

SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2009

SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00hr5zq)

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00hslb2)

Martin Gayford - Constable in Love

Episode 5

Anton Lesser reads Martin Gayford's account of the early career of John Constable and his long battle to win the hand of his future wife, Maria Bicknell, based on correspondence between the pair.

After seven years of courtship, Maria and John finally married in a quiet ceremony with no family members in attendance. Now the serious production of paintings and of children could begin in earnest.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hr5zs)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00hr5zv)

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

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hr5zx)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00hr5zz)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00hr601)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Jenny Wigley.

SAT 05:45 iPM (b00hr603)

The weekly interactive current affairs magazine featuring online conversation and debate.

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00hr605)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00hr60t)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00hr609)

Helen Mark finds out how whisky production has shaped Speyside in Scotland, with the opening of a new 'green' distillery in Roseisle.

SAT 06:30 Farming Today This Week (b00hrk2j)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00hrk2l)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00hrk2n)

Presented by Evan Davis and Edward Stourton.

Gordon Brown is set to renew his appeal for Sir Fred Goodwin to hand back part of his 16 million pound pension. Richard Scott reports.

Tim Iredale reports on government plans to part privatise Royal Mail.

Correspondent Caroline Wyatt reports on how effective UK forces have been in helping the US in Afghanistan.

Yesterday in Parliament with Mark D'Arcy.

Marjorie Wallace of Sane and psychiatrist Dr John Goldin discuss why the UK has the highest self-harm figures in Europe.

Mark Dummett reports on the discovery of a second mass grave in Bangladesh.

Correspondent Roland Buerk considers why Japan is suffering so severely because of the economic slowdown.

Thought for the day with Canon David Winter.

Lance Corporal Johnson Beharry discusses his concern for the

way in which ex-servicemen and women are treated by the NHS.

Steve Bundred of the Audit Commission discusses if the government has made enough preparation for cuts in public expenditure.

Phil Mackie reports on fears that abandoned high streets could become hotspots for anti-social behaviour.

Screenwriter Lee Hall and columnist Matthew Parris remember the beginning of the miners' strike 25 years ago.

General Sir Richard Dannatt, the head of the British Army, discusses if rumours that the US is unhappy with the UK's military performance in the country are true.

Conservative peer and corporate troubleshooter Lord James discusses another extraordinary week for the financial sector.

Laura Trevelyan reports on estimates that the US economy is shrinking by 6.2 percent.

Reporter Andrew Fletcher interviews Dan Stephens of the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Services, about the contingencies that the services have to deal with terrorist attacks.

Authors Michael Brooks and Mark Vernon discuss new research into whether freewill really exists.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00hrk2q)

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

Richard Coles is joined by design curator Libby Sellers, with poetry from Matt Harvey. Also featuring Peter White's day trip to see The Saints at home to Forest and the Inheritance Tracks of B-movie icon Bruce Campbell. Plus the story of Chrissie De Rivaz, who hopes to cheat death by deep freezing herself in anticipation of a medical resurrectio.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00hrk2s)

Sierra Nevada - New Delhi

John McCarthy talks to an Indian journalist living and working in Britain and a British journalist living and working in India about their respective travel experiences, and explores an area of Spain on the Eastern Mediterranean coast little known even by the Spanish.

NEW DELHI

Sanjay Suri is a journalist and author of a book Brideless in Wembley – in search of Indian England, which details his travels through Indian communities in Britain and Justine Hardy is a writer and journalist who lives both in Delhi and Britain, her second book Scoop-Wallah was the story of her time on an Indian newspaper in Delhi.

SIERRA NEVADA

Spain is a popular tourist and travel destination but it still retains many little know places for the curious visitor. One apparently overlooked area is on the Eastern Mediterranean coast in the province of Castellón. Jason Webster has created, with his Spanish wife, not only a home but a garden in an area ravaged by fire and drought. Jason wrote an account of his dream come true story in a new book entitled Sacred Sierra, A Year on a Spanish Mountain.

SAT 10:30 Looking for Ripley (b00hrk2v)

Crime writer Mark Billingham investigates Tom Ripley, the suave and amoral central character in Patricia Highsmith's novel The Talented Mr Ripley.

Mark tracks down those with a real insight into Ripley's ambiguities. Opera director Jonathan Kent once played Ripley and was thought to be perfect in the role by Highsmith herself. Professor Dinesh Bhugra, President of The Royal College of Psychiatrists, is an avid fan and uses the Ripley books to teach medical students about psychopathy.

Andrew Wilson, Highsmith's biographer, thinks the elusive Ripley is to be found in the unpublished notebooks of his creator. The readings are by Ian Hart.

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00hrk2y)

A look behind the scenes at Westminster, presented by Elinor Goodman.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00hrk30)

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

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00hrk32)

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

He reports on the long-running saga of bank overdraft charges, which reaches a crucial legal stage. Also, just how much risk is taxpayer's money exposed to from those toxic assets in the bank bail out?

When is a Barclaycard customer not a Barclaycard customer? Plus thousands of 'capital secure' investors face losing some or all of their money.

SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b00hr5ws)

Series 67

Episode 8

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

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00hrk34)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News (b00hrk36)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00hr5wv)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Gloucester. The panellists are writer and philosopher Roger Scruton, chief executive of the Royal Opera House Tony Hall CBE, financial journalist Gillian Tett and Guardian columnist and broadcaster John Harris.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00hrk38)

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

SAT 14:30 The Complete Ripley (b00ht3rz)

The Talented Mr Ripley

by Patricia Highsmith. Ian Hart stars as charming, cultured Tom Ripley, Patricia Highsmith's mischievous anti-hero with a taste for the finer things in life. In the first of five Ripley novels Tom is barely one step ahead of his creditors when a stranger offers him a free trip to Europe and a fresh start. Tom wants money and success and he is willing to kill for it.

