

SATURDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2009

SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00hg2k)

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00hd9lc)

Tequila Oil

Episode 5

Jot Davies reads Hugh Thomson's account of his 1979 road trip through Mexico to Belize, aged 18 and without knowing how to drive.

Finally arriving in Belize, Hugh discovers that the market for big American cars is not quite as he had believed it to be.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hgck6)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00hgck8)

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

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hgckb)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00hgckd)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00hgckg)

Daily prayer and reflection with Tina Beattie.

SAT 05:45 iPM (b00hgcvh)

Tom Symonds presents the weekly interactive current affairs magazine featuring online conversation and debate.

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00hgcvk)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00hh0m9)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00hh0mc)

Countryside magazine. Matt Baker travels to Essex to see the vast area that the RSPB is turning into a nature reserve. In a hungry world, can we justify the surrender of prime farmland to the birds?

SAT 06:30 Farming Today This Week (b00hh0mf)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00hh0mh)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00hh0mk)

Presented by Edward Stourton and Evan Davis.

Political correspondent Ross Hawkins discusses the political implications of the banking crisis.

South Africa correspondent Peter Biles explains why the man nominated by the MDC as Deputy Agriculture Minister for Zimbabwe was seized before the ceremony.

Science correspondent Tom Feilden reports on the device known as the Diamond Light Source, which is being used to identify early signs of Parkinson's disease.

Hillary Clinton has given her first British interview to the BBC since becoming US Secretary of State. Correspondent Kim Ghattas explains what Mrs Clinton said as she makes her first foreign trip in her new role.

Professor Jonathan Goodhand considers how the Sri Lankan government hope to bring an end to the civil war.

The US Senate has voted in favour of Barack Obama's \$787bn economic stimulus plan. Correspondents Kevin Connolly and Duncan Kennedy discuss.

French writer Agnes Poirier and novelist Kathy Lette discuss the seduction techniques of French president Nicolas Sarkozy.

Thought for the day with Canon Lucy Winkett of St Paul's Cathedral.

Zimbabwean exile Andrew Peta and Alex Vines of Chatham House discuss the situation in Zimbabwe.

Shadow business secretary Kenneth Clarke discusses what the Conservatives would have done differently to ease the banking crisis.

Reporter Jack Izzard visits Dundee to discuss if lending in the banking sector has recovered.

Nicola Stanbridge reports on the exhibition of rave and club flyers from the 1980s and '90s at Selfridges.

Phil Mercer reports on the 39-year-old charged with arson causing death for lighting a bushfire near Churchill in Victoria State, Australia.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's national security adviser, and Ibrahim Yazdi, former Iranian deputy prime minister, discuss the hostage crisis in Iran 30 years ago.

Political editor Nick Robinson examines a difficult week for Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

US security firm Blackwater will now be known as Xe. Brand consultant Rita Clifton discusses if re-branding really works.

Marketing expert Agnes Nairn and psychoanalyst and author Susie Orbach discuss if children are still as taken with dolls as they were half a century ago.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00hh0mm)

Richard Coles is joined by novelist Dennis Lehane, author of *Mystic River*

JP Devlin uncovers the Secret Life of CBBC's Kirsten O'Brien, whose blossoming relationship with Otis the Aardvark kept a nation enthralled.

GCHQ whistleblower Katharine Gun ended up in court after a secret email was forwarded to a Sunday newspaper.

Julia Quenzler may be the most widely viewed portraitist currently working in Britain. For more than 20 years she has provided sketches of those appearing in court.

The Fast Show and Cold Feet's John Thomson chooses his *Inheritance Tracks*.

Plus poetry from Susan Richardson, who is based in Cardiff and regularly performs at literary festivals and environmental events up and down the country.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00hh0mp)

Middle East - Road Trips Across America

MIDDLE EAST

John McCarthy is joined by James Hider, the Middle East Correspondent for the Times Newspaper to discuss Syria, Jordan and Israel; despite the troubles and uncertainties tourists have not been deterred from visiting the region to explore the astounding landscape, history and culture.

ROAD TRIPS ACROSS AMERICA

American novelist Poe Ballantine shares his thirty years of road trips across America. He's published his experiences of "odd jobs, dead-end shifts, drinking a lot of beer, meeting a lot of oddballs, sleeping in motel rooms", in a collection of stories entitled *Things I Like About America*.

SAT 10:30 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b00hh0mr)

Series 2

Crash

And the Academy Award Goes to... Crash. For the third programme in the current series of Oscar-winning films and what they tell us of the time that gave rise to them, Paul Gambaccini tackles the film that was loved and reviled in equal measure by the very same LA society whose darker side the film set out to explore.

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00hh28l)

A look behind the scenes at Westminster with Steve Richards.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00hh28n)

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

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00hh28q)

Paul Lewis with the latest news from the world of personal finance.

The Treasury denies that the government is going to put more public money into Lloyds Banking Group or nationalise it after the bank reveals a 10.6 billion pound loss.

The latest on the Northern Rock shareholders who have lost their legal challenge to the government's plan to compensate them.

Standard Life agrees to compensate 100,000 customers of one of its funds at a cost of 100 million to itself, but should it do more?

Plus considering the impact on savers of a loophole allows banks to move money between accounts without notifying the customer.

SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b00hg7k3)

Series 67

Episode 6

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz, with panellists Jeremy Hardy, Dave Gorman, Andy Hamilton and Francis Wheen.

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00hh28s)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News (b00hh28v)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00hg7k5)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Richmond, North Yorkshire. Panellists are former government minister Denis MacShane MP, former Shadow Home Secretary David Davis MP, editor-at-large of *The Independent* on Sunday Janet Street-Porter and Jo Swinson MP, who speaks for the Liberal Democrats on foreign affairs.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00hh28x)

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

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b00hh28z)

Patrick Barlow - Joan of Arc, and How She Became a Saint

Written and directed by Patrick Barlow. Comic interpretation of the story of Joan of Arc performed by comic troupe the National Theatre of Brent.

Crowd and courtiers played by Beth Nestor, Carrie Quinlan, Humphrey Ker, David Reed and Thom Tuck.

SAT 15:30 Robert Winston's Musical Analysis (b00hd27b)

Series 1

Mahler

Professor Robert Winston explores the relationship between the music and the medical conditions of composers who suffered mental and physical illness.

Robert investigates Gustav Mahler, and the crisis in his marriage that drove him to consult Sigmund Freud in the final year of his life. Psychotherapist Dr Emanuel Garcia tells Robert that the meeting with Freud, while curing Mahler of his impotence, robbed him of his creativity.

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b00hh2bn)

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

Including:

More girls are now joining the Scouts and school football, but do boys need their own all-boy space? Three mothers with sons - sports writer Alyson Rudd, journalist Kathryn Flett and Jenni Murray - discuss the issue.

A conference at the Royal Society of Medicine has considered why the maternal mortality rate is plateauing and threatening to rise. Professor Philip Steer, President of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, and cardiologist Dr Sara Thorne of the University Hospital Birmingham discuss the issue.

The American slumber party - or sleepover party - is here. Usually they take place at someone's house, though these days

even the Natural History Museum does them. Sue Elliot Nichols was the brave host of one for her teenage son for a special report.

Sonali Samarasinghe Wickrematunge, the widow of the Sri Lankan journalist who was recently assassinated, talks about her husband's death.

Jane discusses the life and work of the sculptor and artist Dora Gordine.

A discussion of the impending changes expected in a reshuffle of the French Cabinet. How will the female members fare?

Reporter Caz Graham meets a group of women known as the Mungrisedale Writers who have just released a collection of work. Dating at 60 and Other Tribulations.

SAT 17:00 PM (b00hh2bq)

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

SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b00hh46g)

The team find out how top people from some of the world's biggest businesses are planning to survive the downturn.

Evan Davis is joined by Clara Gaynard of General Electric, Ayman Asfari, chief executive of FTSE250 oil and gas service company Petrofac, and Tony Mascolo, founder and chief executive of the Toni and Guy hair salons and hair products company.

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00hh46j)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00hh46l)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00hh46n)

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

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00hh46k)

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

SAT 19:00 Profile (b00hh46s)

John McFall

Stephen Sackur profiles John McFall, the chairman of the House of Commons Treasury Committee, who has been grilling the top bankers at the heart of the economic crisis. A former teacher, McFall, Labour MP for West Dumbartonshire, has chaired the committee for eight years. Stephen hears from those who have been called to his study, including the Scottish Secretary Jim Murphy.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00hh46v)

Three Monkeys, The Theatre of the Public Hearing, and Unfolding the Aryan Papers

Guests:

Novelist Adam Mars-Jones
Spectator Magazine editor Matthew D'Ancona
Writer and broadcaster Bidisha

Morrissey

22 years after the Smiths went their separate ways, Morrissey is back with his ninth solo album, *Years of Refusal*. It was produced by the late Jerry Finn, who was also responsible for Morrissey's 2004 hit *You are the Quarry*. But on the verge of hitting 50, can Morrissey sustain his lovelorn miserablism into his second half-century?

Years of Refusal is out on Monday on Decca, and Morrissey is touring the UK in May.

England People Very Nice

Nicholas Hytner has said he wants his National Theatre to be part of the national political conversation. The 'liberal hawk' playwright Richard Bean's previous targets have included airheaded aid workers and corrupt MEPs. Now Hytner has let Bean loose on the Olivier stage to deliver his take on immigration: *England People Very Nice* is a sweeping, big-cast, three-hour tale of four waves of migration into London's East End, which puts racial stereotypes before its audience with unusual directness.

England People Very Nice at the National Theatre in London is currently booking until 30 April.

The Theatre of the Public Hearing

If the theatre is anxious to be political, how well does politics work as theatre? This week, the Treasury Select Committee took on the bankers who led HBOS and the Royal Bank of Scotland to disaster. So how well does the highly theatrical format of witnesses appearing before interrogators dramatise public anger? Who played their roles convincingly? And what, if anything, do we have to learn from the spectacle of American Congressional hearings?

The Treasury Select Committee hearings continue at the House of Commons until March.

Three Monkeys

A politician runs someone over, and bribes his driver to take the rap. While he's in prison, his family's life falls apart. This Turkish tale of unarticulated grief won its acclaimed director Nuri Bilge Ceylan the Best Director award at Cannes. But did Bidisha, Adam, Matthew and Tom think Ceylan deserved his prize?

Three Monkeys is on release in selected cinemas now, certificate 15.

Unfolding the Aryan Papers

In the early 1990s, the film director Stanley Kubrick was deep in research for *Aryan Papers*, a movie about the Holocaust. Then Steven Spielberg made Schindler's List. Kubrick abandoned his project, leaving his lead actress, Johanna ter Steege, mourning her lost stardom. Now the British Film Institute have commissioned Jane and Louise Wilson to make an installation exploring Kubrick's lost work – and they have finally given ter Steege a version of her starring role.

