lodger the answer? Modern day landladies offer their advice.

SAT 17:00 PM (b00dtqbf)

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

SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b00dtqbh)

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

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00dtqbk)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00dtqbm)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dtqbp)

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

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00dtqcn)

Clive Anderson presents an eclectic mix of conversation, comedy and music. He is joined by Glen Campbell, comedian Bill Bailey and actor Ashley Walters, and Gideon Coe talks to beatboxing sensation Shlomo, who performs in the studio. Plus comedy from David O'Doherty.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b00dtqcq)

Lord Triesman

Rob Bonnet profiles Lord David Triesman, the former university radical who is now Chairman of the Football Association.

He discovers how this one-time trade union leader, General Secretary of the Labour Party and fanatical Tottenham Hotspur supporter is now trying to curb the excesses of professional football. He has already clashed with the Premier League over players' commitments, and is now warning that even the biggest clubs could be overtaken by debt.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00dtqh0)

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

SAT 20:00 The Archive Hour (b00dypmb)

The Palace and the Beeb

David Cannadine traces 75 years of the BBC's relationship with the Royal Family, from the awed reverence of the early Richard Dimbleby broadcasts, through royal marriages, divorces, deaths and It's a Royal Knockout.

He discovers how the Palace reacted to the dramatic revelations made by Diana, Princess of Wales, in her Panorama interview, and hears what the BBC's royal correspondent Nicholas Witchell thought of being branded 'that awful man' by Prince Charles.

With contributions from former Palace press officers, the filmmaker and author of *On Royalty* Edward Mirzoeff, Jeremy Paxman and the BBC's official historian Professor Jean Seaton.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00dqdlc)

The Experiences of an Irish RM

Episode 1

Christopher Fitz-Simon's two-part adaptation of the comic novels of Somerville and Ross, set in late-nineteenth century Ireland.

When the affable, if somewhat dim, Major Sinclair Yeates is appointed Resident Magistrate, he finds himself among a people whose every moment seems dedicated to thwarting him.

Major Yeates Alex Jennings
 Philippa Yeates Rebecca Saire
 Flurry Knox Mark Lambert
 Uncle Jocelyn Richard Howard
 Mrs Raverty Cathy Belton
 Peter Miche Doherty
 Mrs Cadogan Marion O'Dwyer
 Mrs Knox Ingrid Craigie
 McCarthy-Gannon John Hewitt
 Mr Cantillon Kevin Flood
 Train Guard Niall Cusack
 Sister Emanuel Ali White
 Lady Hervey Anne Makower
 Reels Christopher Fitz-Simon

Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00dtqkd)

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

SAT 22:15 Moral Maze (b00ds8kl)

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

SAT 23:00 Brain of Britain (b00dqyfy)

Robert Robinson introduces the perennial general knowledge quiz. The second heat features four contestants from the London area.

SAT 23:30 Poetry Please (b00dqdx8)

A great mixture of poetry today all read by Richard McCabe, Brigid Zengeni and Jonjo O'Neill

The Fable of the Magnet and The Churn by WS Gilbert
 From: Favourite Poems Old and New
 Publ: Doubleday

The Forge by Seamus Heaney
 From: Opened Ground
 Publ: faber

Ode – We Are the Music-Makers by Arthur William Edgar O'Shaughnessy
 From: The Oxford Book of Victorian Verse

The Kaleidoscope by Nadine Brummer
 From: Halfway to Madrid
 Publ: Shoestring Press

The Toys by Coventry Patmore
 From: Everyman's Book of Victorian Verse
 Publ: Everyman

Dog in the Playground by Allan Ahlberg
 From: Please Mrs Butler
 Publ: Puffin

Tipperary by Desmond O'Grady
 From: Tipperary
 Publ: Salmon Press

I Haven't Been Able to Get Anything Done Since I Met You by Debra Bruce
 From: Pure Daughter
 Publ: The University of Arkansas Press

Memory of My Father by Patrick Kavanagh.
 From: The Rattle Bag
 Publ: faber

My Mother With One Green Earring by Frances Wilson
 From: Rearranging the Sky
 Publ: Rockingham Press

Working Late by Louis Simpson.
 From: The Penguin Book of Caribbean Verse

The Reading Lesson by Richard Murphy
 From: The Penguin Book of Contemporary Irish Poetry

You've Ruined My Evening/You've Ruined my Life by Tom Raworth
 From: Collected Poems
 Publ: Carcanet

When I have fears by Keats
 From: The Poetical Works of John Keats
 Publ: Oxford

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2008**SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00dtc4k)**

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

SUN 00:30 The Late Story (b00775r7)

More Tales from Westminster

A Simple Matter of Trust

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

The ups and downs of an office romance at No 10.

Written and read by John Sergeant.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dtqn1)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dtqn3)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dtqn5)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00dtqn7)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00dtqq1)

The sound of bells from St Peter's Church, South Petherton in Somerset.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b00dtqcq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00dtlb0)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00dtqrz)

Family Ties

Mark Tully reflects on how family relationships and responsibilities shift between the generations. From becoming a parent to losing your parents, how do we experience these changes and what helps ensure that we manage them well?

SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b00dtqw0)

Topical farming magazine.

Adam Henson visits the Grant family who, in 2004, moved from Scotland to the Massif Central region of France to start a new life in farming. He also learns about how they are dealing with the threat of the bluetongue disease which has become endemic in the area.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00dtqw2)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00dtqw4)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00dtqw6)

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 (b00dtr7q)

British Stammering Association

David Mitchell appeals on behalf of the British Stammering Association. Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b00dtr8g)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00dtr8j)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00dty2)

On the anniversary of Vaughan Williams' birth, Rev Stephen Shipley visits Down Ampney to explore the depth of understanding and affection the composer had for John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00dswdr)

In the light of the current mortgage crisis, Lisa Jardine asks if we are too wedded to the idea of owning our own family home.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00dtvb2)

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

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00dtw3z)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00dtw41)

Sanjeev Bhaskar

Kirsty Young's castaway this week is Sanjeev Bhaskar. A writer, comic and actor, Sanjeev has brought the British Asian experience into mainstream comedy with his television programmes *Goodness Gracious Me* and *The Kumars at No 42*. Despite initial worries from the broadcasters, both attracted a loyal following and great critical acclaim.

This represented a turn-around in Sanjeev's fortunes: aged 30, he had been unemployed, single, depressed and living at home.

Now he is enjoying great success professionally and is one half of a golden couple of entertainment - he is married to fellow writer and performer Meera Syal. "At times," he says, "it's felt like living someone else's life. But I'm not going to give it back to whoever owns it legitimately."

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

favourite track: The Waters of March by Susannah McCorkle
Book: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
Luxury: A grand piano.

SUN 12:00 The Write Stuff (b00dr86m)

Series 8

Raymond Chandler

James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness, flanked by captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh with guests Lynne Truss and Mark Billingham. The author of the week and subject for pastiche is Raymond Chandler and the reader is Beth Chalmers.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00dtx3h)

Organic Food

With economic turbulence unfolding around the globe, Sheila Dillon asks if organic food will fall victim to current events.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00dtb2)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00dtx3k)

A look at events around the world with Brian Hanrahan.

SUN 13:30 Dancing with the Russian Bear (b00dxcvc)

The Bear Unbound

In an updated version of a series broadcast earlier this year, and in the light of this summer's conflict between Russia and Georgia, Tim Whewell talks to Kremlin insiders and key players in Europe and America about the new chill between East and West.

How Russia recovered the confidence and strength to reassert its power against the West.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00dtx53)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Bob Flowerdew, Anne Swithinbank and Chris Beardshaw are guests of Knowbury Golden Jubilee Group, near Ludlow. Tony Russell, one of Europe's leading tree experts, explains the fundamentals of growing deciduous trees.

Including the Gardeners' Question Time gardening weather forecast.

SUN 14:45 Lennon's Private Passion: Cape Wrath (b00dtx55)

John Lennon is usually associated with either Liverpool or New York, and few know of his love for Cape Wrath, a wild and beautiful corner of the Scottish Highlands where he holidayed as a child. Sarfraz Manzoor takes a journey to the far north coast to meet those who knew him there.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00dtx91)

The Experiences of an Irish RM

Episode 2

The Experiences of an Irish RM

Christopher Fitz-Simon's two-part adaptation of the comic novels of Somerville and Ross, set in late 19th-century Ireland.

Now a resident magistrate for ten years in west Cork, Major Sinclair Yeates has grown accustomed to the eccentricity of his position and of those around him, except for his nemesis Mr Flurry Knox.

Major Yeates Alex Jennings
Philippa Yeates Rebecca Saire
Anthony Yeates Robbie Gilmore
Flurry Knox Mark Lambert
Sally Knox Ali White
Lieutenant Larpent Anthony Glennon
Peter Cadogan Miche Doherty
Mrs Cadogan Marion O'Dwyer
Dr Frazer Ingrid Craigie

Miss Longmuir Cathy Belton
Mr Cantillon Kevin Flood
Dr Fahy John Hewitt

Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan.

SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00dtxbf)

Mal Peet, Isabel Fonseca, John Lloyd, and Paul Auster

Misha Glenny is at the Cheltenham Literature Festival, where he's joined by three authors appearing there – the children's author Mal Peet, first time novelist Isabel Fonseca and comedy producer and writer John Lloyd.

Misha also talks to the American novelist Paul Auster, about his new book *Man in the Dark*. Auster explains his penchant for fictional games, and reflects on his thirty-four year love affair with a manual typewriter.

SUN 16:30 Poetry Please (b00dtxcn)

October's Party by George Cooper

From: *The Book of a Thousand Poems*

Publ: Collins Educational

Plums by Gillian Clarke

From: *Collected Poems*

Publ: Carcanet

This is Just to Say by William Carlos Williams

From: *The Oxford Book of American Poetry*

To Don Asterio Alarcón, Clocksmith of Valparaíso by Pablo Neruda, translated by Alastair Reid

From: *Fully Empowered*

Publ: Condor/Souvenir Press

Hermitage by Wislawa Szymborska, translated by Stanislaw Barańczak and Clare Cavanagh

From: *Poems, New and Collected 1957-1997*

Publ: faber

La Poesia/Poetry by Pablo Neruda, translated by Alastair Reid

From: *Isla Negra*

Publ: Condor/Souvenir Press

The O-Filler by Alastair Reid

From: *Book of Post War Poetry*

Publ: Hutchinson

Milk for the Cat by Harold Monro

From: *The Book of a Thousand Poems*

Publ: Collins Educational

Sleeping in the Country by Susan Fromberg Schaeffer

From: *Granite Lady*

Publ: Macmillan

Not to Sleep by Robert Graves

From: *Collected Poems*

Publ: Cassell

Annabel Lee by Edgar Allan Poe

From: *Poe – Poems and Prose*

Publ: Everyman

Rich by RS Thomas

From: *Selected Poems 1988-2000*

Publ: Bloodaxe

SUN 17:00 Is Al Qaeda Winning? (b00ds9gn)

Episode 2

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

This programme assesses Al Qaeda's military and financial capabilities. Including interviews with soldiers, spies and scholars on both sides, and rare access inside Pakistan's intelligence agency. Leading officials at the US Treasury and the UN Security Council's Al Qaeda and Taleban Monitoring Committee explain how Al Qaeda continues to raise, move and spend money with relative ease.

SUN 17:40 Profile (b00dtqcg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

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SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00dtxcq)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00dtxcs)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dtib4)

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

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00dtz71)

Joan Bakewell introduces her selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00dtzct)

Tom is struggling to move pig arks when an impatient Brian stops by to see how far he has got with the costings for the Tom Archer brand. Brian is concerned that Tom is concentrating all his efforts on Bridge Farm, but Tom assures him that everything is in place to launch a premium bacon. Meanwhile at Home Farm Brian's getting ready for the shoot whilst Jennifer recounts news from Debbie and Alice.

Lilian's still in a mood with Matt, as clearly he doesn't understand why she's worried about Peggy and Jack and how they're coping. She thinks she'll pop round, but Matt suggests he'll go instead.

Matt arrives at Peggy and Jack's to find all is certainly not well - Jack is in disarray and Peggy looks as if she has had a stroke! Fortunately an anxious Lilian arrives before the ambulance, which seems to take an age in getting there. It finally arrives and Peggy and Lilian go off to Felpersham leaving a compassionate Matt in charge of Jack, reassuring him that Peggy will be back right as rain.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00dtzcv)

Children's magazine presented by Kirsten O'Brien. Blue Peter, the longest-running children's programme in the world, is soon to celebrate its 50th birthday. Kirsten O'Brien and three inquisitive listeners examine its enduring appeal.

SUN 19:45 A Welsh Anthology (b007nt6s)

Series 1

Mad Dog and Englishwoman

Stories by Welsh writers.

Recovering in the Welsh countryside after working in war-ravaged Grozny, Hazel finds she can't escape. Even the peaceful mountainside contains horror, but through it she finds a way to move on. By Dahlia Kirby.

Read by Eiry Thomas.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b00dsrcc)

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

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00dswdh)

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 21:02 Money Box Live (b00dv9mp)

Paul Lewis and guests answer calls on financial issues.

SUN 21:56 Radio 4 Appeal (b00dtr7q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00dtzcy)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00dtzd0)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including The Other Heartlands.

SUN 23:00 The Learning Curve (b00dr990)

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

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00dtqrz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2008

MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00dte45)

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

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00ds8f0)

Durkheim and Financial Collapse - Obesity

DURKHEIM and FINANCIAL COLLAPSE

In his book *Suicide*, French sociologist Emile Durkheim discussed the nature and the consequences of economic crisis. Steven Lukes, Professor of Sociology at New York University, debates Durkheim's contention that the prospects created by economic disaster, like the current financial crisis, leads to an increase in misery and suicide.

OBSESITY

Nowadays obesity is spoken in terms of an epidemic, and according to some scientists in the United States, to stay thin one should eat sensibly, exercise, but also wash their hands. Like SARS, or bird flu or even bubonic plague, obesity is treated as a contagion and evidence is produced to support the assertion. But is this disease model of obesity, and talk of the 'Global Obesity Epidemic' just the latest in a long line of strategies for shifting responsibility for being over weight away from individuals? And is being fat always a bad thing anyway? Sander L. Gilman is the author of a new book about attitudes towards fat. He joins Laurie Taylor and social anthropologist Henrietta Moore to discuss the cultural history of obesity.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00dtq1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dtdjw)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dtdjy)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dtdk0)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00dtdq5)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dtdw3)

Daily prayer and reflection with Commissioner Betty Matear.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00dtdw5)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Anna Hill.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00df0w)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b00dtlb6)

Presented by James Naughtie and Evan Davis.

Hugh Pym and George Magnus, economic advisor to UBS, discuss the future of Britain's banking.

Jim Muir reports on why the government are opening up the Iraqi oil industry to foreign investment.

Sculptor Paul Day and Mick Whelan of ASLEF discuss a controversial frieze at St Pancras station.

The Royal Bank of Scotland RBS is to raise 20 billion pounds of new money, including 5 billion pounds directly from the government. Business Editor Robert Peston reports.

Lord Oakeshott and Paul Coen of the LGA discuss local authorities' investment in Icelandic banks.

Thought for the Day with Canon Dr Alan Billings, an Anglican priest.

Lord Harris and Lord Dear discuss plans to increase the detention time limit for terror suspects to 42 days.

Chancellor Alistair Darling explains why the government is to inject up to 37 billion pounds of new capital into banks.

Rebecca Jones talks to Booker Prize nominee Aravind Adiga, author of *The White Tiger*.

Business presenter Adam Shaw, Paul Killik of asset managers Killik and Co and Sir George Cox, former senior independent director of Bradford and Bingley, discuss the morning's announcements.

Gordon Brown is due to launch a masterplan to save the world's rainforests. Environment analyst Roger Harrabin reports on whether it will be successful.

Paul Wood speaks to an 18-year-old woman who has decided to become a suicide bomber.

TV explorer Bruce Parry and musician Ian Parton discuss the appeal of indigenous music.

Robert Peston, Sir George Cox and Professor Patrick Minford discuss the 37 billion-pound deal to help banks.

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00dv01n)

Andrew Marr is joined from the Cheltenham Literature Festival by Simon Schama to talk about his new book and BBC TV series, *The American Future*. Journalist Christina Lamb discusses the prospects for Pakistan and Afghanistan, correspondent Robert Fox talks about the reliability of the eye witness and writer Jenny Uglow on the relationship between artists and poets in the Romantic period.

The US election of 2008 has been described as 'historic' for many reasons – and not just for the presence of an African-American on the Democratic ticket. In his new TV series and book, *SIMON SCHAMA* explores four key issues of this election – the economy, war, religion and American identity – and finds out what we can learn about today's election from their role in US history. *The American Future: A History* is published by Bodley Head and the accompanying television series continues on BBC Two on Fridays.

Foreign correspondent CHRISTINA LAMB first travelled to Afghanistan at the age of 21 and has reported the country's chronic instability and conflict for almost 20 years. Drawing on her experience, Lamb argues that nothing can be done about the current grim situation unless the West recognises that the conflict against the Taliban is inextricably intertwined with what is happening over the border in Pakistan. She is currently writing a book on Afghanistan and Pakistan called *Not A Shot Fired*.

For the last 40 years, ROBERT FOX has reported from the Falklands, the Middle East, Northern Ireland and Italy. His latest work, however, is an anthology of other people's reports, ranging from Herodotus' accounts of Egypt to the Baghdad bloggers writing about the current conflict in Iraq. He debates the crucial role of the eyewitness. *Eyewitness to History*, a four-volume anthology, is edited by Robert Fox and published by The Folio Society.