Tom Ripley...Ian Hart
Dickie Greenleaf...Stephen Hogan
Marge Sherwood...Barbara Barnes
Mr Greenleaf...Malcolm Tierney
Mrs Greenleaf...Janice Acquah
Roverini...Stephen Critchlow
Buffi...Matt Addis

Dramatist Stephen Wyatt
Director Claire Grove

Tom Ripley detests murder unless it is absolutely necessary. He prefers someone else to do the dirty work. But if he's called on to act there is no one more cool, calculating and clever. Radio 4 brings all Patricia Highsmith's Ripley novels together in a thrilling series on five successive Saturdays. Written over 35 years Patricia Highsmith kept being drawn back to her hedonistic, charming, cultured and mischievous anti-hero who has a taste for the finer things in life. Always on the edge of being discovered, Ripley appeals to the amoral instinct in all of us. These are unique and complex crime novels with a brilliantly twisted centre.

Ian Hart stars as Tom Ripley. A BAFTA Award winning actor, Ian Hart has starred in projects as varied as Land and Freedom, The Hound of the Baskervilles, A Cock and Bull Story, Blind Flight and Harry Potter.

"Highsmith's novels are peerlessly disturbing, bad dreams that keep us thrashing for the rest of the night." THE NEW YORKER.

SAT 15:30 Robert Winston's Musical Analysis (b00hpk02)

Series 1

Ivor Gurney

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

Robert investigates the tragic case of English composer and poet Ivor Gurney, who died of tuberculosis in the City of London Mental Hospital, Dartford, in 1937.

For many years he was thought to have been the victim of shell-shock as a result of his service in the trenches of the First World War, but that diagnosis is now discounted and there is even evidence in his letters to suggest that the physical activity and comradeship of military service may have been a saviour to his mental health.

Robert hears from Gurney biographer Pamela Blevins, chairman of the Ivor Gurney Society Anthony Boden and singer and Royal Academy of Music researcher April Frederick.

SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b00hrs4)

Highlights of this week's Woman's Hour programmes with Jane Garvey. Including Ann Widdecombe on spinsterhood, Connie Fisher, and marrying again after the death of a spouse.

SAT 17:00 PM (b00hrshs)

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

SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b00hrs2)

Evan Davis discusses whether hedge funds have contributed to the economic crisis and whether they should be allowed to trade without being regulated. Hugh Hendry, one of the UK's most outspoken fund managers, offers his thoughts.

Plus Gordon Frazer, head of Microsoft UK, and Jasmine Montgomery, of Futurebrand, discuss the future of computing and the real value of a brand.

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00hrs4)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00hrs6)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00hrs8)

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

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00hrsnb)

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

SAT 19:00 Profile (b00hrsnd)

Bobby Jindal

Claire Bolderson profiles Bobby Jindal, the young Indian-American governor of Louisiana who was chosen to give the Republican response to President Obama's Congressional address on the economy.

Born and raised a Hindu, Jindal converted to Catholicism as a teenager. The former Rhodes Scholar has since made a name for himself as a conservative Republican, opposing abortion, gay marriage and stem cell research, while advocating the teaching of intelligent design in schools.

Claire hears from those who knew, and have tracked the career of, this rising star who has been tipped by some as a potential presidential candidate in 2012.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00hrsng)

Red Riding, The Thoughtful Dresser by Linda Grant, and The Class

Guests:

Theatre designer Es Devlin

Director of the Institute of Contemporary Arts Ekow Eshun
Artistic Director of the Southbank Centre Jude Kelly

The Class

Many French directors have set films in schoolrooms. Some lambast the tyranny of teachers; others have looked back in nostalgia. But Laurent Cantet's new film ditches both traditions for a close-up view of the realities of trying to teach the imperfect subjunctive to a room full of recalcitrant Parisian teenagers. So did it deserve to win the Palme d'Or at Cannes? Discuss.

The Class is on release now, certificate 15.

Picasso: Challenging the Past

We tend to think of Picasso as an artist who broke artistic rules and conventions with abandon. But a new exhibition at the National Gallery argues that he was steeped in the great tradition of Western art - and driven by constant, noisy dialogue with its ghosts.

Picasso: Challenging the Past continues at the National Gallery

in London until 7 June.

The Thoughtful Dresser

The writer Linda Grant has written novels about shopping and communism, and about hairdressing and Zionism. In her new book she argues that the idea that caring about clothes is shallow is shallow itself. And she sets out to prove that "even in the valley of the shadow of death the human heart can long for a hat."

The Thoughtful Dresser by Linda Grant is published by Virago.

London Fashion Week

The panel test out Linda Grant's arguments about why clothes matter by visiting this year's staging of new work by British designers. They discuss how these events work as theatre - and how watching parades of expensive clobber feels in the midst of a recession.

Red Riding

It has never been grimmer up north. David Peace's Red Riding novels mix corrupt cops, political paranoia and multiple murders to paint Yorkshire in the 1970s and 1980s not so much as Life on Mars as Life in Hell. But how does this nightmare vision, driven by Peace's incantatory prose, work on television?

The Red Riding Trilogy begins on Channel 4 with 1974 at 9pm on 5 March, followed by 1980 and 1983 on subsequent Thursdays.