Unfolding the Aryan Papers is at the BFI Southbank in London until 26 April.

Unfolding the Aryan Papers is also available to view online at the Animate Projects website.

The accompanying season of Stanley Kubrick films continues until 25 March.

SAT 20:00 Archive on 4 (b00hh46x)

Island Dreams

Poet Gwyneth Lewis explores the idea of the island and island life, and the ways in which it continues to capture the British imagination. She uses drama, talks and documentary from the BBC audio archive to illustrate its appeal, from reality TV programmes to Desert Island Discs and the Shipping Forecast, and also cites the many instances of island settings in classic literature, including *Treasure Island*, *Robinson Crusoe*, *Peter Pan* and *Lord of the Flies*.

Including contributions from literary critic Dame Gillian Beer, historian Robert Colls, a group of people who tried to set up an island utopia in the 1960s and the very last man to leave the island of St Kilda in the Outer Hebrides.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00h9vnh)

The Invasion - Arab Chronicles of the First Crusade

Episode 2

By Jonathan Myerson. The story of the First Crusade, re-imagined from the Arab point of view, using the chronicles of the period.

Antioch is under siege from the Crusaders and the local Christian men have been expelled from the city for fear of betrayal. But, with a little collaboration, The Stitch has a plan to end the siege.

Firuz Andrew Lincoln
The Stitch Neil Dudgeon
Rihab Helen Schlesinger
Yaghi-Siyan Nicholas Woodeson
Tatikios Peter Polycarpou
Nadirah Rachel Atkins
Suleima Jill Cardo
Anna Janice Acquah
Peter Chris Pavlo
Bohemond Stephen Critchlow
Shams Al-Dawla Dan Starkey

Other parts played by Gunnar Cauthery, Inam Mirza and Malcolm Tierney

Directed by Jonquil Panting.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00hh46z)

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

SAT 22:15 Moral Maze (b00hdb86)

Michael Buerk chairs a debate on the moral questions behind

the week's news. Kenan Malik, Claire Fox, Michael Portillo and Melanie Phillips cross-examine witnesses.

SAT 23:00 Quote... Unquote (b00hc2hz)

Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz involving the exchange of quotations and anecdotes. With guests Catherine Bennett, Michael Dobbs, Sir Antony Jay and John Lahr.

SAT 23:30 Poetry Please (b00h9vwz)

In the lead up to Valentine's Day, Roger McGough introduces listeners' requests for poems on the subject of love. Burt Caesar, Mark Meadows and Adjoa Andoh read poems by Carol Ann Duffy, Sophie Hannah and WH Auden.

Hour by Carol Ann Duffy

From: Rapture

Published by Picador

The Parting by Michael Drayton

From: The Oxford Book of English Verse ed. Quiller-Couch
Published by Oxford University Press

Don't Say I Said by Sophie Hannah

From: Pessimism for Beginners

Published by Carcanet

Tell Me The Truth About Love by WH Auden

From: WH Auden, Collected Shorter Poems 1927-1957
Published by Faber & Faber

Valentine by John Fuller

From: Collected Poems, John Fuller

Published by Chatto & Windus

For My Lover, Returning to His Wife by Anne Sexton

From: The Chatto Book of Love Poetry

Published by Chatto & Windus

Love in the Launderette by Roger McGough

From: Selected Poems, Roger McGough

Published by Penguin

For Margot Heinemann by John Cornford

From: The Oxford Book of War Poetry

Published by Oxford University Press

And You, Helen by Edward Thomas

From: Edward Thomas, Collected Poems

Published by Faber & Faber

How Do I Love Thee? by Elizabeth Barrett Browning

From: The New Faber Book of Love Poems

Published by Faber & Faber

First Meeting by ASJ Tessimond

From: Morning Meeting

Published Autolytus

Amo Ergo Sum by Kathleen Raine

From: The Collected Poems of Kathleen Raine

Published by Golgonooza Press

SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2009

SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00hh8s7)

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

SUN 00:30 Afternoon Reading (b007y099)

Be Prepared

Imagine

Stories inspired by the famous motto of the Scouting movement.

The life story of a woman who shows the most incredible capacity to look on the bright side.

By Pauline McLynn, read by Joanna Tope.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hhfb5)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00hhfb7)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hhfb9)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00hhfbc)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00hhfbb)

The sound of bells from St Bartholomew's in Sutton cum Lound, Nottinghamshire.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b00hh46s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00hhfbb)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00hhfbb)

Mysticism and Resistance

Mark Tully considers the link between mysticism and resistance. He tests Thomas Merton's suggestion that the monk is essentially someone who takes up a critical attitude to the world, and the German theologian Dorothee Soelle's insistence that authentic mystical experience always leads to resistance to the world as it exists now.

SUN 06:35 Living World (b00hhfbm)

Mollymawk Manor

Lionel Kelleway travels to the Falkland Islands in search of the mollymawk, the local name for the black-browed albatross. This wonderful ocean wanderer alights here to nest and breed. Lionel encounters graceful adults, and their eggs and chicks, at this critical time in the bird's year. He also finds out what new things we are discovering about this traveller.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00hhfbp)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00hhfbr)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00hhfbr)

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

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00hhfbw)

Christian Blind Mission

Steve Mannion appeals on behalf of Christian Blind Mission.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b00hhfby)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00hhfc0)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00hhfc2)

Marking the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth, Simon Conway-Morris, Professor of Evolutionary Palaeobiology at Cambridge University, reflects on the compatibility of faith and science. From St John's College Chapel, Cambridge. With Rev Duncan Dormor and the choir of St John's College. Director of Music: Andrew Nethsingha.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00hg7k7)

A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Harold Evans.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00hhfc4)

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

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00hhfc6)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00hhfc8)

Professor Dame Kay Davies

Kirsty Young's castaway this week is the scientist Professor Kay Davies. She has dedicated much of her life to finding a cure for the severest form of muscular dystrophy. Before she was 40, she had helped to develop the antenatal test which is now used around the world, then she isolated the gene sequence which could be instrumental in treating the condition. After years spent working on that, human trials for a possible treatment are

about to begin.

It's quite something for a woman who doesn't have an O-level in biology. Although, even as a child she did possess that critical quality crucial to scientific pioneers: "I loved solving problems," she says. "I was very tenacious and would sit in my room until I had finished the problem. I am a sticker."

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

Favourite track: Piano Sonata in B Flat by Franz Schubert

Book: Untold Stories by Alan Bennett

Luxury: A piano.

SUN 12:00 Just a Minute (b00hc4nc)

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Episode 7

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game. The panellists are Paul Merton, Sue Perkins, Liza Tarback and Gyles Brandreth.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00hhfcb)

Cheese

Sheila Dillon investigates the production of British farmhouse cheeses. The extraordinary revival that they have enjoyed is a testament to the hard work and dedication of countless cheesemakers, whose attention to detail is mirrored in their produce. Getting it right requires particular conditions and circumstances, and the result seems magical - but get it wrong and the outcome can be disastrous.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00hhfcd)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00hhfcg)

A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

SUN 13:30 Fry's English Delight (b00d8p82)

Series 1

Cliche

Stephen Fry explores the highways and byways of the English language.

Stephen looks at how cliche operates for both good and bad. A cliche crisis affected the writing of Flaubert, Joyce and Eliot and helped shape modern language and culture.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00hg6n5)

Peter Gibbs chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Matthew Biggs, Anne Swithinbank and Pippa Greenwood answer questions posed by gardeners.

Including the Gardeners' Question Time gardening weather forecast.

SUN 14:45 My Mile of the River (b00hhfcj)

Episode 1

Chris Tally Evans evokes the sights and sounds of the River Wye as it flows yards from his garden in Rhayader in Mid Wales.

Chris investigates a fungus which offers nature's vegetarian alternative to chicken, strolls through ancient woodland on the banks of the Wye, hunts for a yaffle and listens to the dusk chorus. He finds you don't have to be in the middle of nowhere to get away from it all.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00hhflv)

Scoop

Episode 1

Dramatisation by Jeremy Front of Evelyn Waugh's satirical 1938 novel.

Hapless journalist William Boot is mistakenly sent to report on a war in Africa.

William Boot Rory Kinnear

Lord Copper David Warner

Salter Nicholas Woodeson

Corker Stephen Critchlow

Pigge Chris Pavlo

Erik Olafsen Dan Starkey

Jakes Paul Rider

Benito Cyril Nri

Paleologue Nyasha Hatendi

Moke Inam Mirza

Mr Baldwin Jonathan Taffler

Julia Fenella Woolgar

John Boot Nicholas Boulton

Josephine Imogen Front

Miss Holloway Janice Acquah

Secretary Manjeet Mann

Uncle Theodore Malcolm Tierney

Evelyn Waugh Tim McInnerny

Directed by Sally Avens.

SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00hhfnd)

Sophie Hannah

Mariella Frostrup talks to poet Sophie Hannah, who in the last few years has also become a bestselling thriller writer. She talks about her new novel *The Other Half Lives*.

SUN 16:30 Poetry Please (b00hhft7)

Roger McGough introduces a selection of poems by the late Adrian Mitchell, chosen and read by some of his friends and fellow poets.

Music : *Lover Man* performed by Charlie Parker

All the poems in this week's programme are by Adrian Mitchell and the books are published by Bloodaxe

Back in the Playground Blues

From: Blue Coffee

To Whom It May Concern

From: Tell Me Lies - Poems 2005-2008

A Puppy Called Puberty

From: Blue Coffee

Ten Ways to Avoid Lending Your Wheelbarrow to Anybody

From: Tell Me Lies - Poems 2005-2008

Every Day is Mothering Sunday to Me

From: The Shadow Knows

The Doorbell

From: Tell Me Lies - Poems 2005-2008

Sorry Bout That

From: Tell Me Lies - Poems 2005-2008

Disguise

From: The Shadow Knows

William Blake Says Everything That Lives is Holy

From: The Shadow Knows

Death is Smaller Than I Thought

From: In Person, 30 Poets

A Spell to Make a Bad Hour Pass

From: Heart on the Left:- Poems 1953 - 1984

Music: Poetry Glues Your Soul Together

Words by Adrian Mitchell

Music by Mike Westbrook

From "Tyger" by Adrian Mitchell performed at the National Theatre

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b00hd4nh)

Egypt and the Gaza Crisis

Lucy Ash investigates the behind-the-scenes role played by Egypt and its President Hosni Mubarak in the latest crisis in Gaza. Mubarak may have placed himself at the centre of attempts to end the conflict, but how will he weather the mounting criticism levelled at him both at home and abroad?