The biographer JENNY UGLOW has turned her attention to the relationships between British writers and artists in the Romantic period. She examines the connections between the engraver Bewick and Wordsworth and their contrasting approaches to nature. *Words & Pictures: Writers, Artists and a Peculiarly British Tradition* is published by Faber and Faber.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dv0k)

The Age of Wonder

Episode 1

Douglas Hodge reads Richard Holmes' account of the scientific ferment that swept through Britain in the late-18th century.

Joseph Banks, the botanist on Captain Cook's first Endeavour voyage, steps onto a Tahitian beach in 1769, hoping to discover Paradise.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dv0wm)

Jackie Collins; Crissy Lee

Novelist Jackie Collins on 'bonkbusters'. Plus drummer Crissy Lee on the challenges facing female drummers, and is it right to criminalise underage sex for girls as well as boys?

MON 11:00 Letters to Myself (b00dx16j)

An insight into the experiences of people who have written letters to themselves to be opened in years to come. Some have sent letters to a website that acts as a temporary library before emailing them back to be read at a later date. The programme also follows a group of young adults as they open letters that they wrote to themselves years ago as school leavers.

MON 11:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00dv2p1)

Series 5

The CV of Dorian Gray

Comedy series by Christopher Douglas and Andrew Nickolds.

Ed Reardon, author, pipe smoker, consummate fare-dodger and master of the abusive email, attempts to survive in a world

where the media seems to be run by idiots and lying charlatans.

It's time for Ed to drag out the old jeans, buy a mobile phone and cut ten years off the CV as the new Head of New Media Development is a genuine 12 year old.

Ed Reardon Christopher Douglas
Olive Stephanie Cole
Felix John Fortune
George Simon Greenall
Copper Martin Hyder
Jaz Philip Jackson
Pearl Rita May
Ping Barunka O'Shaughnessy
Market Researcher Nicola Sanderson
Marcus Richard Smith
Stan Geoffrey Whitehead.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00dv36b)

Presented by Julian Worricker.

A former broker confesses to targeting people on benefits and tells us how and why he encouraged them to sign up for home loans that they would struggle to pay.

Steve Punt wonders what working life will be like for the city boys who have had to move on from the Square Mile.

A year after his mother died of dementia, we meet Sir Cliff Richard in an Alzheimer's Society Cafe in Weybridge, Surrey, which he helped fund.

Two NHS Foundation Trusts have a total of eight and a half million pounds at risk in Icelandic banks. Shari Vahl reports from the press conference at the Christie NHS Foundation Trust in Manchester, the Trust with the most to lose.

37 billion pounds of our money is going into three high street banks. In return, the banks are committed to competitively-priced lending to homeowners over the next three years, help for people struggling with mortgage payments and an expectation that no cash bonuses will be paid to senior executives this year, with a review of that remuneration policy in the longer term.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00dtlb8)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00dv560)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

MON 13:30 Brain of Britain (b00dv562)

Robert Robinson introduces the perennial general knowledge quiz from the BBC Radio Theatre in London.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00dtzct)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b00dv5n2)

Swimming Around Ireland

Steven was badly injured in a traffic accident, his physiotherapy sessions haven't been going well and he has grown depressed and despondent. Keen to motivate him and make some progress his physiotherapist Caet decides to try some hydrotherapy in the pool. But the first session goes badly, Steven can't move his leg and grows increasingly frustrated: 'It's not as if I'll ever swim around Ireland is it?'

But Caet has an idea to prove that Steven can do just that. For every move or kick Steven makes they will travel ten kilometres around Ireland, plotting their progress on a map. So begins an unusual journey of imagination and discovery as Steven and Caet set out to 'swim' around Ireland!

Steven Michael Colgan
Caet..... Dawn Bradfield
Mike..... Kieran Lagan
PorterJohn Hewitt

Tin Whistle was played by John Toal

Voices: Bill Maul, Patrick Watson, Chandrika Nayar, Itsareeya Johnston, Henryk Pieknik, Camilla Carroll and Fiona Woods.

MON 15:00 Money Box Live (b00f5g16)

Paul Lewis and guests answer calls on small business finance.

MON 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dv9y1)

Cheltenham Literature Festival Stories: Booker 40 Selection

Episode 1

Five readings from the stage of the Cheltenham Literature Festival by Man Booker winners to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the prize.

John Banville: Magic Squares.

MON 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dvb1p)

For Jackson and Democracy

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

The growth of democracy and political parties in America.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00dtx3h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Traveller's Tree (b00dvb9p)

Series 4

Wellbeing holidays

Katie Derham presents the holiday magazine with insider tips from listeners and travel experts.

Listener Kevin Osborne reports on a life coaching holiday in the Picos mountains of northern Spain and Dr Susan Horsewood-Lee explains what we can expect from holiday spa therapies and detox treatments.

MON 17:00 PM (b00dvbb8)

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

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dtlbb)

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

MON 18:30 The Write Stuff (b00dvngt)

Series 8

Seamus Heaney

James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness, flanked by captains Sebastian Faulks and John Walsh with guests Sue Limb and Andrew Motion. The author of the week and subject for pastiche is Seamus Heaney and the reader is Beth Chalmers.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00dtz8b)

Tony's not happy to learn that Tom's getting grief from Brian over Tom Archer bacon, which means plans for Bridge Farm bacon will have to be put on the back burner. All Brian's interested in is the bottom line!

Borchester Land has rejected Tony and Pat's offer of 750,000 pounds. Tom wants to up the offer, but Tony knows they can't really afford to.

To Neil's dismay, Tom halves his order for weaners. Tom decides its time to take on an assistant. Neil's not surprised that Tom is finding things difficult.

Tom asks after Christopher and Alice. Neil thinks Christopher has more fun with Alice than doing up the flat. No work will be done this weekend, as Neil's on the hunt for a bell-simulator for St. Stephen's.

Pat, Lilian and Jennifer arrive at Felpersham Hospital. Peggy is asleep and looking fragile. Jack's staying with Lilian and Matt, which they agree is an awful situation, but their options are limited. Lilian can manage for another day or two until they know how badly Peggy has been affected by the stroke. At the moment Lilian can't focus on anything else except hoping Peggy will pull through.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00dvbhz)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Adam Mars Jones reviews Burn After Reading, the latest film from the Coen Brothers, a comic thriller, which centres around two unscrupulous gym employees who find themselves in a possession of a disk containing the memoirs of a CIA agent.

Historian Dr David Starkey talks us through the complexities of and influences over, the virtuous and intelligent young Renaissance prince who turned tyrant, Henry VIII.

Times art critic Rachel Campbell-Johnston reviews two exhibitions. TH.2058 opens in the Turbine Hall at the Tate Modern in London tomorrow. Cildo Meireles runs until January 11 2009.

Comedian and television presenter Alan Carr talks to Mark about not coming out to his parents and the amount of exaggeration he permitted himself when writing his autobiography.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00f15vj)

The Color Purple

Episode 6

Dramatisation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker, set in the Deep South in the interwar years.

Celie's sister, Nettie, is in Africa and Celie discovers the truth about the man she knows as Pa.

Celie Nadine Marshall
Nettie Nikki Amuka-Bird
Shug Avery Nina Sosanya
Corrinne Lorraine Burroughs
Samuel Ray Shell
Pa Colin McFarlane
Daisy Lisa Livingstone

Dramatised by Pat Cumper
Directed by Pauline Harris.

MON 20:00 Life After Tom (b00dwjd9)

Charting Claire Prosser's first year without her teenage son, Tom, who died suddenly from an undiagnosed heart condition, and exploring the process of rebuilding after the unimaginable has happened.

MON 20:30 The Learning Curve (b00dvngw)

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

MON 21:00 Through the Looking Glass (b00dvncr)

Edi Stark finds out why a little-known eye condition is going undiagnosed and untreated, and blighting the lives of hundreds of thousands of adults and children in Britain. Called binocular instability or visual stress, the problem can easily be detected and treated, but it continues to be overlooked by the Departments of Health and Education.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00dv01n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00dvntf)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dvntt)

National and international news and analysis with Ritulah Shah.

Including reports on the government bailouts of banks across Europe and the stock market reaction, whether there will be more global co-operation in the future and what's so special about Mary Queen of Scots.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00dvp2n)

Sentimental Education

Episode 6

Alex Jennings reads from Flaubert's novel, set amid the turbulence and glamour of mid-nineteenth century Parisian high society.

Frederic is torn between his love for his friend's wife, Mme Arnoux, and his increasing interest in the charming Rosanette.

MON 23:00 Freedom Pass (b00dx0k8)

Episode 1

Alan Coren and Christopher Matthew utilise their newly-acquired freedom passes, allowing free travel for the over-60s. They hop onto a bus and see where it takes them - geographically, historically and conversationally.