SAT 20:00 Archive on 4 (b00hrsuj)

A Strong Song Tows Us - Another History of English Poetry

Lee Hall, writer of Billy Elliot and The Pitmen Painters, uncovers a hidden history of English poetry. Stretching back to the Dark Ages and emerging in 1960s Newcastle, Lee reveals an alternative tradition of English poetry as the preserve of ordinary working people.

Sunderland cork cutters, shipyard workers and pit men encounter Walt Whitman, Allen Ginsberg and Ezra Pound. And how a meeting between a 16-year-old schoolboy and one of the great modernists of English literature, Basil Bunting, contributed to the flowering of the north east as an international destination for the whole Beatnik generation.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00hmpzk)

Scoop

Episode 2

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

William finds life as a war correspondent somewhat tedious, but he does fall in love and find himself in the middle of a revolution.

William Boot Rory Kinnear
Katchen Claudie Blakeley
Lord Copper David Warner
Salter Nicholas Woodeson
Frau Dressler Tracy-Ann Oberman
Erik Olafsen Dan Starkey
Secret Policeman Jude Akuwudike
Benito Cyril Nri
Moke Imam Mirza
Mr Baldwin Jonathan Taffler
Uncle Theodore Malcolm Tierney
Sir Jocelyn Hitchcock Michael Simkins
Corker Stephen Critchlow
Pigge Chris Pavlo
News Editor Paul Rider
Hechel Gunnar Cauthery
Evelyn Waugh Tim McInnerny

Directed by Sally Avens.

SAT 22:00 Weather (b00hrsln)

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

SAT 22:15 Moral Maze (b00hq2y1)

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

Britain has the highest rate of teenage pregnancies in Western Europe, so what role should morality play in sex education? A new government leaflet advising parents on how to talk to their children about sex and relationships warns against trying to convince teenagers of what is right and wrong because it could discourage them from being open. Is this sensible practical advice? Is giving teenagers the room to form their own moral judgements about sex the right way to cut teenage parenthood?

SAT 23:00 Quote... Unquote (b00hpj94)

Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz involving the exchange of quotations and anecdotes. With guests Celia Walden, Katharine Whitehorn, Richard Coles and Simon Singh.

SAT 23:30 Poetry Please (b00hmpzp)

Roger McGough introduces listeners' requests for poems by Derek Walcott, Linda Pastan and Russian poets Yevgeny Yevtushenko and Inna Kabysch. The readers are Burt Caesar, Mark Meadows and Nadia Williams.

Letter from Brooklyn by Derek Walcott

From Derek Walcott - Collected Poems 1948-1984
The Noonday Press

People by Yevgeny Yevtushenko, translated by Robin Milner-Gulland
Selected Poems - Yevtushenko
Penguin

The Five Stages of Grief by Linda Pastan
From: The Five Stages of Grief
Publ: Norton

Different Beds by Roger McGough
From: Selected Poems
Publ: Penguin

The Fallow Deer at the Lonely House by Thomas Hardy
The Oxford Authors - Thomas Hardy
Oxford University Press

The Red Wheelbarrow by William Carlos Williams
From: The Oxford Book of American Poetry

Daffodils by William Wordsworth
From: William Wordsworth - The Major Works
Publ: Oxford

Love Poem by Linda Pastan
From: The Norton Introduction to Literature (6th edition)

Love III by George Herbert
From: The Oxford Book of English Verse 1250-1918

To Anthea, Who May Command Him Anything by Robert Herrick
From: The Poems of Robert Herrick
Publ: Oxford

Sonnet 116 by William Shakespeare
The New Faber Book of Love Poems
Faber

Me Cyan Believe it by Michael Smith
It a Came
Creation for Liberation

Making Jam in July by Inna Kabysch, trans Fay Marshall
Modern Poetry in Translation New Series No.20 - 2002

My Parents Kept Me From Children Who Were Rough by Stephen Spender
From: Collected Poems
Publ: faber

Happiness by Raymond Carver
From: All of Us. Collected Poems
Publ: Alfred A Knopf

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SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00hrt5k)

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

SUN 00:30 Afternoon Reading (b007v09c)

Be Prepared

Vanishing Point

Series of stories inspired by the famous motto of the Scouting movement.

A very small man intervenes in a scene similar to a nursery rhyme and helps a young lady in distress.

By Luke Sutherland, read by Sandy Grierson.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hrt5m)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes

(b00hrt5p)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hrt5r)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00hrt5t)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00hrt5w)

The sound of bells from St Mary's in Ilmington.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b00hrsnd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00hrt5y)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00hrt60)

Spring Forward

Fergal Keane looks forward to Spring, both as a season and a metaphor for better times to come.

SUN 06:35 Living World (b00hrt62)

Johnny Rook - A Lovable Rogue

Lionel Kelleway travels to the Falkland Islands in pursuit of Johnny Rook, the cara cara. This bird of prey has the reputation of being 'exceedingly bold' and 'the most mischievous of all the feathered creation'. But there is far more to it than meets the eye. Lionel finds out about Johnny Rook's rise from near extinction and its unique role in the islands' ecology.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00hrt64)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00hrt66)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00hrt8l)

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 (b00hrt8n)

Bowel and Cancer Research

Dr Mark Porter appeals on behalf of Bowel and Cancer Research.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b00hrt8q)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00hrt8s)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00hrt8v)

Journey into Seeing

Observing Lent through the senses. From the National Botanic Gardens of Wales, Llanarthne, Carmarthenshire. Led by Rev Canon Joanna Penberthy. Preacher: Dr Anne Richards. With Cor Caerfyrddin choir, directed by John S Davies. Organist: Christopher Williams.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00hr5wx)

Katharine Whitehorn reflects on diseconomies of scale.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00hrt8x)

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

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00hrt8z)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00hrt9l)

Lord Rix

Kirsty Young's castaway on Desert Island Discs this week is Brian Rix. For many years he brought farce to a large and

appreciative audience - dropping his trousers thousands of times for the benefit of television viewers and theatre-goers. He was one of the most successful actor-managers that Britain has produced. But, more than 30 years ago, he called a halt to his first career to devote himself to altering legislation and attitudes towards disability. His eldest child, Shelley, was born with Down's syndrome and her birth prompted him towards his extraordinary second career. As a campaigner and fundraiser he has been described as having done more for people with learning disabilities than possibly anyone else in the country.