SUN 17:40 Profile (b00hh46s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00hhgmf)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00hhgmh)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00hhgmk)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

followed by Weather.

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00hhgmm)

John Waite introduces his selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00hhgmp)

After a romantic night in a hotel, Will and Nic are in no hurry to get up for their full English breakfast.

Nic drives back. Will praises her driving - until she tries to park. He suggests buying her some professional driving lessons as an early birthday present. She's sure she'll do better in a small car.

Kenton tells Alistair the bad stuff he knows about Ryan. Alistair admits that he's fearful it was Ryan who burgled their home but he's concerned at the damage it'll cause if Ryan's wrongly accused. Kenton's determined to question Ryan after Wednesday's GA meeting.

Mike's home improvements are progressing well. They're even working today, so Mike has lunch in the Bull. Back home he discovers that Treacle the hen has walked into the painter's paint-tray and now the kitchen floor is decorated with hen footprints.

Clarrie's managed to get Emma to cover Susan's shift and Mike's planning to get Tom to cover Neil during Neil and Susan's 'surprise' wedding anniversary celebrations. Mike's even tracked down the hotel in London and changed Neil's booking. It wasn't easy though and Mike reckons he'd make a terrible spy. He'll just be glad if they can pull this off.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00hhgmr)

Children's magazine. Barney Harwood and the team find out about Charles Darwin at the Natural History Museum, where they meet up with the authors of What Darwin Saw, Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom. Plus Kirsten O'Brien talks to David Attenborough.

SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b007vhns)

Caravan Club

Not Wanted on Voyage

Series of short stories celebrating a British institution.

On a fractious family holiday, a young boy is charged with looking after his erratic grandfather.

By Sian Preece, read by Grant O'Rourke.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b00hg6n1)

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

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00hg6n7)

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

SUN 21:00 The Choice (b00cv5mn)

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

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

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00hhfbw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 In Business (b00hdd63)

Prophet Motive

Peter Day hears about the influence of religion on business.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00hhjg1)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00hhjg7)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster with Carolyn Quinn. Including the second part of 'I Was Put on Trial by al-

Qaeda'.

SUN 23:02 The Film Programme (b00hg6n9)

Francine Stock talks to Bruce Robinson, the writer and director of cult favourite Withnail and I, as he prepares to make his first movie for 17 years, The Rum Diary.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00hhfbk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2009

MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00hhjmg)

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

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00hhb82)

Drugs and Society - Laddish Masculinity in Higher Education

DRUGS AND SOCIETY

Angus Bancroft, author of a new book Drugs, Intoxication And Society and Dick Hobbs, Professor in Sociology with special reference to Criminology, at London School of Economics discuss how the effects of drink and drugs are affected by the context in which they are consumed.

LADDISH MASCULINITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

A new study finds that 'acting cool' and 'having a laugh' is sabotaging the chances of male working class students at university. Whilst female working class students adapt to their new environment, their male counterparts struggle to fit in and are apt to withdraw into laddish behaviour.

Laurie Taylor is joined by Siân Preece, Senior Lecturer at the University of Westminster who contributed to the study, and Deborah Cameron, Rupert Murdoch professor of Language and Communication at Oxford University, to discuss the implications of this latest research with regards to a future widening participation in further education.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00hhfbf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hhjpe)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00hhjr3)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hhjwl)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00hhjzl)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00hhk13)

Daily prayer and reflection with Tina Beattie.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00hhk3w)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00hhthj)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b00hhk4j)

Presented by Edward Stourton and James Naughtie.

Professor David Bailey of the Birmingham Business School discusses the cutbacks at the Mini factory in Cowley.

Panorama's Richard Watson explains the government's new approach to combat radicalisation in Britain.

East Africa correspondent Karen Allen explores how corruption affects life for ordinary people in Kenya.

Front Row's Mark Lawson describes his meeting with the Oscar-winning director Clint Eastwood.

Juliet Lyon, director of the Prison Reform Trust, explains how unions need to be more flexible in their approach to proposed changes.

Environment correspondent Sarah Mukherjee explains how

illegal metal-detecting impacts on our national heritage.

Former government welfare advisor David Freud explains how the recession has set back welfare reform plans.

Thought for the day with Rabbi Lionel Blue.

Phil Hall, a former editor of News of the World, and Dr Pat Spungin, a child psychologist, discuss the extensive media coverage of the story of the 13-year-old who has just become a father.

Stephen Timms, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, discusses the political and financial implications the Lloyds HBOS merger.

Tony Woodley, joint general secretary of the Unite trade union, which represents workers at the Mini plant in Cowley, describes the implications of the job losses.

Science correspondent Tom Feilden examines the discovery of a 90 million-year-old crocodile fossil nicknamed the boar croc.

Usman Nawaz, general secretary of the Hull Islamic Society, and Abdul Raheem Green, a conservative Muslim preacher, discuss how the government should approach the problem of radicalisation.

Dave Birch, director of an IT management consultancy, discusses how, as fewer retailers accept cheques, this could this be an end for cash as well.

George Magnus, economic adviser at UBS Investment Bank, and Alastair Milne, from the Cass Business School, discuss the uncertainty surrounding the performance of Lloyds shares.

Venezuelans have voted to lift limits on terms in office for elected officials, allowing President Hugo Chavez to stand for re-election. Victor Bulmer-Thomas, specialist in Latin America at Chatham House, discusses.

Former government advisor Geoff Mulgan says the way governments around the world are responding to the recession shows they still think they owe special favours to old industries like the motor manufacturing sector.

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00hhthl)

Andrew Marr sets the cultural agenda for the week. Director Mike Figgis, whose films includes Internal Affairs and Leaving Las Vegas, talks about how digital technology is affecting film making.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00hhk5k)

Hackney, That Rose-Red Empire

London Fields

Neil Pearson reads Iain Sinclair's account of the chequered history and inhabitants of Hackney in East London and his own life there.

The cement pearly king and queen and an assailant with an egg.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00hhklr)

Adventurer Karen Darke; Making your own lunch

Paraplegic adventurer Karen Darke on what motivates her to attempt new challenges. Plus, chef Thomasina Miers and nutritionist Fiona Hunter on inspirational lunchboxes.

MON 11:00 What is a Wife? (b00hhthn)

Writer Geraldine Bedell examines the role of the wife in modern society and asks why anyone would still want to be one. By 2011, it is predicted that less than half of us will be married. This may well be because no one knows what wives are for any more - and if they do, they don't want to be one.

MON 11:30 The Yellowplush Papers (b00hhthq)

Captain Rook

Series of five comic tales by William Makepeace Thackeray, adapted by Stephen Wyatt, recounting the rise and fall of early-19th Century footman Charles Yellowplush.

Charles helps his new employer Captain Rook, a wily and roguish cardsharp, to fleece a rich but naive gentleman.

Charles Yellowplush Adam Buxton
Rook Stephen Critchlow
Blewitt Dan Starkey
Dawkins Inam Mirza
Becky Donlla Hughes
James/Waiter Robert Lonsdale
Clerk Jonathan Tafler

Directed by Abigail le Fleming.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00hhksn)

Presented by Julian Worricker.

Should the rules restricting product placement on television be relaxed?

Farmers warn that we could end up paying more for milk and cheese if the decline in dairy farming continues.

In 1999 the Government set up a compensation scheme to support British coal miners who had become ill through their work but the solicitors firm who represented the miners made millions out of it. Shari Vahl investigates.

Why are one and a half million pensioners still waiting, in mid-February, to receive a one-off 'New Year' payment of sixty pounds from the Government?

How far away are we from a cashless society? Rory Cellan Jones tests the new 'contactless' technology which could be in common use within eighteen months.

The ramshackle farmhouse from 'Withnail and I' is up for auction today. The writer Adam Mars-Jones considers other iconic houses from the movies he would rather live in.

Is this the end of the cheap food era? We talk to Labour MP Lynne Jones, a member of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee, who are looking into the issue.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00hhkvb)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00hhm2f)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

MON 13:30 Quote... Unquote (b00hhths)

Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz involving the exchange of quotations and anecdotes. With guests Bonnie Greer, Ken Follett, John Simpson and Sir Richard Eyre.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00hhgmp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b00hhthv)

All At Sea

Topical thriller by Colin MacDonald. David Murdoch is on a post-redundancy cruise in the Indian Ocean. Facing an uncertain future but with a healthy payoff, he is enjoying the holiday of a lifetime when the ship runs into trouble off the pirate-ridden coast of Somalia.

David Murdoch Grant O'Rourke

Guleed Maynard Ezashi

Lena Claire Knight

Samatar John Macaulay

Captain Nick Underwood.

MON 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00hh46x)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Saturday]

MON 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00hhmf0)

Too Proud to Fight

The sinking of the Lusitania and Woodrow Wilson's fight to keep America out of the First World War.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00hhfcb)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b00hhthx)

Ernie Rea explores the place of faith in today's world, teasing out the hidden and often contradictory truths behind the experiences, values and traditions of our lives.

MON 17:00 PM (b00hhmq6)

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

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00hhmz8)

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

MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b00hhz2z)

Series 54

Episode 8

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game, with panellists Paul Merton, Chris Neill, Justin Moorhouse and Tony Hawks.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00hhm3g)

Eddie's at Bridge Farm with his digger and soon discovers the cause of the pollution - a badly crumbled pipe. Eddie can fix it but Tony knows there's a chance there's more damage to be found. It's going to be an expensive job. Just what he needs to learn on his birthday - especially as they've only just bought the place!

Usha takes flowers to the new lodgers at the cottage. They've settled in well. Usha's training regime has gone up a level. It's healthy eating from now on and she stocks up at Ambridge Organics. Usha admits to Helen that Annabelle Schrivener might have something to do with her determination to do well.

After a busy day, meeting a visiting Bishop from Zambia, Alan's all fired up and isn't too impressed with his low fat meal, especially when Usha suggests it wouldn't harm him to lose a few pounds.

Helen thinks Tom's avoiding her calls. She calls at the house but he's out. Helen tells Brenda how badly Tom reacted to Hannah over the extra hours Brian offered her. Helen insists he needs to apologise, and to sort himself out before he does some lasting damage. Brenda agrees to have a word with Tom.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00hhn5r)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Academy Award winner Clint Eastwood discusses his fifty years in the movie business, his latest film (the tense racial drama Gran Torino) and reveals why he is no longer a Republican.

Mark talks to the director of the National Theatre, Nicholas Hytner, about how best to teach the art of acting at drama schools. Edward Kemp, artistic director of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, joins them to debate the subject.