Part of a series marking the first anniversary of the death of Alan Coren.

MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00dvq11)

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

Sean Curran.

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2008

TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00dte47)

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

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dv0vk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dtdk2)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dtdk4)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dtdk6)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00dtdq7)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dtdq9)

Daily prayer and reflection with Commissioner Betty Matear.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00dtdrm)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Anna Hill.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00dtlbd)

Presented by James Naughtie and Evan Davis.

Robert Reich, Labor Secretary under Bill Clinton, says that buying shares in banks had always been part of the Paulson plan.

Richard Dowden, Director of the Royal African Society, discusses the power sharing deal in Zimbabwe.

Colette Hume reports on Powys Council's plan to switch off some of their street lights to save costs.

Robert Walker reports on the plight of suspects detained 'unlawfully' in Pakistan.

Mike Thomson reports on the ongoing struggle of a young mother he met last year in eastern Congo who suffered appalling abuse after being abducted by rebel soldiers.

Rebecca Jones talks to Booker Prize nominee Sebastian Barry, author of *The Secret Scripture*.

Thought for the Day with Dr Injarit Singh, Director of the Network of Sikh Organisations.

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith says that she will push on with the Counter-Terrorism Bill minus the 42 days proposal.

Robert Peston, Martin Taylor and economist Charles Goodhart discuss how governments are acting to restore confidence to financial markets.

Historian Simon Sebag Montefiore and journalist Dame Ann Leslie discuss a new list of the most evil men and women in history.

Foreign Office minister Bill Rammell outlines how the 'fundamental change of mission' in Iraq is being received in the area.

Mark Coles talks to US guitarist Ry Cooder about the Buena Vista Social Club concert at Carnegie Hall in New York in 1998.

Thomas Friedman of the New York Times and Stryker McGuire of Newsweek discuss what can be done to retain America's position as 'the world power'.

Nick Robinson and David Davis discuss the government's decision to shelve plans to extend pre-charge detention to 42 days after its defeat in the House of Lords.

TUE 09:00 Between Ourselves (b00dvql5)

Episode 1

Olivia O'Leary presents the series which brings together two people who have had profound and similar experiences, to hear

their individual stories and compare the long-term effects on each of their lives.

Tony Little, the headteacher of Eton and Michael Wilkins, headteacher of Outwood Grange, a huge comprehensive school, offer an illuminating comparison between two very different institutions.

TUE 09:30 Phill Jupitus' Strips (b00dvqpr)
Episode 2

Phill Jupitus meets the creators of some of the comic strips that he has loved to read since childhood.

Phill meets a group of young, ambitious, political cartoonists in New York who are struggling to make ends meet in a world where the newspaper industry is shrinking and the internet doesn't pay.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dy1jh)
The Age of Wonder

Episode 2

Douglas Hodge reads Richard Holmes' account of the scientific ferment that swept through Britain in the late-18th century.

The invention of the hot air balloon by the Montgolfier brothers in 1783 led to a spate of crowd-pulling spectacles, and the fierce rivalry of the first cross-Channel 'aeronauts'.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dv0hx)
Margaret Atwood; Dominique Gonzalez-Foerster

Prize-winning author Margaret Atwood on debt. Plus pioneering breast cancer surgeon Mohammed Keshtgar, and French artist Dominique Gonzalez-Foerster.

TUE 11:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b00dvsnd)

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 Hamish Henderson: A Various Man (b00dvsng)
Fred Freeman profiles the extraordinary life and work of the Scottish poet and songwriter Hamish Henderson, who died in 2002.

Henderson has been called 'the most important Scottish poet since Burns', yet he is better known overseas than elsewhere in Britain. Nelson Mandela sought him out after his release from Robben Island. Pete Seeger gamely attempted some of his Scots dialect poetry and the historian EP Thompson called him 'that rare man, a poet'

Featuring recordings of Henderson's own performances and contributions from those who knew and worked with him.

TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00dv4wj)
Call You and Yours

Presented by Julian Worricker.

Has America had its day as a world super power? Is it time that Great Britain looked elsewhere for a special relationship?

In three weeks time Americans will vote for their next president. Whether they choose John McCain or Barack Obama, they may have to get used to the idea that their country has lost a little of its gloss. Against a backdrop of a financial crisis which has seen 700 billion dollars being pledged for a bailout plan, we consider whether America has had its day as a world superpower and if it is time that Britain looked elsewhere for a 'special relationship'.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00dtlbg)
The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00dv4wl)
National and international news with Martha Kearney.

TUE 13:30 Soul Music (b00dvtpn)
Series 7

What a Wonderful World

Louis Armstrong recorded the classic 'What a Wonderful

World' in 1967 amidst civil rights demonstrations and protests against the Vietnam War.

It was a song written for him. Was it naive or a powerful anthem for peace?

Featuring:

Prof Peter Ling
Laurence Bergreen
Simon Weston
Katie Melua
Troy Andrews
Milan Bertosa

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Producer: Sara Conkey

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00dtz8b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b00dvw0v)
Number 10 - Series 2

Episode 3

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

The Prime Minister finds himself embroiled in unexpected complications on a trip to Gibraltar, and his wife draws media attention by meeting a former party worker who has just been released from prison.

Adam Antony Sher
Steve Julian Rhind-Tutt
Monica Sasha Behar
Colin Colin McFarlane
Hannah Kelly Hunter
Admiral Sean Baker
George Nicholas Murchie
Ernest Nigel Cooke
Jackie Ellie Haddington
Esme Charlotte Lucas
Barbara Nicholas Murchie

Directed by Clive Brill.

TUE 15:00 Making History (b00dvw1q)
Eyemouth, Scotland

Vanessa Collingridge presents the popular history programme in which listeners' questions and research help offer new insights into the past.

This programme was recorded in Eyemouth, Scotland in October 2008.

Listener Derek Janes wrote to the programme wanting to find out more about some local features and stories which he felt have wider importance: a sixteenth century fort, witchcraft, smuggling and a terrible fishing disaster back in the 1880s.

You can send us questions or an outline of your own research.

Email: making.history@bbc.co.uk
Write to Making History. BBC Radio 4. PO Box 3096. Brighton BN1 1PL
Join the conversation on our Facebook page or find out more from the Radio 4 website:
www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/makinghistory

Producer: Nick Patrick
A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dv9wt)
Cheltenham Literature Festival Stories: Booker 40 Selection

Episode 2

Five readings from the stage of the Cheltenham Literature Festival by Man Booker winners to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the prize.

Graham Swift on becoming a writer.

TUE 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dvb1c)
A Christian Republic?

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by

David Reynolds.

Religious revivals transform American society in the early 19th century.

TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b00dvwzp)
Clive Coleman takes his weekly look at legal issues.

TUE 16:30 A Good Read (b00dvwq1)
Terry Jones and Mark Borkowski

Monty Python star Terry Jones and PR guru Mark Borkowski join Sue MacGregor to discuss favourite books by Ronald Wright, Alan Bennett and Jim Steinmeyer.

Special edition from the Cheltenham Literature Festival.

A Short History of Progress by Ronald Wright
Publisher: Canongate

The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett
Publisher: Profile Books / Faber and Faber

Hiding the Elephant by Jim Steinmeyer
Publisher: Arrow

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00dvd2)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dtlbg)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

TUE 18:30 The Party Line (b00dvwrd)
Series 3

Episode 2

Topical sitcom by Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis.

Backbench MP Duncan Stonebridge loves the excitement, intrigue and power of Westminster life. It's just his constituency that he finds tricky.

With James Fleet, Geoff McGivern, Simon Greenall, Geraldine McNulty.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00dtz8d)
There's panic at The Dower House - the fire alarm has gone off. Matt tells Jack that someone had left toast under the grill.

After Matt's ineffective efforts that morning, Lilian is getting a confused Jack ready for his visit to hospital. He refuses to wear Matt's gaudy tie, saying he looks like a spiv.

Peggy is delighted to see Jack looking so smart, but she's worried about him and wants to come home. Lilian reassures her that Matt has been marvellous and Jack's no trouble.

Recently dumped Izzy is staying with Pip overnight. She's bored traipsing across a field checking cows with Pip, and can't understand why they're there.

That evening in Pip's bedroom, Izzy drops her bombshell. She's convinced she's pregnant. Pip can't believe what she's hearing. She insists that Izzy doesn't keep the baby, as it will ruin her life and result in a dead end job. Realising how harsh she has been she offers to go with Izzy to the clinic for an abortion.

Izzy's appalled. She plugs in her MP3 player and sticks on her headphones. She might be stuck at Brookfield for the night, but it doesn't mean she has to talk to Pip ... ever again.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00dvbgp)
Presented by Mark Lawson.

Al Murray, The Pub Landlord, talks to Mark about his anger-management issues, not being a Radio 4 listener, what he thinks of the Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin and why he doesn't need subtitles on his DVDs.