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

Favourite track: Love by Nat King Cole
Book: Encyclopædia Britannica
Luxury: A proper orthopaedic cushion.

SUN 12:00 Just a Minute (b00hjp9b)

Series 54

Episode 9

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game, with panellists Paul Merton, Clement Freud, Sheila Hancock and David Mitchell.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00hs8xd)

Venison

With the wild deer population in the UK reaching two million and this year's shooting season being extended, Sheila Dillon finds out what happens to all the venison that is being produced.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00hs8xg)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00hs8xj)

A look at events around the world with James Robbins.

SUN 13:30 Stand-Up With the Stars (b00hyjd6)

Episode 1

Hugh Dennis follows the fortunes of four Radio 4 presenters - Evan Davis, Libby Purves, Peter White and Laurie Taylor - as they try their hand at stand-up comedy for Comic Relief. They are mentored by comedians Paul Merton, Milton Jones, Josie Long and Shappi Khorsandi, who train them for a warm-up gig in advance of a date at a London comedy club.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00jyb8p)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Bob Flowerdew, Chris Beardshaw and Bunny Guinness answer questions posed by gardeners at Long Eaton and District Horticultural Society, near Nottingham.

Including a tribute to former Gardeners' Question Time panellist Geoffrey Smith.

SUN 14:45 My Mile of the River (b00hs8xl)

Episode 3

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 walks the banks of the Wye and discovers how important the river has been to the economy of the town of Rhayader - legally and not so legally. Stories of tanneries, mills, flannel works, electricity and poaching.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00hs8xn)

Rendezvous with Rama

Arthur C Clarke - Rendezvous with Rama

Mike Walker's dramatisation of the novel by Arthur C Clarke, set in the 22nd Century.

When the mysterious space object known as Rama appears in the solar system, the crew of the SV Endeavour are sent to investigate.

William Norton Richard Dillane
Li Kwok Paul Courtenay Hyu
Pieter Rousseau Jimmy Akingbola
Jimmy Pak Robert Lonsdale
Aruna Calvert Archie Panjabi
Gerry Inam Mirza
Ruby Barnes Janice Acquah

Laura Ernst Ania Sowinski
Indira Gopal Shelley King
Erl King Peter Marinker
Tamara Ruiz Jill Cardo
Tan Sun Jonathan Tafler
Henning Paul Rider.

SUN 16:00 Bookclub (b00hs8xq)

AL Kennedy

James Naughtie talks to the author and part-time stand-up comedian AL Kennedy about her 2007 Costa prize-winning novel, Day, the story of RAF gunner Alfred Day and how he comes to terms with the end of the Second World War.

SUN 16:30 Poetry Please (b00hs93v)

Patience Strong by UA Fanthorpe

From: UA Fanthorpe. Collected Poems 1978-2003

Pub: Peterloo Poets

Dear Mr Lee by UA Fanthorpe

From: UA Fanthorpe. Collected Poems 1978-2003

Pub: Peterloo Poets

The Three Winds by Laurie Lee

From: Laurie Lee. Selected Poems

Pub: Andre Deutsch

Giorno dei Morti by DH Lawrence

From: DH Lawrence - Complete Poems

Pub: Penguin

When the Ripe Fruit Falls by DH Lawrence

From: DH Lawrence - Complete Poems

Pub: Penguin

Non Sum Qualis Eram Bonae sub Regno Cynarae by Ernest Dowson

From: The Poetical Works of Ernest Dowson

Pub: Cassell

Vitae Summa Brevis Spem Nos Vetat Incohare Longam by Ernest Dowson

From: The Poetical Works of Ernest Dowson

Pub: Cassell

Atlas by UA Fanthorpe

From: UA Fanthorpe. Collected Poems 1978-2003

Pub: Peterloo Poets

All I Ask by DH Lawrence

From: DH Lawrence - Complete Poems

Pub: Penguin

Green by DH Lawrence

From: The Love Poems of DH Lawrence

Pub: Kyle Cathie

Bermuda by Billy Collins

From: Nine Horses

Pub: Picador

In Two Minds by Roger McGough

From: Roger McGough - Collected Poems

Pub: Viking

Titania to Bottom by UA Fanthorpe

From: UA Fanthorpe. Collected Poems 1978-2003

Pub: Peterloo Poets

Last Words by Dannie Abse

From: Dannie Abse: New and Collected Poems

Pub: Hutchinson

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b00hpn dg)

Zimbabwe's sanctions busters

Grant Ferrett investigates whether the sanctions imposed on Zimbabwe by Britain and Europe are adequate to stop wealth being channelled out of the country by people close to the Mugabe government.

SUN 17:40 Profile (b00hrsnd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00hs93x)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00hs93z)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00hs94l)

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

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00hs943)

David Stafford introduces his selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00hs945)

Eddie's selling the 'finest continental chocolate' at a knock-down price. But he's a bit too vague about its origin. David and Ruth don't want any, especially when they learn that it's come from the back of Fat Paul's van.