Van Dyck was the principal painter at the court of King Charles I. He was hugely productive, and his portraits included many of the leading figures of the turbulent years before the British Civil War. As a new exhibition of his work opens, Mark is joined by Renaissance expert Jerry Brotton to assess his impact upon British cultural life.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00hhnbg)

The Elegance of the Hedgehog

Episode 1

By Muriel Barbery.

In a Parisian apartment building, lonely concierge Renee and 12-year-old Paloma, who lives in the building and plans to kill herself on her 13th birthday, are brought together by the sudden death of one of their wealthy neighbours and the arrival of a new owner.

Renee Heather Williams

Paloma Holly Bodimeade

Kakuro Ozu Togo Igawa

Manuela Pippa Haywood

Mme Pallieres Kim Hicks

Directed by Sara Davies.

MON 20:00 It's My Story (b00hhz31)

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Following a group of Bristol teenagers who are about to turn 18, hearing how they plan to mark the transition to adulthood at a time when 'youth' is the subject of more discussion, legislation, fear and opprobrium than ever. These young people offer a snapshot of a generation at a point of change, as some prepare for University, some for vocational training, others face unemployment or even parenthood.

MON 20:30 The Bottom Line (b00hh46g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

MON 21:00 Islam and Science (b00hj0jp)

Episode 1

Writer and journalist Ehsan Masood explores the status of science in the modern Islamic world, and asks whether measures taken to promote science are having an impact on the working lives of Muslim scientists.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00hhthl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00hhnln)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00hhnm3)

National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah. Including reports on UN accusations that the Tamil Tigers are trapping civilians, the UK's anti-terrorism strategy and is scarlet fever back?

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00hpc4v)

An Equal Stillness

Episode 6

Tom Goodman-Hill reads Francesca Kay's story of a painter's lifelong struggle to balance her vocation with her life as a lover, wife, daughter and mother.

Jennet completes the frescos at Mount Street and takes her family to Cornwall on the proceeds. On the beach, surrounded by her children, a more contented David and her friends, she is at peace - but for how long?

MON 23:00 With Great Pleasure (b00cqhtw)

Catherine Bott

Guest performers select their favourite pieces of writing.

Classical singer and broadcaster Catherine Bott shows how writers as diverse as JM Coetzee and Joyce Grenfell have attempted to convey what music means in words. Sharing her deep love of the Archers, the readers are Patricia Greene and Tim Bentinck (Jill and David Archer).

MON 23:30 Byzantium Unearthed (b00dxdes)

Episode 1

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

Bettany learns how treasures found in the empire's capital, modern-day Istanbul, reveal much about the life and importance of a civilisation that, whilst being devoutly Christian and the inheritors of the Romans, was also exotic and eastern.

TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2009

TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00hhjhn)

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

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00hhk5k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hhjmj)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00hhjp8)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hhjr5)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00hhjwn)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00hhjz3)

Daily prayer and reflection with Tina Beattie.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00hhk15)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00hhk3y)

Presented by John Humphrys and Edward Stourton.

Margaret Eaton of the LGA and Paul Kelly of Asda discuss if supermarkets should pay towards the collection of their packaging as an incentive to cut back on using so much of it.

Author and photographer Nic Dunlop explains the story behind the Cambodian leader responsible for 'the worst mass murders in history'.

Niall Dickson, chief executive of the King's Fund, discusses if the government's dementia strategy is working well enough.

Correspondent Peter Bowes explains Roman Polanski's efforts to get the criminal case which has kept him out of the US for more than 30 years dismissed by the courts.

Dr Christophe Fournier of the MSF and Moeletsi Mbeki, deputy chairman of the South African Institute of International Affairs, discuss the humanitarian crisis in Zimbabwe.

Economics editor Stephanie Flanders explains the importance of the Baltic Dry index.

Vice-Admiral Sir Tim McClement discusses how two nuclear-armed submarines (one British and one French) collided in the Atlantic Ocean.

Thought for the day with columnist and novelist Anne Atkins.

Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Caroline Spelman discusses proposals to give more power to councils.

Former ITN newsreader John Suchet speaks about his wife's Alzheimer's and Imelda Redmond of Carers UK discusses what more can be done to help those caring for dementia sufferers.

Poet Laureate Andrew Motion and Professor John Mullan discuss if students understand the Bible and classical mythology.

The Conservatives will publish proposals on how they would allow local councils to operate. Local government minister John Healey responds to the plan.

Dr Chris Lintott, an astrophysicist at Oxford University, explains why they have been running a project asking the public to help discover more about our universe.

Professor David Cesarani and Holocaust survivor Freddie Knoller discuss France's role in persecuting Jews.

Economists Steven Bell and Liam Halligan discuss the latest figures for the rate of inflation.

Correspondent Roland Buerk discusses the promise from Secretary of State Hillary Clinton that the US will offer North Korea aid if it completely eliminates its nuclear programme.

Officials have banned kissing at parts of Warrington Bank Quay railway station, saying it holds up departing taxis. Ken Gibbs of Virgin Trains explains the decision.

TUE 09:00 The Long View (b00hn8wy)

New Brighton Tower Football Club

Jonathan Freedland presents the series that looks for the past behind the present.

He examines the parallels between the relationship between football and business today and the story of a Victorian club with expensive imported players which folded when its profits fell. The company that owned the New Brighton resort on The Wirral set up a football club, New Brighton Tower, to maintain profits during the winter months. The founders set about buying up quality players from other top clubs but were initially denied entry to the Football League and tickets to their home games at their massive stadium proved too expensive for the local population, with attendances barely scraping 1,000. With the club not making money as planned, and having failed to gain promotion to the first division of the League, the company disbanded it in 1901.

Jonathan takes local historian Tom Sault and footballing lecturer Rogan Taylor to the Wirral to tell the story of New Brighton Tower and to draw parallels with today's uneasy mix of the worlds of sport and business.

TUE 09:30 Darwin: My Ancestor (b00hxfk)

Episode 4

Writer and poet Ruth Padel investigates the qualities of her great great grandfather Charles Darwin and attempts to discover the man behind the science.

Ruth explores the way in which Darwin became a writer and

was able to turn scientific theory into readable prose. She looks at the works he read in his early life that shaped his literary imagination and investigates how his writings on the Beagle voyage marked the beginning of his career as an author. Ruth also investigates the continuing power of his books and asks how later novelists were affected by his work.

Among her interviewees are Darwin scholar Gillian Beer, geologist Richard Fortey, writer and fellow Darwin descendant Randal Keynes and the former Bishop of Oxford, Richard Harries.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00hn6rw)

Hackney, That Rose-Red Empire

Mare Street

Neil Pearson reads Iain Sinclair's account of the chequered history and inhabitants of Hackney in East London and his own life there.

The cult of the cyclist and the history of the Town Hall.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00hlfnb)

Actresses over 40; The legacy of the workhouse

Is there a lack of roles for older women on stage and screen? Plus the legacy of the workhouse in modern Britain, and new findings about 'Shaken Baby syndrome'.

TUE 11:00 Vive La France (b00hjzxl)

American satirist Joe Queenan travels to Amiens, Lyons and Paris to find out why France and the United States, two countries with so much in common, continually fall out.

TUE 11:30 Talking about Lionel (b00fr715)

Eddie Mair tells the story of composer Lionel Bart, creator of Britain's most successful post-war musical, *Oliver!*

From the height of his dazzling fame in the 1960s, Bart endured a series of flops, leading to eventual bankruptcy, and he suffered serious health problems, including long battles with alcoholism and depression. He died aged 69 in 1999.

Eddie tells the story of this sensitive and troubled artist with the help of those who knew him intimately, including Tim Rice, Cameron Mackintosh, Miriam Karlin and Barbara Windsor.

Producers: Jo Coombs and Stewart Henderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00hhkqv)

Call You and Yours

Presented by Winifred Robinson.

Is this the end of the cheap food era?

Over the next few decades, the global food system will come under renewed pressure from population growth, shortages of water, labour and climate change. There is a real potential for demand to outstrip increases in global food production. Expectations of abundant and ever cheaper food could come under strain. The UK can no longer afford to take its food supply for granted.

With guests:

Alex Evans - Center on International Cooperation (CIC)

Tom Hind - National Farmer's Union.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00hhksq)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00hhkvd)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

TUE 13:30 Robert Winston's Musical Analysis (b00hjzxn)

Series 1

Ravel

Professor Robert Winston explores the relationship between the music and the medical conditions of composers who suffered mental and physical illness.

Robert investigates Maurice Ravel, who died in 1937 after suffering for a number of years from a form of dementia, now thought to be Pick's disease. The effect of the disease was that while his creativity stayed alive, the music that was still being created in his brain remained trapped there. Robert discusses

Ravel's condition with neurologists Jason Warren and Eric Baek, Ravel expert Deborah Mawer and composer Matthew King.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00hhm3g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 McLevy (b00njcr5)

Series 5

The Reckoning

As Jean prepares for a wedding, someone wants revenge - but death stalks the detective as he investigates. Stars Brian Cox.

TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b00hk1cn)

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

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00hk1cq)

The First Person

The Child

Series of three quirky short stories by Ali Smith.

A woman shopper finds her trolley occupied by someone else's baby. When she tries to persuade others that the child is not hers, no one believes her and she is forced to take the peculiar child home. Read by Jackie Morrison.

TUE 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00hhmdf)

A World Safe for Democracy

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by David Reynolds. America enters the war in Europe and accepts female suffrage at home.

TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b00hkc6t)

Interview with Max Mosley on Privacy Laws

After winning his case against the News of the World, FIA president Max Mosley says he wants the law changed so that journalists who breach privacy could face jail. He tells Clive Coleman how he is pursuing cases through the courts across Europe and about the idea of a fighting fund to help individuals do battle with the newspapers. Private Eye editor Ian Hislop responds.

TUE 16:30 A Good Read (b00hkc6w)

Jonathan Holloway and Nicholas McNerny

Director and playwright Jonathan Holloway and playwright Nicholas McNerny join Kate Mosse to discuss favourite books by Angela Carter, Jim Thompson and Anita Amirrezvani.

Nights at the Circus by Angela Carter
Publisher: Vintage Classics

The Getaway by Jim Thompson
Publisher: Orion

Blood of Flowers by Anita Amirrezvani
Publisher: Headline Review

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00hhmmx)

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

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00hhmq8)

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

TUE 18:30 Broken Arts (b00hkc6y)

Episode 6

David Quantick and company poke fun at the ridiculous in popular culture. Featuring a guest appearance from Gilbert and Sullivan and special correspondents Dan Maier, Richie Webb, Jane Lamacraft and Margaret Cabourn-Smith.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00hhm2h)

Brenda finds Tom awake in the night. Tom wants to think that John would be proud of what he's achieved and doesn't want to risk it with Brian's deal. But he knows Brian will just go ahead and Tom feels totally trapped.