Artist Steve McQueen discusses the background to his latest film, Hunger, based on the story of the IRA hunger striker Bobby Sands.

A new reality TV competition judged by Jonathan Dimbleby marks the latest attempt to get more young people interested in

politics. Clare Short MP reviews Election, which sees ambitious youngsters compete to demonstrate their leadership skills and win a chat with the Prime Minister.

As Sam Taylor-Wood releases a single produced by the Pet Shop Boys, Front Row counts down the chart of visual artists who have tried to make their mark in the recording studio.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00f15v1)

The Color Purple

Episode 7

Dramatisation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker, set in the Deep South in the interwar years.

Celie leaves Mister to live with Shug in Memphis.

Celie Nadine Marshall
 Nettie Nikki Amuka-Bird
 Mister Eammon Walker
 Harpo OT Fagbenle
 Sofia Petra Letang
 Shug Avery Nina Sosanya
 Samuel Ray Shell
 Eleanor Jane Madeleine Potter

Dramatised by Pat Cumper
 Directed by Pauline Harris.

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b00dvwx9)

Michael Robinson investigates the hundreds of lawsuits that are being filed in the US by banks and financial institutions arguing over who is to blame for the crisis in the global financial markets. He reveals what those legal documents tell us about the banking system and the effectiveness of regulators.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00dvwx)

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

TUE 21:00 Am I Normal? (b00dvwxw)

Series 5

Blood Pressure

Vivienne Parry continues her quest to find out what is normal. She discovers what doctors think is normal blood pressure and considers whether the food industry has a role to play in helping us reduce our chances of having a heart attack or stroke.

TUE 21:30 Between Ourselves (b00dvql5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00dvntd)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dvnvh)

National and international news and analysis with Ritulah Shah. Including reaction from a Republican Congressman following President Bush's announcement that the US government is buying bank shares, a report on anti-Christian violence in India and the winner of the Man Booker Prize.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00dvp26)

Sentimental Education

Episode 7

Alex Jennings reads from Flaubert's novel, set amid the turbulence and glamour of mid-nineteenth century Parisian high society.

Frederic is drawn into the tensions of the Arnoux household and comes to the rescue when the bailiffs threaten them.

TUE 23:00 Fabulous (b00dy23d)

Series 2

Episode 1

Faye is anxious. She knows that today's women are Fabulous; they have it all, the job, the house, the colour co-ordinated capsule wardrobe and they cope with the pressures modern life brings effortlessly, with nothing more than a copy of Prima and a poem by Pam Ayres to guide them. So why can't she pull it off? With the builders in to build her a brand new kitchen and an award ceremony to go to, life should be glorious...

Starring Daisy Haggard with Katy Brand, Stephen Critchlow,

Justin Edwards, Mel Hudson, Joanna Neary, John Rowe, Jo Scanlan, Dan Starkey and Ann Reid

Written by Lucy Clarke
 Music by Osymyo
 Producer Simon Nicholls

TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00dvq0q)

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

WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2008

WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00dtc49)

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dy1jh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dtdk8)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dtdkb)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dtdkd)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00dtdqe)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dtdqf)

Daily prayer and reflection with Commissioner Betty Matear.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00dtdrp)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Charlotte Smith.

WED 06:00 Today (b00dtibl)

Presented by James Naughtie and Sarah Montague.

Nick Bloom of Stanford University and Heather Alexander discuss Wall Street's reaction to the US financial bail-out plan.

Roger Harrabin reports on whether the target of 20 per cent greenhouse gas cuts by 2020 will still be hit.

Simon Reed of the Police Federation and Gavin Partington of the Wine and Spirit Trade Association discuss whether police resources are being stretched to breaking point.

Poet Laureate Andrew Motion and Rachel Foss of the British Library discuss the Ted Hughes collection.

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

Children's Secretary Ed Balls explains why national tests for 14-year-old school pupils in England are to be scrapped.

Brendan Barber, General Secretary of the TUC, discusses what the effects of the financial crisis will be on UK businesses.

Author Aravind Adiga discusses his Man Booker Prize-winning novel *The White Tiger*.

Anna Holligan reports on allegations that the music industry is still unwilling to give black artists the same opportunities available to white acts.

A group of shareholders is seeking legal advice over the rights issues earlier this year by HBOS, RBS and Bradford and Bingley. Roger Lawson, from the UK Shareholders Association, and Vince Cable, the Liberal Democrats' Treasury spokesman, discuss what this means for investors.

Chloe Palfreman of interview coaching firm Oxbridge Applications and author Elfi Pallis discuss how to prepare for Oxbridge college interviews.

Lord Donoghue and journalist Steve Richards discuss how the solutions of the 1970s have influenced the way the current financial crisis is dealt with.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b00dw474)

Lively and diverse conversation with Libby Purves and guests.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dy1jk)

The Age of Wonder

Episode 3

Douglas Hodge reads Richard Holmes' account of the scientific ferment that swept through Britain in the late-18th century.

The impact of the discovery of electricity and how it affected the debate about the nature of life's vitality and the force of the soul.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dv0j1)

Women's political engagement; Dervla Murphy

Why do women underestimate their knowledge of politics? Plus, travel writer Dervla Murphy on Cuba; female genital cutting in Kenya; and women in the economic crisis.

WED 11:00 Byzantium Unearthed (b00dxd3)

Episode 2

Historian Bettany Hughes presents a series that uses the latest archaeological evidence to learn more about the empire of Byzantium and the people who ruled it.

Bettany examines the public and private life of the Byzantines. Women had unprecedented power in the Empire, as did the mysterious 'third sex' of eunuchs. But in this part-Roman, part-fundamentalist Christian state, dangerous political factions would keep the blood of political dynasties flowing.

WED 11:30 Inspector Steine (b00dw4c6)

The Woman

Comedy drama series by Lynne Truss, set in 1950s Brighton.

Steine falls in love for the very first time when he bumps into Adelaide Vine, the beautiful owner of a fish and chip shop in Oriental Place. But is there more to Adelaide than meets the eye? Brunswick thinks so.

Inspector Steine Michael Fenton Stevens

Mrs Groynes Jan Ravens

Brunswick John Ramm

Twitten Matt Green

Adelaide Janet Ellis

Music by Anthony May.

Directed by Karen Rose.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00dv37w)

Presented by Winifred Robinson.

Paul Lewis, presenter of Radio 4's Money Box, examines the security of offshore accounts with Icelandic banks.

Cheap wine is now a regular feature of supermarket price wars, but most of what we are tempted to buy is just cheap rubbish according to wine writer Malcolm Gluck.

Winifred interviews Digby Jones, the former head of the CBI and advisor to Gordon Brown, on selling Britain abroad.

Actor Matt Fraser and artist Kathryn Rennie, both Thalidomide impaired, discuss an exhibition of portraits of Thalidomide victims.

Corinne Sweet, psychologist and eating disorder counsellor, discusses the adverts for Maltesers and Jaffa Cakes that have been banned for making misleading claims.

Radio stations in the Thames Valley area have been advertising the services of Speed and Son solicitors. Their claim to reduce prison sentences and provide guilt counselling for drivers caught speeding is really a road safety campaign in a very different guise. We speak to Dan Campsall of the Safer Roads Partnership.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00dtlbn)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00dv4wn)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

WED 13:30 The Media Show (b00dw4vd)

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

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00dtz8d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b00dw4vl)

The Letter

A letter turns up fifty years after it was first posted, and the revelations it contains threaten to shake the bedrock of a marriage.

WED 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00dtx53)

[Repeat of broadcast at 14:00 on Sunday]

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dv9ww)

Cheltenham Literature Festival Stories: Booker 40 Selection

Episode 3

Five readings from the stage of the Cheltenham Literature Festival by Man Booker winners to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the prize.

Penelope Lively.

WED 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dvb1f)

The Indian Trail of Tears

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

Indian tribes are forced to either assimilate or move west of the Mississippi.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00dw7wd)

Predicting the Financial Crisis - Work/Life Balance

PREDICTING THE FINANCIAL CRISIS

Laurie Taylor is joined by Richard Dale, Emeritus Professor of International Banking at Southampton University, one of the very few professional economists who predicted the present crisis. They discuss his recipe for crisis.

WORK/LIFE BALANCE

Dr Ben Fincham, Lecturer in the School of Social Science at the University of Brighton claims to have found a group – cycle couriers – for whom a clear distinction between work and leisure is virtually meaningless. Dr Ben Fincham and Richard Reeves, author of Happy Mondays: Putting the Pleasure back into Work debate the meaning of the 'work life balance'.

WED 16:30 Am I Normal? (b00dvwxw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b00dvbck)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dtlby)

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

WED 18:30 The Castle (b007zpfz)

Series 1

Episode 4

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

Sir John decides to open a theme castle and Sam Tree decides to save Unicorn Forest. Meanwhile, Anne and Charlotte are looking out for flying sheep.