Ruth's concerned that Pip's not eating properly so she's going to try to use only local produce for the family meals until Easter.

Tom takes Matt the figures for Tom Archer sausages and bacon but Matt's not in the mood to share Tom's enthusiasm. Wanting the meeting over quickly, he tells Tom to check that Brian's happy to sell and then he'll warm his legal boys up. Tom still can't get his head round Matt's complete change of mind over his investment, but nothing can shatter Tom's enthusiasm - especially when he learns Matt intends to be a sleeping partner.

Hearing how sharp Matt was with Tom, Lilian tells Matt to take his frustration out on the golf course but Matt no longer feels like playing. Lilian's concerned at just Tom's put Matt into a foul mood. Matt insists it's not why Tom. The whole damn world's bothering him with complete irrelevancies and he just wants to be left in peace.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00hs947)

Children's magazine. Barney Harwood does some creative writing with Andy Stanton, author of a series of books about a very bad man called Mr Gum. For World Book Day, some children were asked to finish a story that Andy started, and Barney hears the results.

SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b007vhn8)

Caravan Club

Just Like the Famous Five

Series of short stories celebrating a British institution.

A young Enid Blyton fan is thrilled to be going on a caravan holiday, just like her heroes. But will the reality of a week in a Scottish caravan park meet her expectations?

By Anne Donovan, read by Molly Innes.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b00hr5py)

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

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00hr5wn)

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

SUN 21:00 Money Box (b00hrk32)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00hr8n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 Analysis (b00hr4it)

Anti Social Housing

Richard Reeves, director of the independent think tank Demos, argues that social housing has failed everyone - those who cannot get housing, those in social housing and the taxpayers who pay for it. The government is committed to a new wave of affordable housing, but have we learnt the lessons of the past?

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00hs95g)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00hs95j)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster with Carolyn Quinn. Including The Prime Ministers.

SUN 23:02 The Film Programme (b00hr5wq)

Jamie Cullum recalls dueting with Clint Eastwood and Tessa Ross, head of Film 4 and the executive producer of *Slumdog Millionaire*, talks about the key to British film success.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00hr160)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 02 MARCH 2009

MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00hs9xs)

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

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00hq2xx)

Impact of Recession on Health Inequalities - Youth Culture

IMPACT OF RECESSION ON HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Laurie Taylor is joined by Mel Bartley, Professor of Medical Sociology at University College London Medical School, and Andrew Oswald, Professor of Economics at Warwick University to discuss the personal and psychological consequences of unemployment in the light of the current global recession.

YOUTH CULTURE

Dr David Fowler, author of a new book entitled *Youth Culture in Modern Britain, c1920-c.1970*, talks about the meaning of 'youth culture'. He contends that authentic youth movements have a philosophy and way of life; they do not simply celebrate consumerism and popular music.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00hrt5w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hs9zp)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00hsb27)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hsb3b)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00hsb52)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00hsbbl)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Jenny Wigley.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00hsbnn)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00htgd1)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b00hsbfc)

Presented by John Humphrys and Sarah Montague.

Stephen Alambritis, of the Federation of Small Businesses, and Welsh Assembly member John Griffiths discuss calls for the government to subsidise workers' wages.

Richard Garside, of Kings College London, discusses the effectiveness of community penalties.

Healthcare Commission report author Maureen Burton and Ministry of Defence minister Kevan Jones discuss military healthcare.

Cricket historian David Firth and Dr Heiner Gillmeister discuss the likelihood that cricket originated in Belgium.

Thought for the day with the International Director of Micah Challenge, the Reverend Joel Edwards.

Middle East Editor Jeremy Bowen reports from Gaza and Sir Nicholas Young, of the British Red Cross, discusses the problems of funding and access facing aid agencies in Gaza.

There has been a major breakthrough in stem cell science. Professor Sir Ian Wilmot of the Medical Research Council discusses the implications of the breakthrough for medicine.

Journalist Jessica Duchan and conductor Harry Christophers discuss Handel's legacy.

HSBC Group Chairman Stephen Green discusses the bank's plans to raise funds through a new rights issue.

Councillor Vanessa Brown discusses the effect of the admissions lottery on secondary schools.

Gordon Brown has vowed to forge a 'global new deal' with Barack Obama. Former foreign secretary Sir Malcolm Rifkind discusses the future of the special relationship.

Journalist Andrew Rawnsley and Peter Kellner from Yougov discuss whether government action is increasingly determined by public opinion.

Nick Bryant reports on a possible increase in shark attacks off the Australian coast.

Reverend Dr John Polkinghorne discusses how religion can enter into a dialogue with science.

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00htgdn)

Andrew Marr sets the cultural agenda for the week. His guests include playwright Enda Walsh, who discusses his latest play *The New Electric Ballroom*, and writer Linda Grant, who talks about her book *The Thoughtful Dresser*.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00hsp0r)

The Decisive Moment

Episode 1

Hari Dhillon and Amanda Burton read Jonah Lehrer's exploration of neuroscience and how the human brain makes up its mind.

The importance of the emotional brain. Since Plato, philosophers have described the decision-making process as either rational or emotional: we carefully deliberate or we go with our gut instinct.

But as scientists break open the mind's black box with the latest tools of neuroscience, they are discovering that this is not an accurate picture of how the mind works. Our best decisions are a finely-tuned blend of both feeling and reason, and the precise mix depends on the situation.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00hsp6m)

Angela Gheorghiu; Fiona Millar

Romanian soprano Angela Gheorghiu on her life and work. Plus Alastair Campbell's partner Fiona Millar on the Blair years, and child safety on Twitter.