The mid-morning feeding regime was supposed to reduce night births but after a 'final' check of the lambing shed at midnight, David found himself dealing with a multitude of complicated births. He is amazed but relieved when Ruth comes looking for him in the early hours. Together they cope with the chaos.

Pip's is a star and cooks breakfast for everyone. She's got an ulterior motive though. It's her birthday, so the sooner breakfast's finished, the sooner she'll get her presents!

Pip's going ahead with her plan for Lent to only eat food grown within a five mile radius. She's waitressing at Jaxx next Tuesday for Kenton's special pancake evening. Ruth suggests she takes the opportunity to eat loads of pancakes.

Ruth tells David how Kenton seemed mysterious and pleased with himself when he came to tell them about his pancake night - apparently he has an investigation going on. David thinks it just sounds like Kenton being Kenton.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00hnn5f)
Presented by Mark Lawson.

Political journalist Robin Oakley reviews Margaret, a TV drama about the last days of Margaret Thatcher's premiership.

The comedian Lee Hurst has been fined for smashing a mobile phone belonging to an audience member during a stand-up gig. Comedian Steve Punt and media lawyer Duncan Lamont discuss the case, which raises questions about the ownership of material and the ways in which technology can impact on creativity.

Playwright Peter Flannery discusses his new play *Burnt by the Sun*, which explores sexual jealousy and political backstabbing in post-Revolutionary Russia.

American composer John Adams's opera, *Doctor Atomic*, is set in 1945 and follows the creation of the atomic bomb and the moral dilemmas it caused. The current production is a collaboration between the Metropolitan Opera New York and the ENO.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00hlxh0)
The Elegance of the Hedgehog

Episode 2

By Muriel Barbery.

Both Renee and Paloma have reasons to welcome the arrival of a Japanese gentleman in the apartment on the fourth floor.

Renee Heather Williams
Paloma Holly Bodimeade
Kakuro Ozu Togo Igawa
Manuela Pippa Haywood
Mme Pallieres Kim Hicks

Directed by Sara Davies.

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b00hkc70)
The legacy of toxic lending

Michael Robinson investigates the legacy of toxic lending by British banks and reveals why the threat it poses to UK jobs, homes and incomes is especially acute.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00hkc72)
Peter White with news and information for the blind and partially sighted.

TUE 21:00 Case Notes (b00hkc74)
Emergency Services

Dr Mark Porter joins ambulance crews as they go out to calls. He finds out what treatment paramedics are now able to deliver to people with medical emergencies and what they leave until they get to hospital.

TUE 21:30 The Long View (b00hn8wy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00hlnkh)
The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00hnlq)
National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah. Including reports on a new peace deal for Darfur, the first

anniversary of Kosovan independence, how the president of the Maldives is trying to ensure that bling has had its day and, after the Chancellor announces limits to RBS bonuses, a report on the 'bonus culture' that exists on both sides of the Atlantic.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00hjn4p)
An Equal Stillness

Episode 7

Tom Goodman-Hill reads Francesca Kay's story of a painter's lifelong struggle to balance her vocation with her life as a lover, wife, daughter and mother.

Finally in a position to secure her future, and that of the children, Jenet finds a wreck of a house by the banks of the Thames to renovate. In her studio the river's watery light begins to make its way into her painting. International recognition brings an invitation to represent Britain's young artists at the Venice Biennale, but where does that leave David?

TUE 23:00 Weird Tales (b00vknlv)
Series 1

The Fly by Lynn Ferguson

Lonely, middle-aged computer programmer Alan knows everything there is to know about flies.

Then one day, online, he meets Amber, a Californian lady who knows everything there is to know about spiders.

Written by Lynn Ferguson.

Series of four chilling dramas inspired by Lovecraft's stories of magical rites and forbidden lore.

Lovecraft/Colby Stephen Hogan
Mother Stella Gonet
Alan Alec Newman
Amber Rachel Ogilvy

Other parts played by Caroline Guthrie, Janice Acquah and Paul Rider.

Producer: Luke Fresle.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

TUE 23:30 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.

WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2009

WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00hhjq)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by Weather.

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00hn6rw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hhjml)
The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00hhjpb)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hhjr7)
The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00hhjqw)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00hhjz6)
Daily prayer and reflection with Tina Beattie.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00hhk17)
News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

WED 06:00 Today (b00hhk40)
Presented by John Humphrys and Evan Davis.

Lord Ashdown discusses if he thinks more resources are needed in Afghanistan.

Sir Allen Stanford has been charged by US authorities for investment fraud. Lawyer William Shepherd and cricket journalist Colin Croft discuss the impact this will have on cricket in the Caribbean.

Head of the Metropolitan Police Authority Race and Faith Inquiry Cindy Butts discusses the inquiry into why black minority ethnic (BME) police officers are less likely to be promoted and more likely to leave the force earlier.

Dr Jeffrey Sherwin, the founder of Leeds Civic Trust, remembers the poet Sir John Betjeman and his attitude to the city.

Ian Brinkley of the Work Foundation and chief investment officer Richard Jeffrey discuss if emergency funding should be given to the manufacturing sector.

Princess Alexandra Obolensky, niece of the rugby legend Prince Alexander Obolensky, discusses the impact the Russian made on the game.

Thought for the day with Vaishnav Hindu teacher and theologian Akhandadhi Das.

Jade Goody's publicist Max Clifford and Times columnist Matthew Parris discuss the continuing public fascination with the TV star.

Dr Richard Stone, chief constable Stephen Otter and Uanu Seshmi discuss whether the police force is still institutionally racist.

Economics editor Stephanie Flanders considers what effects the Sir Allen Stanford fraud case could have on cricket in England and the West Indies.

Journalist Jonathan Glancey and Kate Bush, head of Barbican Art Galleries, discuss the enduring relevance of Swiss-French architect Le Corbusier.

Director of the London School of Economics Howard Davies discusses the pressure being put on the authorities following Bernard Madoff's alleged \$50bn fraud.

Clinical psychologist Micheal Gallagher and inventor Sir James Dyson discuss if the economy is too reliant on the service sector.

Tony Travers, of the London School of Economics, and columnist Simon Jenkins discuss why Britain remains so strongly centralised compared to other nations.

A World War II soldier held captive by the Japanese for more than three years is publishing his wartime diary as he celebrates his 90th birthday. The POW in question, John Baxter, discusses his experiences.

The Yorkshire Ripper Peter Sutcliffe has been classified as low-risk and has been recommended for release, the Sun reports. Retired Detective Superintendent Chris Gregg discusses the claims.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b00hk17d)
Lively and diverse conversation with Libby Purves and guests.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00hn6ry)
Hackney, That Rose-Red Empire

The Triangle

Neil Pearson reads Iain Sinclair's account of the chequered history and inhabitants of Hackney in East London and his own life there.

How Jayne Mansfield came to Hackney - together with half the world's paparazzi - and the philosophy of arch-criminal Tony Lambrianou, stout defender of the Kray brothers.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00hlfnd)
Nick Clegg on childcare; Measles vaccination

Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg on childcare and paternity leave. Plus, should measles vaccination be compulsory? And Europe's first Christian online sex toy shop and resource website.

WED 11:00 Whatever Happened To The Working Class (b00hk17g)

From Engels to Oasis

Sarfraz Manzoor examines the forces that have had an impact on the traditional 'working class' in Britain. After a decade of supposed 'classlessness', the issue of class is back on the agenda. Once again, it matters if you identify yourself as working class, especially, it seems, if you are white.

Sarfraz visits Manchester, the site of the world's first industrial proletariat, where he spent his student years, to examine the origins and the modern reality of the working class.

Featuring contributions from Hazel Blears MP, photographer Shirley Baker, Leslie Holmes of Salford Lads' Club, author Andrew Davies, football fan Colin Hendry, historian Selina Todd and resident of the Gorton area of Manchester Audrey Hurley.

WED 11:30 Clare in the Community (b00hk1fr)
Series 5

Name Calling

Clare Barker the social worker with all the politically correct jargon but none of the practical solutions.

Society itself has improved little, so there are still plenty of challenges out there for an involved, caring social worker. Or even Clare.

This award winning comedy stars Sally Phillips as Clare Barker - a social worker and control freak who likes nothing better than interfering in other people's lives on both a professional and personal basis. Clare is in her early 30s, white, middle class and heterosexual, all of which are occasional causes of discomfort to her.

The last series saw the personal and professional lives of Clare and her team shaken around and shuffled about, but it is in the nature of hell to be unchanging, and all are present and correct for a further round of frustration, despair, disappointment, team meetings and eleven o'clock cakes.

Clare Sally Phillips
Brian Alex Lowe
Helen Liza Tarbuck
Ray Richard Lumsden
Megan/Nali Nina Conti
Irene Ellen Thomas
Simon Andrew Wincott
Schoolgirl Donna Hughes

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00hhkqx)

Presented by Julian Worricker, at the Money Matters Roadshow at the Trafford Centre in Manchester.

Experts offer information and advice on how to make more informed decisions about making the most of your money and discuss pensions, investments, mortgages and insurance.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00hkss)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00hhkvg)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

WED 13:30 The Media Show (b00hk1vr)

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

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00hhm2h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b00ftd09)

The Lottery Ticket

A black comedy about the unlikely friendship between an asylum seeker and a migrant worker who find a stray lottery ticket and think it may be the answer to all their problems. By BAFTA winning writer, Donna Franceschild.

Cast:

Salih.....Nitzan Sharron
Jacek.....John Kazek

Woman.....Meg Fraser

Director: Kirsty Williams.

WED 15:00 Money Box Live (b00hkpr7)

As part of the BBC Money Matters Roadshow, Paul Lewis and guests take financial questions from shoppers at The Trafford Centre in Manchester. He is joined by Ray Boulger of John Charcol mortgage advisers, Beccy Boden-Wilks of National Debtline, Graham Hooper of Bestinvest and Sandie Lock of Citizens Advice.

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00hk1j9)

The First Person

Writ

Series of three quirky short stories by Ali Smith.

A middle-aged woman returns home one day to find her 14-year-old self sitting in her lounge. But what do you say to the person you used to be, and how much do you tell them about the future? Read by Siobhan Redmond.

WED 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00hhmdk)

The Lost Peace

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by David Reynolds. The battle to form a fair peace and create the League of Nations.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00hkpr9)

Kissing Cousins - Big Cats in Rural Wales

KISSING COUSINS

Like the queen, and many of his own class in the nineteenth century Charles Darwin was married to his first cousin. However he became increasingly anxious about the consequence of such close intermarriage; he attempted to have Parliament amend the census include a question on cousin marriage, and even asked his son George to scientifically investigate close-kin unions on a national scale. By the new century, though, it was a statistical rarity and by the 1920s only one marriage in 6,000 was with a cousin.