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 (b00dtz8g)

Adam delivers the bad news to David that Ambridge Heat & Power is unlikely to get a food handling licence. Ruth agrees with them that it's time to wind up their plans.

Tony wants Jennifer to ask Brian to make sure Borchester Land look fairly on their increased offer for the farm. Jennifer points out that Brian doesn't have much to do with the property portfolio.

Ruth tells David that Izzy might be pregnant. Pip's disapproval has caused a huge falling out and Pip's really upset. David's

more concerned at the realisation that Pip's growing up fast - what if the same thing happened to her?

Emma's done a great cleaning job at Brookfield. David and Ruth are pleased that she and Ed have settled in well at Rickyard Cottage.

Peggy's having trouble seeing on her right side, and Jack's having trouble settling in at the Dower House. The family appreciates how difficult it's been for Peggy all this time, but are in agreement that they need to find somewhere that can offer respite care. They know this will worry Peggy, so agree that the kindest thing to do is say nothing until they've found a suitable place.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00dvbgy)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Photographer Jillian Edelstein and critic Ann Leslie review the exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery, Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life 1990-2005.

Mark enters an online chat room to get a rare interview with Belle de Jour, the former call girl who rose to prominence through her blog about working in the high-class sex industry in London.

Included in the British Library's acquisition of archive material of the late Poet Laureate Ted Hughes is audio footage of him reading his own poems. The poet Jo Shapcott listens to the voices of both Ted Hughes and Philip Larkin and discusses what can be learned by hearing a poet read their own work.

As shows including Eurobeat - Almost Eurovision, the eXtra Factor and The Quiz Show in Glasgow ask audiences to vote, critic David Benedict and theatrical producer Nica Burns reflect on the difference an audience can make to a performance.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00f15vn)

The Color Purple

Episode 8

Dramatisation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker, set in the Deep South in the interwar years.

Celie's stepfather dies and she inherits more than she ever imagined. But Celie's happiness is short-lived.

Celie Nadine Marshall
Mister Eammon Walker
Harpo OT Fagbenle
Shug Avery Nina Sosanya
Sofia Petra Letang
Daisy Lisa Livingstone

Dramatised by Pat Cumper
Directed by Pauline Harris.

WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b00dw808)

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

WED 20:45 The Other Heartlands (b00dymrm)

Episode 2

How history and landscape have shaped political allegiances in some of Britain's most remote constituencies.

Susan Hulme visits Caernarfon and sees how Welsh language and culture are at the core of local people's sense of identity, and how this has made Plaid Cymru the party of the establishment.

WED 21:00 World On The Move: Great Animal Migrations (b00dvsnd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 21:30 Midweek (b00dw474)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00dvntg)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dvnvk)

With Robin Lustig. Including reports on the future of international regulation as EU leaders discuss the economy, a flare-up on the Thailand-Cambodia border and red squirrels.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00dvp28)

Sentimental Education

Episode 8

Alex Jennings reads from Flaubert's novel, set amid the turbulence and glamour of mid-nineteenth century Parisian high society.

A day at the races with Rosanette leaves Frederic compromised and an insult to a lady leads to fighting talk.

WED 23:00 Tina C Goes Down Under: The Aborigynal Monologues (b00dw881)

The Gold Coast

Country singer and US presidential hopeful Tina C, the comic creation of Christopher Green, looks at the Australian obsession with country music.

Tina explores Brisbane, where developers have built so many skyscraper hotels that the beach is in shade for most of the day. She sings her version of Waltzing Matilda on a local breakfast TV show and parties at a redneck bar.

WED 23:15 The Exterminating Angels (b00773r)

The Squirrels

Sitcom by Martin Shea, Eamonn O'Neill and James O'Neill, set in a pest control agency where the pests answer back.

With Karl Theobald, Dan Antopolski, Astrid Azurdia, Greg McHugh.

WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00dvq0s)

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

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2008**THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00dtc4c)**

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

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dy1jk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dtdkg)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dtdkj)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dtdkl)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00dtdqh)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dtdqk)

Daily prayer and reflection with Commissioner Betty Mearar.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00dtdrr)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Charlotte Smith.

THU 06:00 Today (b00dtlbs)

Presented by John Humphrys and Sarah Montague.

Fund manager Mark Konyon of RCM Asia Pacific and business editor Robert Peston discuss the latest falls in the global markets.

Anna Walker, chief executive of the Healthcare Commission, explains that some GPs are missing appointment targets.

Justin Webb reports on the third and final US Presidential debate between John McCain and Barack Obama.

MPs John Redwood and Jim Cousins debate how the government should respond to the economic slowdown.

Survivors of a failed WW2 bombing mission remember the day their Halifax bomber was shot down over Berlin.

Thought for the Day with Rev Rosemary Lain-Priestley.

Health Secretary Alan Johnson responds to the Healthcare Commission's report on the NHS in England.

Former vice-chairman of Goldman Sachs International Antonio Borges discusses whether anything can be done to restore confidence to the markets.

Ian Morley, chairman of Corazon Capital, and Terry Smith, chief executive of Tullet Prebon, debate the future of hedge funds.

Jan Ravens reads author Sue Townsend's vision of the Queen online.

Jonny Dymond reports on whether EU leaders will continue to back Gordon Brown's proposals on global financial institutions.

Chris Morris reports from India, where an estimated eight million children are in immediate danger of starvation.

Professor Ofer Lahav of UCL discusses dark matter, one of the biggest mysteries of modern science.

Daily Mail sketch writer Quentin Letts and Times columnist Alice Miles discuss what it might be about Lord Mandelson that inspires such fascination for political commentators.

Professor Jim Horne, Director of the Sleep Research Centre at Loughborough University, debunks the myths surrounding sleep deprivation.=

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b00dwhwt)
Vitalism

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss Vitalism, an 18th and 19th century quest for the spark of life. On a dreary night in November 1818, a young doctor called Frankenstein completed an experiment and described it in his diary: "I collected the instruments of life around me, that I might infuse a spark of being into the lifeless thing that lay at my feet...By the glimmer of the half-extinguished light, I saw the dull yellow eye of the creature open..."Frankenstein may seem an outlandish tale, but Mary Shelley wrote it when science was alive with ideas about what differentiated the living from the dead. This was Vitalism, a belief that living things possessed some spark of life, some vital principle, perhaps even a soul, that distinguished the quick from the dead and lifted them above dull matter. Electricity was a very real candidate; when an Italian scientist called Luigi Galvani made dead frogs twitch by applying electricity he thought he had found it. Vitalists aimed at unlocking the secret of life itself and they raised questions about what life is that are unresolved to this day. With Patricia Fara, Fellow of Clare College and Affiliated Lecturer in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at Cambridge University; Andrew Mendelsohn, Senior Lecturer in the History of Science and Medicine at Imperial College, University of London and Pietro Corsi, Professor of the History of Science at the University of Oxford.

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dy1jm)
The Age of Wonder

Episode 4

Douglas Hodge reads Richard Holmes's account of the scientific ferment that swept through Britain in the late-18th century.

Sir Humphry Davy's application of chemistry to solving the problem of deadly gas explosions in mines.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dv0j5)
Elizabeth Jane Howard; Compulsive hoarding; Dirty hands

Author Elizabeth Jane Howard on eighty years of writing. Plus, the issue of abortion in the US elections; dirty hands; and the dangers of compulsive hoarding.

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b00dwhww)
BBC foreign correspondents with the stories behind the world's headlines. Introduced by Kate Adie.

THU 11:30 With Great Pleasure (b00dwhwy)
Diana Athill

Literary editor and memoirist Diana Athill, shares the rich pickings of a life spent among books.

Her favourites include: Coleridge's Kubla Khan, PG Wodehouse's inimitable Jeeves, and Jane Austen's unfinished novel The Watsons.

From the 2008 Cheltenham Literature Festival.

Readers: Pauline Munro and William Hope.

Producer: Mark Smalley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2008.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00dv37y)
Presented by Winifred Robinson.

Some hospices have funds at risk in collapsed Icelandic banks, others are struggling with a sudden drop in income from legacies and donations.

Northern Rock admits that the difficult market conditions mean that it has had to step up repossession.

Winifred talks to Charlie Mayfield, Chairman of The John Lewis Partnership, about the prospects for retail in an economic downturn.

A Strasbourg ceiling collapse has reopened the debate about whether it's sensible for MEPs to move between the two European Parliament buildings in Strasbourg and Brussels.

Why proposals to protect wildlife and the environment in the New Forest National Park have caused outrage among the local population.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00dtlbtv)
The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00dv4wg)
National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Open Country (b00dtlfrv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00dtz8g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00776vk)
The Price of a Fish Supper

By Catherine Czerkawska.

Rab is a fisherman, like his father and grandfather before him. The decline of the Scottish fishing industry and the loss of his brother at sea have hit him hard.