MON 11:00 Straight to the Top (b00htgdq)

Liz Barclay investigates whether a leading fashion brand like Topshop can beat the credit crunch. With major retailers seeing their profit margins squeezed, are consumers continuing to tighten their belts?

Featuring interviews from key players including former Topshop brand director Jane Shepherdson, widely credited with masterminding the store's fashion renaissance, and designer Celia Birtwell.

MON 11:30 The Yellowplush Papers (b00htgds)

My Novel

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.

When a fashionable society novelist comes to stay at Diddlesex Towers, he inspires Charles to undertake an ambitious and scandalous enterprise.

Charles Yellowplush Adam Buxton

Duke Paul Rider

Duchess Janice Acquah

Marquess Inam Mirza

Mary Ann Annabelle Dowler

Modicum Gunnar Cauthery

Scavenger Stephen Critchlow

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00hsrxc)

Presented by Peter White.

Age Concern closes its controversial lifestyle membership organisation, 'Heyday', after a critical report from the Charity Commission.

Europe rules on Kinder's claim that its chocolate eggs 'help you

to grow'. Do products' slogans stand up to scrutiny?

In the first of our disabled leaders series, Peter White interviews Dr Tom Shakespeare who has spoken out against many of the conventional views of disability rights campaigners.

Rogue companies which don't deliver concert tickets are managing to persuade customers that they are a safe bet by buying security certificates for their websites.

Despite public opposition, the Strategic Health Authority for Southampton has decided to use its new powers to force a water company to add fluoride to its water.

When is wine not wine? How the alcohol content of drinks dictates their labelling.

Should the government and the private sector share information? David Blunkett tells us why we need to make sure that we strike a balance between personal privacy and national security.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00hsrgw)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00hsrjm)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

MON 13:30 Quote... Unquote (b00htgdx)

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

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00hs945)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b00htgz)

A City Killing

Tim, Meredith and Harry are three sassy, thirty something traders who, tired of making money for someone else, combine to launch an aggressive new hedge fund. But it doesn't take long before they get seriously above themselves, losing a small fortune and making some pretty heavy enemies in the City markets.

Facing financial meltdown, Harry is deputed to exploit a family connection with Bob Glass of Glassworks. Glass is the doyen of Wall Street. Friend to charities and movie stars. The biggest, boldest, safest investor on the block.

In New York, Harry makes a good impression. Glass takes to him like a son. This is the coup the young hedge fund has needed. With Glass's name, confidence will flourish and further, major investments will follow.

But Harry has no sooner touched down at Heathrow, than news breaks of Glass's arrest by the FBI. His convoluted investment structure has collapsed. Billions have been lost by individuals, by charities and by burgeoning hedge funds, just like Harry's. Harry, Tim and Meredith have lost 1.2 billion and rising. Glass, the most feared, loathed and admired man on Wall Street was just a simple confidence trickster though on a mammoth scale.

Now it's time to face the investors, and the fact that their credibility is virtually nil. This is a £1.2 billion hole they aren't going to crawl out of.

In A City Killing by Mike Walker

Harry Towers was played by Nicholas Boulton
And Bob Glass by Nathan Osgood
Tim was played by David Tse
Meredith by Janice Acquah
Sarah Towers Pam Miles
Trevor Marks Jonathan Tafler
And Carmody Sam Dale

The Director was Eoin O'Callaghan.

MON 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00hrsni)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Saturday]

MON 15:45 My Alter Ego (b00ht42h)

Ignatius Sancho

Can you imagine who you might have been if you had lived at a different point in history?

That's exactly what the presenters of My Alter Ego have been asked to do. Each programme in the series is presented by

someone whose life, career, or mind-set shares some similarities with a character from history.

Programme 1: Mobo award winning musician, Soweto Kinch, tells the forgotten story of Ignatius Sancho. Supposedly born on a slave ship bound for the West Indies in the 1720s, Ignatius was orphaned and brought to London. There he was given to three spinster sisters and grew up as a child-slave. However he had a curious mind and a love of learning and these attributes combined with sheer force of personality, meant he broke through into London's literary and artistic circles forging friendships with the actor David Garrick and the author Laurence Sterne. He became a prolific letter writer, and a gentleman composer, while running a grocery shop which attracted many of his aristocratic and artistic friends. Soweto Kinch has long been fascinated by the life of Ignatius Sancho, and even though he was born almost two hundred years after Sancho into a very different world, he recognises certain parallels with his own life: his engagement with education, his passion for music and his relationship with his heritage. Illustrated with readings from Ignatius's letters and musical compositions, Soweto explores the life of Ignatius Sancho in My Alter Ego.

Producer: Karen Gregor.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00hs8xd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b00htgzx)

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 (b00ht5ph)

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

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00ht5r1)

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

MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b00htgz)

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Episode 10

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game, with panellists Paul Merton, Clement Freud, Jack Dee and Josie Lawrence.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00hsrjy)

Tony's impressed with the waste consultant's survey and initial suggestions for a redbead but Helen's no longer so enthusiastic. After talking to a fellow cheesemaker, she's now aware of a better way of dealing with waste. Pat and Tony agree her explanation of a weeping wall system has possibilities. Helen's loaded up the van ready to move into her new flat but offers to ring Bryony later, to ask if Pat and Tony could take a look at her system.