Laurie Taylor is joined by Professor Adam Kuper, author of 'Changing the subject - about cousin marriage, among other things' to discuss Charles Darwin, Victorian marriage and the sudden demise of kissing cousins.

BIG CATS IN RURAL WALES

Samantha Hurn, Lecturer in Social Anthropology at the University of Wales, Lampeter talks about her research on feral big cats in Ceredigion, West Wales between 2001 and 2008.

WED 16:30 Case Notes (b00hk74)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b00hhmz)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00hhmqb)

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

WED 18:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00hkprc)

Series 2

Dame Joan Bakewell

Marcus Brigstocke invites guests to try new experiences.

Dame Joan Bakewell listens to the Arctic Monkeys, has a beat boxing lesson and places a horse racing bet.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00hhm2k)

Susan's been co-opted onto the phone box committee. She tells Alistair it will be a local information bureau and she's in charge of what goes in. Alistair's not listening. His mind's on Kenton's plans for tonight.

Brian's going ahead with the supermarket deal and tells Adam he's confident that Tom will come round when the revenue rolls in.

Peter, who's been covering William, has gone sick. Brian thinks William might be keen to return earlier than planned, especially as he's back with Nic. Brian's right. William reckons he could be back by Sunday, and suggests Mike might help out until then.

After the GA meeting, Kenton follows Ryan back to his flat and accuses Ryan of breaking into Alistair's home. Kenton's suspicions are confirmed when he sees three DVD players, and no sign of Ryan's supposed wife and child. Ryan denies everything but turns nasty, lunging into Kenton and dragging him out. After a couple of heavy punches, he throws Kenton to the ground.

Kenton calls Alistair. Seeing the state of Kenton, Alistair wants to confront Ryan. But Kenton's phoned the police. As the sirens approach, Kenton tells Alistair to leave it to them.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00hhn5h)

Presented by John Wilson.

British singer-songwriter Morrissey, as his 50th birthday approaches, discusses his new album. Years of Refusal, reflects on his life and his early years growing up in Manchester's Moss Side. He also discusses his writing partnership with Johnny Marr, whether The Smiths are ever likely to re-form and how it feels to be still performing as he approaches his half century.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00hxt9)

The Elegance of the Hedgehog

Episode 3

By Muriel Barbery.

Both Renee and Paloma find themselves drawn to the new resident on the fourth floor.

Renee Heather Williams
Paloma Holly Bodimeade
Kakuro Ozu Togo Igawa
Manuela Pippa Haywood
Mme Pallieres Kim Hicks

Directed by Sara Davies.

WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b00hkprf)

Michael Buerk celebrates the 500th edition of the programme with a debate held at the Royal Society of Medicine in London. Melanie Phillips, Michael Portillo, Claire Fox and Clifford Longley cross-examine witnesses Tom Butler, Bishop of Southwark, Professor Alistair McGrath, Head of the Centre for Theology, Religion and Culture at King's College and author of The Dawkins Delusion, Peter Cave, chair of the British Humanist Philosophers group and author of Humanism: a Beginner's Guide, and Liberal Democrat MP Dr Evan Harris.

Michael and the panel consider the question, if you do not believe in a set of divinely inspired moral rules, how do you decide right from wrong in a world with complex and competing interests? We live in an age where there is no longer general agreement on religion and the time when our society was united by a common set of values based on a belief in God is long gone. Is it hopelessly optimistic to believe that Man can create an ethical framework based on a belief in individual responsibility and mutual respect, or are those secular values a much a better guide than any sectarian dogma or religious text? Can a post-religious society be a moral society, and if so, whose morals will we live by?

WED 20:45 I Was Put on Trial by Al Qaeda (b00hkpvq)

Episode 2

Allan Little describes his own terrifying interaction in November 1993 with a group of mujahideen volunteers who were fighting on behalf of Bosnian Muslims during the war there.

He examines what we now know about the presence of hundreds of men from other parts of the Muslim world who came to train and fight in the Balkans. Known as the Bosnian Mujahideen, some were eventually put on trial at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in the Hague.

WED 21:00 A Life With ... (b00hkqw8)

Series 4

Salmon

Grant Sonnex meets people whose lives have been inextricably linked with Alaskan wildlife.

Grant visits Daniel Schindler and his wife Laura Payne, who spend their summers with their five-year-old daughter studying the spawning grounds of the world's last great salmon run. He finds out what is so exciting about studying a fish and what it is like to live surrounded by bears, wolves and wilderness.

WED 21:30 Midweek (b00hk17d)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00hnhkk)
The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00hnlms)
National and international news and analysis with Jane Hill. Including reports on President Obama's call for more European troops to fight in Afghanistan, the Mexican drugs cartels accused of paying people to protest and Facebook backs down over changes to privacy rules.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00hjn4r)
An Equal Stillness

Episode 8

Tom Goodman-Hill reads Francesca Kay's story of a painter's lifelong struggle to balance her vocation with her life as a lover, wife, daughter and mother.

Betrayal on both sides has irrevocably damaged the already fragile Heaton marriage. In a moment of rashness, Jennet dares all with David.

WED 23:00 Josie Long: All of the Planet's Wonders (b00hkrbb)
Astronomy for Dummies

Comedian Josie Long tries to better herself through learning and discovering things in reference books.

She presents her essay on a given subject, with fellow comedian Maeve Higgins helping out with questions, illustrations and interruptions.

For starters, Josie uses the book "Astronomy for Dummies" to unravel the greater mysteries of the cosmos.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

WED 23:15 One (b007716v)
Series 1

Episode 1

The sketch show where no sketch features more than one voice.

Written by David Quantick and starring Dan Maier, Lizzie Roper, Graeme Garden, Deborah Norton, Andrew Crawford, Dan Antopolski and Jeremy Clarkson as himself.

WED 23:30 Byzantium Unearthed (b00dzlc7)
Episode 3

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 ventures to the eastern edge of the empire, where the new religion of Islam first gained a foothold.

For nearly a thousand years the empire made war and peace with the Muslim countries to its south and east. However, the fatal blow to Byzantium came not, as is widely thought from the Ottoman Turks in 1453, but from the Christian West 250 years earlier.

THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2009

THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00hhjhs)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by weather.

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00hn6ry)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hhjmn)
The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00hhjpd)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hhjr9)
The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00hhjws)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00hhjz8)
Daily prayer and reflection with Tina Beattie.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00hhk19)
News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

THU 06:00 Today (b00hhk42)
Presented by James Naughtie and Edward Stourton.

Correspondent Martin Patience and former Afghan minister Ali Jalali discuss whether the US is losing patience with the Karzai administration.

Guy Dangerfield of Passenger Focus says that rail travel in the UK is more expensive than in Europe. Michael Roberts, chief executive of the ATOC, the Association of Train Operating Companies, discusses its findings.

Reporter Nicola Stanbridge visits a women-only referee course in Lancashire.

Home affairs correspondent Danny Shaw reports on what authorities can do to stop cocaine trafficking and chief executive of Drugscope Martin Barnes discusses whether they are losing the fight against drug crime.

Arts correspondent Rebecca Jones discusses the film adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's Pulitzer winning novel *The Road*.

Thought for the Day with Rev Dr David Wilkinson, principal of St John's College, Durham.

Writer Jeffrey Robinson says that the inquiry into Sir Allen Stanford will have implications for offshore banking.

Defence secretary John Hutton discusses whether Britain still has the capability to engage in major military operations.

Writer Geoffrey Wansell and private club member the Earl of Onslow discuss the eccentrics of private clubs.

Psychologist Dr Bob Johnson and director of Civitas David Green discuss whether Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, can ever be released.

Environment correspondent Sarah Mukherjee explores the increasing enthusiasm for growing our own food on allotments.

Comedian Lenny Henry has starred in his first Shakespeare play, taking on the role of Othello in a new production at the West Yorkshire Playhouse. Theatre critic for the Times Benedict Nightingale gives his impressions of the first night.

Sports journalists Jim White and Jim Lawton discuss whether money is destroying sport.

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b00hmpdd)
The Observatory at Jaipur

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss the Observatory in Jaipur with its vast and beautiful instruments built to make astronomical measurements of the stars. Commissioned in the early 18th century by the Rajput prince and child prodigy, Jai Singh, it was at the centre of attempts to marry hundreds of years of Indian and Persian astronomical tradition. The Observatory was also at the very centre of the city which was laid out according to astrological principles. Jai Singh's observatory was the cutting edge of Indian astronomy but also a repository for aeons of Hindu and Islamic intellectual life. The instruments were extraordinarily accurate for the time but used no lenses and were built of masonry, not metal. They helped to develop astrological tables, immensely important in Hindu Society, and come down to us as a record of Indian astronomy on the cusp of colonialism. With Chandrika Kaul, Lecturer in Modern History at the University of St Andrews; David Arnold, Professor of Asian and Global History at the University of Warwick; Chris Minkowski, Professor in Sanskrit at the University of Oxford

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00hn6s0)
Hackney, That Rose-Red Empire

Millfields

Neil Pearson reads Iain Sinclair's account of the chequered history and inhabitants of Hackney in East London and his own life there.

The story of Joe Kerr, head of Critical and Historical Studies at the Royal College of Art and a Hackney bus driver.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00hlfng)
Lindsay Duncan: Child murder witness

What do you do when your child is implicated in a murder? Plus actor Lindsay Duncan on Margaret Thatcher, and why do fewer women write opinion pieces in the press than men?

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b00hlpb0)
BBC foreign correspondents with the stories behind the world's headlines. Introduced by Kate Adie.

THU 11:30 Blasted: The Life and Death of Sarah Kane (b00hlp2)

Dan Rebellato explores the life and work of playwright Sarah Kane, who caused controversy with her first play, *Blasted*, before committing suicide aged just 28.

Blasted, which dealt with the horrors of the Balkan conflict, was described by one critic as a 'disgusting feast of filth', and its scenes of extreme violence, including rape and cannibalism, led to Kane being pilloried in the press. However, it is now considered by some to be a modern classic, with performances put on all over the world.

Kane's work is credited with fundamentally changing British theatre, yet, after *Blasted*, she wrote just four more plays. Her final work, *4.48 Psychosis*, was a meditation on mental illness. She killed herself just days after its completion.

The programme features interviews with those who knew Sarah Kane, including her brother Simon, her agent Mel Kenyon, director James MacDonald and playwright Mark Ravenhill.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00hhkqz)
Presented by Winifred Robinson.

Charities are reporting a decline in the number of donations during the recession. We speak to Sarah Farquhar from Oxfam and Charities' Minister Kevin Brennan.

The Advertising Standards Authority has told a betting company to remove an advert on the grounds that it links gambling to sexual success.