Rab Paul Morrow

Directed by Gerda Stevenson.

THU 15:00 Questions, Questions (b00dwj77)
Stewart Henderson answers those niggling questions from everyday life.

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00dtr7q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dv9wy)
Cheltenham Literature Festival Stories: Booker 40 Selection

Episode 4

Five readings from the stage of the Cheltenham Literature Festival by Man Booker winners to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the prize.

DBC Pierre.

THU 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dvb1h)
Frontier Values

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

The government sells off vast tracts of land and thousands of people migrate westward in search of a better life.

THU 16:00 Open Book (b00dtxbf)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00dwj79)
Stonehenge & Durrington Walls - Worms, Bonemeal & Green Rust

Stonehenge & Durrington Walls
Stonehenge's massive stone pillars have long been a tourist magnet, attracting nearly a million people a year.

New new archaeological evidence shows that the iconic monument was a place of pilgrimage even in prehistoric times.

Cattle teeth found at Durrington Walls, a massive circular earthwork near to Stonehenge, suggest that the animals were herded from distant parts of Britain.

The results add to increasing evidence that people may have visited Stonehenge periodically.

But what drew them to the site? It is a controversial subject - did they congregate during episodes of feasting at the summer and winter solstices or permanently live at the sites?

Quentin Cooper is joined by Jane Evans of the Natural Environment Research Council's Isotope Geosciences Laboratory in Nottingham and Michael Parker Pearson, Professor of Archaeology at the University of Sheffield. Are the iconic monuments at Durrington Walls and Stonehenge related? And could the two sites be part of a single 'ritual landscape'?

Worms, Bonemeal & Green Rust
What do earthworms, green rust and bonemeal have in common? The answer is that they are all pointing the way to new techniques for cleaning up contaminated land. And the scientists concerned are finding out how they might do so using x-rays from the brightest light in Britain, the new Diamond Light Source at the Rutherford Appleton Lab near Oxford.

Quentin Cooper hears from Dr Mark Hodson of the University of Reading how some earthworms are developing resistance to the metals that contaminate soil and might help to release them so that plants can absorb them and be removed - or even used to recover the metals.

Dr Paul Schofield of London's Natural History Museum is using bonemeal to try to lock pollutants up in safe, insoluble phosphates.

And Dr Sam Shaw of the University of Leeds is looking at the potential of what he calls green rust to form a sort of filter around waste sites that will absorb metals if they try to cross it.

THU 17:00 PM (b00dvbcm)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dtlbt)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

THU 18:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00dwjd7)
Series 1

Tim Brooke-Taylor

Marcus Brigstocke invites Tim Brooke-Taylor to try new experiences.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00dtz8j)
Alan and Usha will spend their first Diwali as man and wife in Wolverhampton. Ruth's pleased that Usha's family are so relaxed about Alan now. Having seen Annabelle looking sensational while out training, Usha's bought some state-of-the-art running shoes and intends to run the full Felpersham marathon next March.

At the Gamblers Anonymous meeting, Alistair discovers why Ryan's in such a state. He confesses to extortionate debt. Maurice remarks on how far Alistair's come, and Alistair thanks Maurice for his support. Alistair wants to offer the same level of support to Ryan.

Pip's horrified when Ruth asks if she's sleeping with Jonathan. She assures Ruth she's not - and even if she was, she wouldn't be stupid enough to get pregnant.

Tom's still looking for a decent quote for bacon curing, and Brian's still looking for some decent figures from Tom.

Borchester Land turns down Tony and Pat's increased offer of 775,000 pounds, saying it's completely unacceptable. Pat doesn't think it's worth trying to reach a compromise - they are obviously out of their depth. Tom's dismayed. After being so proud of Tom and Helen wanting to take the place on, Pat's biggest disappointment is that one phone call can burst their whole damn bubble.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00dvbb6)

Presented by Kirsty Lang.

Actor Roger Moore talks about his memoirs, with recollections of his childhood in South London, his early screen roles and his seven films as 007.

Ralph Fiennes takes the title role in Frank McGuinness' new version of Sophocles' tragedy Oedipus. Classics Professor Edith Hall joins Kirsty for a review.

Renowned for screen roles such as his Oscar-winning performance as Hannibal Lecter, actor Anthony Hopkins also writes music. Hopkins talks to Kirsty about his early exposure to music, his interest in composing, and how music informs his work as an actor.

A pioneer of photojournalism, Robert Capa (1913 - 1954) captured war as it unfolded on the front line of the Spanish Civil War, as well as the Sino-Japanese conflict and Second World War. David Leland, who wrote and directed an episode of the TV drama Band of Brothers, reviews a new exhibition of his work.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00f15vq)

The Color Purple

Episode 9

Dramatisation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker, set in the Deep South in the interwar years.

Celie has returned home and she and Mister become friends.

Celie Nadine Marshall
 Nettie Nikki Amuka-Bird
 Mister Emmon Walker
 Samuel Ray Shell
 Tashi Lisa Livingstone
 Adam OT Fagbenle
 Olivia Lorraine Burroughs

Dramatised by Pat Cumper
 Directed by Pauline Harris.

THU 20:00 Britain's Teenage Suicides (b00dbcdf)

Episode 1

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

She asks whether there are any underlying reasons which could help to explain why so many tragic deaths happened so close together in such a short time.

THU 20:30 In Business (b00dwjkl)

Whistling in the Dark

Peter Day finds out what happens when co-workers blow the whistle on what appear to be dirty dealings by companies and organisations, and whether they ought to be rewarded for their activities.

THU 21:00 Leading Edge (b00dwkhr)

Alarming Decline in West African Chimpanzees

Alarming Decline in West African Chimpanzees
 As Genevieve Campbell and Christophe Boesche report in this week's Current Biology, a study in the nesting habits of chimpanzees became almost impossible due to a surprising lack of nests. Only 10% of the expected population could be located. Geoff Watts discovers whether the chimps can be saved from extinction.

Invisible Islands

What did the Big Bang look like? Using scientifically correct equations and inspired by the chandeliers of New York's Metropolitan Opera House, artist Josiah McElheny and cosmologist David Weinberg set out to represent our galaxy in sculptural form.

Efficient Electricity

The planned coal-burning power station at Kingsnorth continues to fuel a fierce row about the carbon dioxide that it should or should not be allowed to emit. Chemist Andrea Sella from University College, London, thinks we should respect the laws of thermodynamics and return to the drawing board.

Space Junk

Our planet is surrounded by a cloud of junk ranging from discarded rockets to flecks of paint. There's even an astronaut's glove in orbit. Although the problem is getting worse, Richard Hollingham reports on a solution.

Routes Out of Africa

It is generally agreed that early humans did evolve in sub-Saharan Africa. Moreover there's fossil evidence that they reached what is now Israel some 90-130,000 years ago – and the obvious way of getting from the one to the other would be along the Nile Valley. But new research from the University of Bristol suggests that there were alternative routes.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00dwhwt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00dvtjt)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dvnvm)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00dvp2b)

Sentimental Education

Episode 9

Alex Jennings reads from Flaubert's novel, set amid the turbulence and glamour of mid-19th century Parisian high society.

Frederic's fortunes go into sharp decline. Will returning home to Nogent and the girl next door bring him solace?

THU 23:00 Dirk Gently's Holistic Detective Agency: The Long Dark Teatime of the Soul (b00dwpk8)

Episode 3

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

Dirk buys a nifty gadget and Kate visits an iffy clinic.

Dirk Gently Harry Enfield
 Kate Laurel Lefkow
 Simon Draycott Peter Davison
 Cynthia Draycott Jan Ravens
 Janice Pearce Olivia Colman
 Thor Rupert Degas
 Toe Rag Michael Roberts
 Odin Stephen Moore
 Nobby Mike Fenton-Stevens
 Nurse Sally Morwenna Banks
 Sister Bailey Sally Grace
 Dr Standish John Fortune
 Announcer John Marsh

Music by Philip Pope.

Directed by Dirk Maggs.

THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00dvq0w)

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

FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER 2008**FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00dte4f)**

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00dy1jm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00dtdkn)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00dtdkq)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00dtdks)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00dtdqm)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00dtdqp)

Daily prayer and reflection with Commissioner Betty Mear.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00dtdrt)

News and issues in rural Britain, with Charlotte Smith.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00dtlzb)

Presented by John Humphrys and Sarah Montague.

Head of the British Bankers' Association Angela Knight discusses whether the industry has stabilised since the government intervened.

Chairman Sir Michael Rawlins, of NICE, says that the way new drugs are tested needs to be reappraised.

Chris Huhne, justice spokesman for the Lib Dems, and Gerald Butler, a retired judge, discuss whether 'mandatory' means judges should be forced to impose tougher sentences.

Nicola Stanbridge interviews film director Franco Rosso and Trevor Laird, one of the stars of the film Babylon.