Brian tells Adam he's confident Tom's finally swallowed his pride about the supermarket deal, so is completely taken aback when Tom reveals he wants to break up the partnership. Tom won't reveal where the money will come from to buy Brian out. He remains self-controlled as he calls the shots. When Brian suggests he may not be minded to sell, Tom calmly suggests Brian will soon realise it's the best option.

Tom acknowledges he'll always be grateful to Brian for saving the business but he's said what he came to say and now he'll wait for Brian to come back with an answer. Brian assures him he will, but warns Tom it may not be the one he's hoping for.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00ht5rh)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Emily Blunt, Paul Bettany, Jim Broadbent, Rupert Friend and Miranda Richardson star in the film The Young Victoria, a romantic drama tracing the soon-to-be-Queen's early life. Journalist and Victorian expert Kathryn Hughes gives her verdict.

Giles Waterfield discusses a new exhibition of Constable's lesser-known work. John Constable is celebrated as one of England's greatest landscape artists, but for the first time the National Portrait Gallery focuses on his self-portraits and his many paintings and drawings of friends and family.

Mark finds out about an unusual tribute to the English writer Samuel Johnson: in the tercentenary year of Dr Johnson's birth,

his biographer, Peter Martin, is recreating a hundred-mile walk from Lichfield to London that was undertaken by Johnson and his companion David Garrick.

Mark discusses the pros and cons of Live & Sync with music supremo Trevor Dann, Katherine Jenkins (who has frequently sung the Welsh National Anthem at international rugby matches), Lesley Garrett (who has sung at FA Cup Finals) and James Taylor (who performed live at one of Barack Obama's inaugural celebrations).

Art market watcher Godfrey Barker examines the implications of a tactic used by a Chinese bidder at a recent Christie's auction where the bidder had no intention of paying for the antiquities he bid for, instead claiming his aim was to highlight his campaign for the artefacts' restitution to China. Does this herald a new era in art restitution claims? Godfrey Barker and Mark discuss.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00ht5tc)

The Death of Grass

Episode 1

Dramatisation of the science fiction novel by John Christopher.

It is 1956 and a virus has wiped out the crops of South East Asia, causing a famine. John Custance and his family visit his brother David's farm in Westmorland, convinced that the same thing could not happen there.

Narrator David Mitchell

John Darrell Brockis

Ann Rebecca Egan

Roger Gus Brown

David Jonathan Dryden Taylor.

MON 20:00 Snow in Libya (b00g4zgv)

Episode 1

Broadcaster Peter Snow returns to scenes of his post-war childhood in Libya for the first time in 50 years to discover more about how the modern Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya has changed from the place he remembers from his youth.

MON 20:30 The Bottom Line (b00hrsni)

[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

MON 21:00 Islam and Science (b00ht03)

Episode 3

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.

The call to read and seek knowledge is embedded in the Qur'an. But the Islamic world is currently witness to a rise in creationism, a trend for seeking 'scientific miracles' in the Qur'an and a frustration among scientists at the literal interpretation of Islam.

How does the interplay between Islam and science affect those working in research today? Ehsan Masood asks Muslims working in science in the UK and abroad about how their faith influences their work.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00htgdn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00ht87g)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00ht8fk)

National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah. Including reports on how the money pledged by donors to rebuild Gaza will get through, AIG's declaration of the biggest corporate losses in history, the white-collar fraudsters who are getting jailhouse advice and who is in charge in Russia, Putin or Medvedev?

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ht8fm)

The White Tiger

Episode 6

Sagar Arya reads Aravind Adiga's Man Booker Prize-winning satire on contemporary India. The story of Balram Halwai, the son of a rickshaw puller, who escapes the rural poverty of his village into the bright lights and corruption of the city.

Balram comes up against the corruption at the heart of his wealthy employers' lives as a road accident leaves him taking the blame for Pinky Madam's drunkenness.

MON 23:00 Off the Page (b00hr4lk)
Meeting a Star

Dominic Arkwright, James Delingpole, Agnes Poirier and Michael Simkins discuss stardom and our reaction to fame. From February 2009.

MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00ht8hk)
News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with David Wilby.

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TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00hs9tq)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by weather.

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00hs9pr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hs9xv)
The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00hs9zr)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hsb2h)
The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00hsb3d)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00hsb54)
Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Jenny Wigley.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00hsb7l)
News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00hsbbq)
Presented by John Humphrys and Sarah Montague.

Unidentified gunmen fired on a convoy of Sri Lankan and Pakistani cricketers. Journalist Graham Usher describes the scene of the attack in Pakistan and Anbarasan Ethirajan reports on the reaction from Sri Lanka.

Social worker Joanna Nicolas discusses a campaign to persuade social workers to return to the profession.

Roger Neill of Historic Masters discusses the significance of recordings made in the early 1900s by Dame Nellie Melba.

Former England cricketer Dominic Cork says six gunmen are responsible for the shooting and injuring of five Sri Lankan cricketers.

Political editor Nick Robinson reports on the first meeting between Barack Obama and Gordon Brown.

Author and screenwriter David Nicholls discusses the disqualification of the winning team of University Challenge, Corpus Christi from Oxford University.

Thought for the day with the Rev Dr Giles Fraser, Vicar of Putney.

Anne West of the LSE discusses the secondary school admissions system.

John McFall, chairman of the Treasury Select Committee, says parliament should not interfere with pensions.

Sports editor Mihir Bose analyses the repercussions of the Lahore attack for international cricket and Dr Farzana Shaikh, of Chatham House, discusses the political instability in Pakistan.

Reporter Sanchia Berg looks over the MI5 file of Lee Miller, the renowned war photographer.

Richard Kemp of the Local Government Association and Helga Pile of Unison discuss the problems of recruiting social workers

who work with children.