More than 9,000 MOD properties are being left vacant across the country. We speak to Henry Oliver from the Empty Homes Agency.

People unable to move home because of a deal they did with their bank in the late 1990s are taking HBOS and Barclays to court.

Thousands of pounds being sent home to the Philippines has gone missing. Should there be better regulation?

THU 12:57 Weather (b00hhksv)
The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00hhkvj)
National and international news with Shaun Ley.

THU 13:30 Off the Page (b00hlp4)
Organisation

Dominic Arkwright chairs a discussion on the word 'organisation' with former director general of the British Council Sir David Green, punk poet Attila the Stockbroker and writer Jay Griffiths.

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00hhm2k)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (b007721h)
Set in Arthurian Britain at Christmas time with the knights of the Round Table, whose festivities at Camelot are disrupted by the appearance of a green knight.

The stranger has come to lay down a challenge - a test of courage and heart which Sir Gawain, King Arthur's nephew, accepts.

Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage's translation of the medieval verse romance is narrated by Ian McKellen.

Sir Gawain Samuel West
The Green Knight/Sir Bertilak David Fleeshman
Bertilak's wife Deborah McAndrew

Arthur/Servant Conrad Nelson

With specially composed music by Gary Yershon.

Producer: Susan Roberts

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2006.

THU 15:02 Open Country (b00hh0mc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00hhfbw)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00hk1jc)
The First Person

The First Person

Series of three quirky short stories by Ali Smith.

A couple debate and fabricate possible scenarios for their life together. Read by Ali Smith.

THU 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00hmdq)
100 Percent American

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by David Reynolds. America wrestles with the impact that its diverse population will bring.

THU 16:00 Open Book (b00hhfnd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00hler2)
The Evolution of Language - The Great Frost of 1709

The Evolution of Language
Quentin Cooper investigates the cultural and genetic evolution of language.

Professor Nick Chater of University College, London, believes that the evolution of language is cultural, rather than genetic. He argues because language is so unstable and quick to change, it is a creation of culture, and is bolted onto humans' biological abilities to adapt and process changing information.

While Professor Mark Pagel of Reading University builds family trees for the words in a language, linking them to their cousins and ancestors. He has identified some meanings whose words evolve slowly enough to have time depths of at least 20,000 years, making them candidates for deep reconstruction of prehistoric, Neolithic languages. Professor Pagel has also shown how up to a third of the words in a language can change quite rapidly if a group of people split off and form a culturally or geographically new society.

The Great Frost of 1709
As the snow drifts and closed schools of recent weeks fade from memory, Quentin conjures up the Great Frost of 1709 – the coldest winter in Europe on record.

The cold was so intense (Italian ports froze over) that the Royal Society commissioned one of its fellows, Rev. William Derham, to compile a report on its effects across the continent.

Climatologists are trying to construct a detailed history of the whole Little Ice Age in order to test modern climate computer simulations to improve predictions of future climate change.

Quentin hears how the captains' logs of 1709, and market reports from the 17th Century are helping in that effort.

THU 17:00 PM (b00hhm1)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00hhm2d)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

THU 18:30 Old Harry's Game (b00hler4)
Series 7

Episode 1

Hell faces confusion when a dog turns up - as animals aren't evil, except dolphins.

Jean-Paul Sartre said "Hell is other people", but, as Satan will

tell you, Hell is actually a fiery, unendingly cruel domain where Oliver Reed can never catch the barman's eye and Yves St Laurent is forced to wear a donkey jacket.

Hell is thrown into confusion when a dog turns up. Animals aren't meant to be in Satan's care because they aren't inherently evil - except for dolphins!
Stars Andy Hamilton as Satan, Annette Crosbie as Edith, Robert Duncan as Scumspawn and Jimmy Mulville as Thomas.

Additional roles played by Michael Fenton Stevens and Philip Pope.

Written by Andy Hamilton.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00hhm2m)

Nic tells Helen that William's coming back early, and he's asked her to move in with him. Helen thinks this is great but Nic's still got reservations about being isolated at Casa Nueva. Helen thinks it's worth overcoming the difficulties. Nic's excited at Will's return, though, and asks Clarrie if she wants to help her get the house fresh and warm for him.

Shula's proud of Kenton for confronting Ryan, and assures Alistair that she loves him for wanting to help someone, even though it turned bad. Alistair appreciates her support.

Alistair tells Maurice how foolish he's been. Maurice also offers support to Alistair but Alistair's worried that he gave Ryan a reference for a job. He knows he must withdraw it.

Clarrie's pleased that Eddie did a good job mending the broken drain at Bridge Farm. Pat hopes the problem's sorted but knows they need a survey of their whole system. The Estate doesn't have any plans and it looks as if they'll have to replace the lot. Helen thinks it's an ideal opportunity to look at alternative methods, like a reedbed system. Pat agrees it's crossed her mind.

Helen wishes Tom would apologise to Hannah and tells Pat he needs to get on with it.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00hhn5k)
Presented by Mark Lawson.

Lenny Henry has been a star of British comedy for many years but how does he handle one of the great Shakespearean tragic roles, Othello? Writer Jackie Kay was at the press night and shares her thoughts with Mark.

The poet Peter Porter celebrated his 80th birthday this week. He joins Mark to discuss his new collection, Better Than God, and to reflect on his long career and his enduring love for the poetic form.

Rank: Picturing The Social Order 1516 - 2009 is a new exhibition in Leeds that looks at how artists from the Renaissance to the present have represented inequality and tried to give a true picture of class in their societies. Playwright Jim Cartwright and the collector Greville Worthington review the exhibition.

Bradley Walsh, Freema Agyeman and Bill Paterson star in a new crime drama based on an acclaimed American show. Law and Order: UK follows the British criminal justice system from both police and Crown Prosecution Service perspectives. Novelist and critic Matt Thorne gives his verdict on this transatlantic transfer.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00hxm6)
The Elegance of the Hedgehog

Episode 4

By Muriel Barbery.

Concierge Renee and precocious 12-year-old Paloma find that they have a lot in common, including their friendship with Kakuro.

Renee Heather Williams
Paloma Holly Bodimeade
Kakuro Ozu Togo Igawa
Manuela Pippa Haywood
Mme Pallieres Kim Hicks

Directed by Sara Davies.

THU 20:00 Chinua Achebe: A Hero Returns (b00hlczn)

In a change to the published schedule, Radio 4 revisits a 2009 documentary joining Chinua Achebe, the giant of African literature, on a dramatic visit to Nigeria, his home country. The programme was presented by Richard Dowden, director of the Royal African Society.
Producer: Smita Patel.

THU 20:30 Analysis (b00hlcza)
Rolling Stones

Alison Wolf asks whether human beings have an innate need to travel and, if so, whether that raises profound questions for transport policy.

As we get richer, so we choose to travel faster, despite the damage it does to the planet. But what does the wrong kind of travelling or no travelling at all mean for our personal health and happiness?

How should governments respond to this complex side of our psyche? Is it right to subsidise any form of transport or should towns and cities be designed in such a way that we are forced to abandon our cars?

THU 21:00 Leading Edge (b00hlczs)
Science and the Recession

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In this week's Nature a commentary by 8 thinkers on their view of how science has and will be affected by the current global economic crisis. Ian Taylor MP is chair of the conservative party's science and engineering policy review group. He explains why he thinks more emphasis should be put into promoting and encouraging applied, 'mission based' science.

Childhood Memory: Karl Sabbagh
Just how reliable is our memory and just how far back into our childhood can we reliably remember? Geoff talks to Karl Sabbagh, author of Remembering Our Childhood: How Memory Betrays Us about the reliability of childhood and adult memory.

Memory in the Dock
Martin Conway from the University of Leeds discusses recent guidelines issued by the British Psychological Society, developed to give people who work in law with the latest scientific evidence advice about memory and the potential pitfalls of using evidence based on memory in the courts.

Ageing and Memory
As we age, our memories can often fail us. Why might the food we eat and particularly sugar be partly responsible? Molly Bentley reports from the United States about 2 studies exploring how human memory fails and why the food we eat may affect it.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00hmpdd)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00hhnkm)
The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00hhnlv)
National and international news and analysis with David Eades. Including reports on new ways to crack down on Afghanistan's opium industry, the spread of the bank fraud in Antigua to Venezuela and Ecuador and Brigadier Bill Kincaid finds out what has gone wrong with the UK's armed forces.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00hjn4t)
An Equal Stillness

Episode 9

Tom Goodman-Hill reads Francesca Kay's story of a painter's lifelong struggle to balance her vocation with her life as a lover, wife, daughter and mother.

Jenett discovers that she is carrying a child - but whose? It is time to start over, but nothing can prepare her for the way events will turn out and nothing will assuage her guilt.

THU 23:00 Inside Alan Francis (b00hlf5j)
Episode 1

Comedian Alan Francis explores the workings of his own mind in relation to his life, friends and long-suffering girlfriend Jane.

Alan realises he must have done something wrong to annoy Jane, but can't remember what it is?

With Julian Dutton, Barnaby Power, Kali Peacock.

Producer Julia McKenzie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

THU 23:30 Crossing Continents (b00776vc)

Manvendra Singh Gohil: The Gay Prince of Rajpipla

Prince Manvendra Singh Gohil is the first openly gay member of India's royalty, but when he first came out in a newspaper splash, he was shunned not just by the local community of Rajpipla, but by his own parents too. But the prince is made of sturdy stuff and today the 41-year-old, who now describes himself as a gay activist, is committed to fighting the spread of HIV/AIDS through his non-governmental organisation, the Lakshya Trust.

India now has the largest number of people in the world living with HIV/AIDS and the Lakshya Trust was set up by Manvendra and his friends to target HIV prevention among men who have sex with men – MSM as they are known, which includes men who may also be in relationships with women. Increasingly there is talk of the 'feminisation' of the epidemic in India, with the UN recording that nearly 40% of HIV cases are women who are mostly infected by their husbands.

At the Lakshya Trust, based in the conservative state of Gujarat, Manvendra believes three-quarters of the men they have contact with are married. So in a ground-breaking move for an Indian NGO, the Trust began to train female outreach workers to target married women who might be vulnerable to contracting HIV from their husbands.

In Crossing Continents Linda Pressly profiles the Prince of Rajpipla and in a series of candid interviews she meets men and women whose married lives stray far from what is considered the norm in India.

Reporter: Linda Pressly
Producer: Richard Fenton-Smith

FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2009

FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00hhjhw)

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00hn6s0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hhjmq)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00hhjpg)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hhjrc)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00hhjvw)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00hhjzc)

Daily prayer and reflection with Tina Beattie.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00hhk1c)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00hhk44)

Presented by Evan Davis and James Naughtie.