Thought for the day with the Right Rev Lord Harries of Pentregarth.

Shadow Chancellor George Osborne says the 'burnt wreckage of economic policy' is Gordon Brown's fault.

Pensioner Bill George and Ros Altmann, independent expert on pension policy, discuss how the credit crunch has affected those about to retire.

War photographer Geert Van Kesteren, John Morris, picture editor of Life magazine in the 1940s, and author Philip Knightly discuss the lasting impact of Robert Capa's work.

Sports editor Mihir Bose and Richard Caborn, former sports minister, discuss whether football has become too much of a business.

Robin Oakley, head of climate and energy policy at Greenpeace, says the government has misled the public over nuclear power.

Robert Pigott reports on the Bible Society's translation of the New Testament of The Bible into Jamaican Patois.

Justice Minister David Hanson says the UK has some of the toughest firearms laws in the world.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00dwt41)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00dy1jp)

The Age of Wonder

Episode 5

Douglas Hodge reads Richard Holmes's account of the scientific ferment that swept through Britain in the late 18th century.

By the turn of the 19th century, the developments made in the fields of physics and chemistry had led to a growing debate about the role of science and the question of what to call those who practised it.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00dv0j9)

Children's database; Umbilical cord blood banking

Should all children's details be held on a national database? Plus the risks and benefits of umbilical cord blood banking discussed, and husband hunting in the days of the Raj.

FRI 11:00 Women in Uniform (b00dy4b3)

Episode 1

Former BBC correspondent Martin Bell travels to Afghanistan to investigate the growing numbers of women in the British military and how their jobs are increasingly taking them into the front line.

FRI 11:30 Agatha Christie (b008w5wm)

Crooked House

Episode 1

Joy Wilkinson's adaptation of Agatha Christie's novel.

Returning home from WWII, Charles Hayward is finally free to marry Sophia Leonides. However, the suspicious death of her grandfather has thrown everything into confusion.

Charles Rory Kinnear
 Sophia Anna Maxwell Martin

Taverner Phil Davis
Josephine Grianne Dromgoole
Aunt Edith Judy Parfitt
Philip/Passerby Ben Crowe
Magda Anna Chancellor
Roger/Consul General Simon Treves
Clemency Rachel Sanders
Brenda Margaret Cabourn-Smith
Laurence/Lamb Colin Houl

Directed by Sam Hoyle.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00dv380)
Presented by Peter White.

The O2 arena says it will not be renewing a contract with a company run by Mike Ashley, the chairman of Newcastle United, and has launched an investigation into alleged ticket touting.

Peter joins one of the judges at The British Invention Show, which is taking place at the Alexandra Palace in North London.

Investigating the abuse of personal information stored on old mobile phone SIM cards.

Peter talks to Catherine Sear, whose son Daniel paid just under 3,000 pounds to travel to Tanzania with the Frontier development organisation in 1998 and never returned.

Kane Kramer, the former Inventor Of The Year who now runs the British Invention Show, talks to Peter about his work and how it could have made his fortune but for a boardroom coup.

Comedian and political activist Mark Thomas launches a new feature in which famous people reveal what they get up to at the weekend.

A 150 million-pound hole has been left in the budget for the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Organisers say that money they had relied on for legacy projects for the Games has now been re-allocated to pay for the 2012 Olympics. Stuart Maxwell, Scotland's Sports Minister, gives his views.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00dtlc1)
The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00dv4ws)
National and international news with Brian Hanrahan.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00dx251)
Roger Bolton airs listeners' views on BBC radio programmes and policy.

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00dtz8j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b00dx253)
Owls

A fictional story written and narrated by Paul Evans and based on an island legend about a brother and sister who were bound by a wish sworn on a barn owl feather, which in turn became a curse that proved fatal. Recorded on location in Scotland; isolation, human desire and the supernatural are explored in this unsettling drama about the relationship between hope and desire, Man and Nature.

Old man / young boy .. Jimmy Yuill / David McLellan
Old sister / young girl .. Alyth McCormack / Michaela Sweeney

WILDLIFE SOUND RECORDIST: Chris Watson, SOUND ENGINEER : Michael Burgess
PRODUCER / DIRECTOR: Sarah Blunt.

FRI 15:00 Ramblings (b00dx29k)
Sheffield

Clare Balding joins a group of refugees and asylum seekers in Sheffield as they improve their English and discover more about their new homeland while walking with local residents through the city's many green spaces.

FRI 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00dv9x0)
Cheltenham Literature Festival Stories: Booker 40 Selection

Episode 5

Five readings from the stage of the Cheltenham Literature Festival by Man Booker winners to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the prize.

Ben Okri.

FRI 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00dvb1k)
Let Us Conquer Space

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

The building of the Erie Canal and the railway boom.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00dx29m)

John Wilson 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 (b00dx2c0)
The Coen Brothers discuss violence, the importance of posture and reveal their alternative ending to No Country For Old Men.

Neil Brand discusses the 1928 sci-fi movie High Treason about an attack on the Channel Tunnel.

Kevin Brownlow discusses his 1975 civil war movie Winstanley that's been restored for the LFF.

Decasia, Bill Morrison's montage of decaying silent films is Matthew Sweet's reel find.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00dvbcp)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00dtlc3)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

FRI 18:30 The News Quiz (b00dx2mz)
Series 66

Episode 4

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz, recorded at the Cheltenham Literature Festival. The panellists are Jeremy Hardy, Phill Jupitus, Fred MacAulay and Sue Perkins.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00dtz8l)
Eddie's pleased to learn that William's in better spirits since getting back in touch with Nic, even though it's nothing more than a friendship.

Joe tells Eddie that Oliver said they can take all Grange Farm's cider apples for nothing. Clarrie's agreed to do the food for the Halloween ghost walk. Joe and Eddie have planned their ghost stories and Eddie wants Kenton and Fat Paul as cavalier and roundhead for 'The Tale of the Screaming Skull'. At £10 a head, Joe's looking forward to some good, honest money-making.

Lilian and Jennifer are grateful for everything Matt's done for Jack - it even looks like he's found a suitable care home. Matt's PA has arranged for the manager of The Willows to meet Jack on Sunday.

Lilian and Jennifer are taking Jack to see Peggy but agree not to mention The Willows until it's definite. Peggy's voice has improved but she still can't see properly. Peggy's concerned about Jack. Jennifer assures her he's fine, but Peggy knows how difficult Jack can be and feels guilty. Lilian almost tells her about The Willows but Jennifer interrupts. Lilian bites her lip and insists they're coping beautifully. Peggy must just concentrate on getting better.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00dvbhj)
Presented by Kirsty Lang.

80 year old Mexican author Carlos Fuentes discusses writing about anger and giving a voice to the dispossessed in society, his interest in politics and the effects of the shadow of death on his writing.

Oliver Stone's new film, W, about the life of George W Bush from adolescence to the war in Iraq, is his third film about American presidents after JFK in 1991 and Nixon in 1995. Tom Brook reviews the film from New York and discusses how well it has been received by American critics.

Corinne Julius, who writes on applied arts for the Evening Standard, joins Kirsty to talk about the way artists are now

crossing the divide between art and crafts.

Canadian author Andrew Davidson talks about the tenacity required to get an agent and how his first novel, The Gargoyle, mixes a love story with his interest in medieval history and modern medical techniques.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00f15vs)
The Color Purple

Episode 10

Dramatisation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker, set in the Deep South in the interwar years.

Shug is back, and Celie is finally reunited with her sister Nettie and her children Olivia and Adam.

Celie Nadine Marshall
Nettie Nikki Amuka-Bird
Mister Eammon Walker
Harpo/Adam OT Fagbenle
Shug Avery Nina Sosanya
Pa Colin McFarlane
Samuel Ray Shell
Olivia Lorraine Burroughs

Dramatised by Pat Cumper.

Directed by Pauline Harris.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00dx2n1)
Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Accrington, Lancashire. Panellists include Justice Secretary Jack Straw, artistic director of the Southbank Centre Jude Kelly, physicist Professor Brian Cox and Shadow Housing Minister Grant Shapps.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00dx3wx)
Lisa Jardine considers why this year's winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature is particularly relevant.

FRI 21:00 America, Empire of Liberty Omnibus (b00dx3wz)
East and West

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

Thousands migrate west in search of a better life, while Indian tribes who do not assimilate are forced on to land west of the Mississippi.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00dvntl)
The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00dvnvp)
In a special edition, Robin Lustig speaks to a worldwide panel of guests on the future direction of Afghanistan.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00dvp2d)
Sentimental Education

Episode 10

Alex Jennings reads from Flaubert's novel, set amid the turbulence and glamour of mid-nineteenth century Parisian high society.

Revolution is in the air, but Frederic only has eyes for Mme Arnoux.

FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b00dvwq1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00dvwq0y)
News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Mark D'Arcy.