Former attorney with the US Securities and Exchange Commission Howard Meyers explains why civil papers have been served on cricket entrepreneur Sir Allen Stanford.

Prof Robin Alexander of the Cambridge Primary Review says a broad school curriculum improves basic skills.

Correspondent Huw Williams visits the Isle of Harris in the Outer Hebrides to see if national park status will ease its population crisis.

Zubeida Malik investigates the problem of polygamy in Britain.

Advertiser Matthew Golding, who is to create a viral for the Today programme, explains why this form of marketing is the future of the industry.

Thought for the day with Abdal Hakim Murad, Muslim Chaplain at the University of Cambridge.

Steve Cooper from Barclays Bank and Andrew Cape from the Federation of Small Businesses discuss if lending to small businesses is increasing.

Missing tycoon Sir Allen Stanford has been found in Virginia and served with official papers by FBI agents. Business correspondent Greg Wood talks about the implications for Antigua and Congressman Dennis Kucinich discusses why authorities in the US did not discover the case earlier.

Arts correspondent Rebecca Jones looks at memorable Oscar speeches from the past and what to expect from this year's stars.

Chairman of the Muslim Forum Manzoor Moghal and Prof Haleh Afshar, of the University of York, discuss if it is time for policy makers to look into the possibility of registering all religious marriages to try to stop men from marrying more than one wife.

Education minister and Labour peer Baroness Morgan discusses what needs to be done to address imbalances in primary school education.

Writer Tom McCarthy and gallery director Roberta Cremoncini discuss why futurism has been fundamental to European modern art.

Sports editor Mihir Bose discusses what the Sir Allen Stanford case will mean for cricket in the UK.

John Christensen, of the Tax Justice Network, and lawyer Jay Krause discuss the role of tax havens in the global financial crisis.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00hhf8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00hn6s2)

Hackney, That Rose-Red Empire

Hackney Brook

Neil Pearson reads Iain Sinclair's account of the chequered history and inhabitants of Hackney in East London and his own life there.

Iain attempts to locate the lost river of Hackney and in so doing finds himself on the set of EastEnders, by way of the Olympic construction site.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00hlfmj)

Breast cancer screening; composer Emily Howard

Do women get the full facts when they go for breast cancer screening? Plus young composer Emily Howard, sailor Dee Caffari, and what happens to Oxfam's unsold bras.

FRI 11:00 Lenny Henry Plays Othello (b00hlp7l)

Now, by heaven.

My blood begins my safer guides to rule;
And passion, having my best judgment collied,
Assays to lead the way...

The blood and passion are Othello's, and in February last year Othello was Lenny Henry. In a double first for him - first straight stage role and first Shakespearian role - Lenny played one of theatre's most tragic characters on the stage of the West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds. The production, by Barrie Rutter's Northern Broadsides company, made big theatrical waves, led to a London transfer which played to almost completely sell-out houses and to Lenny being named Best Newcomer in the London Evening Standard Theatre awards.

This programme eavesdrops on Lenny's long road of preparation towards those remarkable theatrical achievements. We join the actor at coaching sessions and boot fittings, between trips to Africa for Comic Relief and appearances on TV's Live at the Apollo, and hear his personal audio diary of his hopes and fears for the show. As rehearsals get under way, the microphones are inside the rehearsal room listening to the slow process of building the performance and production, right up to the first night.

The idea of Lenny taking on the challenge of Othello wasn't some impresario's stunt-casting pipedream. It stemmed directly from the last radio encounter between Lenny and Barrie Rutter, who appeared in a pair of documentaries the comedian made for Radio 4 called Lenny and Will. In these the star discussed his previously fraught love-hate relationship with Shakespeare and, by way of expiation, was treated to three hours of intense work with the director on Shakespeare's tragedy. At the end of the session, Barrie offered Lenny a stab at the part, which is

where the next stage of Lenny's own personal odyssey began.

FRI 11:30 HR (b00hls1b)

Series 1

An Away-Day

Senior manager Peter and his HR officer Sam hate team away-days, but equally fear performing badly and putting their jobs at risk.

But is it a good idea to practise bonding skills while inebriated?

Nigel Williams' comedy drama series charting the misfortunes of a middle-aged HR officer and his trouble-making colleague.

Peter Jonathan Pryce
Sam Nicholas Le Prevost

Director: Peter Cavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00hhkr1)

Presented by Peter White.

Over 1300 jobs in the caravan industry in the Humberside area have gone in six months.

How is the recession affecting our magazine buying habits? We speak to publisher Stevie Spring and lecturer Alex Lockwood.

Increasing numbers of people from the Republic of Ireland are travelling to Northern Ireland in search of shopping bargains. We look at how the latest boom is impacting on both economies.

Ryanair have announced they are cutting a number of their routes from Liverpool Airport. Does this spell the end of choice and budget air fares for travellers? With travel journalist Simon Calder.

Over the last twelve months there have been sporadic outbreaks of problems with oil fired stoves. Changes to the make-up of heating oil are thought to be the cause.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00hhksz)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00hhkvl)

National and international news with James Robbins.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00hls6k)

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

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00hlm2m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b00hg6n3)

The Last Smoker

Julia Dover's adaptation of a short story by Yasutaka Tsutsui, set in modern-day Japan. Cantankerous novelist Haruki, the world's last smoker, is hounded to a fate worse than death by do-gooders and self-righteous journalists, as they try to eradicate smoking once and for all.

Haruki John Byrne
Haruki's wife Eileen McCallum
Yumi Madeleine Worrall
Kuskabe Stewart Conn
Doctor on the train Madeleine Brolly

Translated by Andrew Driver

Directed by Matt Thompson.

FRI 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00hls6m)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Anne Swithinbank, Chris Beardshaw and Pippa Greenwood answer questions posed by gardeners at Topsham Allotments and Garden Club, near Exeter.

Including the Gardeners' Question Time gardening weather forecast.

FRI 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00hhmdw)

The Jazz Age Hits Main Street

How a surfeit of music, sex and freedom ushered in the Prohibition and fundamental religious belief.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00hlspp)

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

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00hlspl)

Clive Owen, the star of *Croupier* and *Children Of Men* on his new thriller in which bankers are the bad guys.

Francine talks to Michael Shannon and Viola Davis, two actors who are in the running for Oscars for best supporting roles, even though they only feature in a couple of key scenes in *Doubt* and *Revolutionary Road*.

Director Sacha Gervasi discusses *Anvil*, his new documentary about the demi-gods of Canadian metal and their calamitous European tour.

Claude Lelouch, the director of *A Man And A Woman* talks about fast cars, the beauty of lying and why he made his latest film under a pseudonym.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00hhmn3)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00hhmqg)

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

FRI 18:30 The News Quiz (b00hlspn)

Series 67

Episode 7

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz, with panellists Jeremy Hardy, Fred MacAulay, Shappi Khorsandi and Mark Steel.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00hhm2p)

Roy and Hayley prepare to leave Lower Loxley. They've enjoyed staying there but can't wait to get home and really make it theirs.

The pasture's still not quite ready but David and Ruth are excited at the prospect of getting the cows in the paddocks soon. Ruth can't see Pip keeping up her five-mile radius eating plan throughout Lent.

Mike tells Tom about Neil's surprise trip to London for Susan. Tom's mind is on other things so he agrees to see to the pigs on Friday as well as Thursday without a fight.

Tom finally apologises to Hannah and admits to reacting badly when he learned that Brian had asked her to do extra work. He appreciates her hard work and tries to explain his situation with Brian. Hannah understands how Tom feels and admits she's going to say no to Brian. She thinks she's better off out of it and is leaving next week, as planned.

Brenda and Mike turn up to help Hayley and Roy unpack but they're already sorted. Mike knew Tom wasn't himself earlier, and asks Brenda if he's ill. Brenda tells Mike that the hassle with Brian is really getting Tom down. She's worried about him.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00hhn5m)

Presented by John Wilson.

Novelist William Boyd gives his verdict on Picasso: *Challenging The Past*, a new exhibition at the National Gallery which aims to bring to light, for the first time, Picasso's relationship with the grand tradition of European painting.

Writer and broadcaster Andrew Collins gives his verdict on FM, a TV comedy set in a hip indie radio station, and the latest series of Tina Fey's sitcom *30 Rock*.

British jazz musician Courtney Pine joins John to discuss his album *Transition in Tradition*. His first studio album in four years, it reflects the influence of the New Orleans saxophonist Sidney Bechet on Pine's twenty-five year career as a composer, saxophonist and jazz pioneer.

John visits Portsmouth to see the treasures salvaged from the *Mary Rose*, Henry VIII's flagship. John discusses the relevance

of the collection with Tudor historian David Starkey.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00hlxn3)

The Elegance of the Hedgehog

Episode 5

By Muriel Barbery.

In learning Renee's secret, Paloma learns something about herself, and both their lives are changed for ever.

Renee Heather Williams
Paloma Holly Bodimeade
Kakuro Ozu Togo Igawa
Manuela Pippa Haywood
Mme Pallieres Kim Hicks

Directed by Sara Davies.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00hlspp)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Manchester. The panellists are secretary of state for culture, media and sport Andy Burnham, Conservative Party chairman Francis Maude, Sunday Times columnist Minette Marrin and author and screenwriter Frank Cottrell Boyce.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00hlsps)

Katharine Whitehorn considers the importance of words, their changing meanings and the influence they have on our perception of things.

FRI 21:00 America, Empire of Liberty Omnibus (b00hlsppv)

War and Peace

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

From the sinking of the Lusitania to entry into First World War and the years beyond - the Jazz Age, Prohibition and a growing struggle to decide how America should manage its diverse population.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00hlnkp)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00hlnlx)

News and analysis with David Eades. Including reports on Guantanamo Bay detainee Binyam Mohamed and prospects for Middle-East peace following political movements in Israel.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00hjn4w)

An Equal Stillness

Episode 10

Tom Goodman-Hill reads Francesca Kay's story of a painter's lifelong struggle to balance her vocation with her life as a lover, wife, daughter and mother.

Jennet gradually finds a way to move forward and leave the pain of the past behind. Under the over-arching skies of her native Yorkshire, she paints her finest work yet.

FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b00hkc6w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Crossing Continents (b00cy187)

India - The Real Slumdog Story

Mukul Devichand reports from Mumbai on a controversial scheme that may be able to provide the answer to the developing world's slum problem.

Asia's largest slum, Dharavi, has gained greater exposure thanks to the film *Slumdog Millionaire*. The scheme to raze it to the ground is said by its backers to be the template for slum re-development across the developing world. Private companies are being asked to re-house the poor in tower blocks in return for prime real estate.

But is this audacious scheme an innovative solution or simply masking a land-grab from the poor?