Crime reporter Ben Ando examines the crackdown on pirate radio stations in the UK.

Tom Standage of the Economist discusses why mobile phones have become the communication technology of choice, particularly in poor countries.

The government is launching a Stop Loan Sharks hotline and website. Heather Keates, head of Community Money Advice, discusses the initiative.

Reporter Julian O'Halloran considers claims that the careers of teachers are being blighted or destroyed as they struggle to keep order in schools.

Author Samuel D Kassow discusses the story of how Jewish people led their lives in the Warsaw Ghetto under Nazi rule.

TUE 09:00 The Long View (b00htkpx)
House of Lords Reform

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

He is joined by Billy Bragg to consider House of Lords reform now and in the 17th Century, examining the story of Lord Howard, a corrupt peer who was sent to the Tower. In the light of recent cash-for-influence allegations, Jonathan and guests debate what can be learnt from the experience of the 1640s, when the Lords came under similarly intense scrutiny.

Historical readings are provided by Tim Bentinck who plays David in The Archers and who is also the 12th Earl of Portland. He was one of the hereditary peers who was disqualified from sitting in the Lords following the reforms of 1999.

Jonathan's other guests are the historian Dr Jason Peacey, Andrew Piece, assistant editor of the Daily Telegraph, Sir Christopher Kelly, chairman of the committee on Standards in Public Life and cross-bench peer Baroness Ilora Finlay of Llandaff.

TUE 09:30 The Prime Ministers (b00htl94)
Series 1

Lord North

BBC Political Editor Nick Robinson explores how Britain's prime ministers have used their power, responded to the challenges of their time and made the job what it is today.

Nick asks if history has been fair to Lord North, who is remembered as the prime minister who lost America.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00hzygp)
The Decisive Moment

Episode 2

Hari Dhillon and Amanda Burton read Jonah Lehrer's exploration of neuroscience and how the human brain makes up its mind.

How the fluctuations of a few dopamine neurons saved a battleship during the first Gulf War. Plus, how the human brain's ability to learn from experience meant that chess grand master Garry Kasparov was able to compete at the same level as a computer program, despite having far less computational power.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00hsbk0)
Heston Blumenthal; Bulgarian orphanages

Chef Heston Blumenthal on creating extraordinary dishes including ejaculating cakes. Plus examining Bulgarian institutes for children, and celebrating the life of Una Marson.

TUE 11:00 Fixing the Pedigree Dog (b00htl96)

Sue Broom looks at the genetics and health of pedigree dogs and asks if modern science and an understanding of genetics can produce a solution to make them healthier.

A recent TV documentary highlighted some severe health problems in a number of pedigree dog breeds. The breeds of most concern include Cavalier King Charles Spaniels with syringomyelia, a neurological disorder thought to be caused by too small a skull squeezing the brain. Also German shepherd dogs and Neapolitan mastiffs have a high incidence of hip dysplasia and Basset and Bloodhounds bred to be too heavy leaving them prone to arthritis and back problems.

However, as Sue discovers, there are changes being made to the

way that pedigree dogs are being bred. The Kennel Club has implemented its Fit for Function, Fit for Life campaign. Also, Crufts will be introducing new breed standards, the blueprint for a show dog. They are in the process of training judges to select dogs not only on their looks but also on their health.

These changes are welcomed by the RSPCA, but they do not believe that they go far enough and are concerned that the changes in the breed standards are too vague and open to too much interpretation by judges, many of whom are themselves breeders.

Certain breed groups do not like being dictated to and think that the problems are being overblown. But some dog breeders are actively seeking out DNA tests for disorders that affect their breed and using this information to 'breed out' unhealthy genes from their stock.

Sue finds out what this shake-up of the pedigree dog breeding world will mean for future breeds and whether or not some breeds as we know them will even survive.

TUE 11:30 From Jean Brodie to Carrie Bradshaw: Spinsters in Popular Culture (b00htl98)

Ann Widdecombe explores how single women have been depicted in popular culture. From Dickens's terrifying Miss Havisham and Muriel Spark's Miss Jean Brodie to Carrie Bradshaw in Sex and the City and Bridget Jones, why are single women so often represented as manipulative, bitter, or just desperate for a man?

Ann is content with her single status, and wants to know why it is hard to find examples of truly happy spinsters in books or on screen. She explores the horror that David Lean's depiction of Miss Havisham evoked in many of the generation that came of age in the 1940s. She goes back to her old school in Bath to meet her former teacher and to contemplate the reality of life for single women of that generation.

Ann finds out why the author of Not Married, Not Bothered, Carol Clewlow, believes that even today Jane Austen is capable of being a 'spinster heroine' and why many women seem to loathe the word 'spinster'. She also asks whether Carrie Bradshaw and Bridget Jones have as much to offer us as Barbara Pym's 'excellent women' of the 1950s and 60s.

Finally, she discovers that the word 'spinster' might be loathed, but it is far from defunct, as some journalists are now referring to single men as 'male spinsters'.

TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00hsrbf)
Call You and Yours

Presented by Winifred Robinson.

Personal information in the public domain.

Are you concerned about the amount of information held on you by public and commercial organisations? What checks do you want to see in place to make sure it is safe and secure? From what we buy in the supermarket to our travel plans and phone records, almost nothing is a secret anymore. As data is shared more and more within organisations and government departments we look at the benefits and the pitfalls.

With guests:

Dr. Ian Brown - Oxford Internet Institute
Eduardo Ustaran - Field Fisher Waterhouse
Phillip Webb - British Computer Society Government Relations Group.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00hsrzc)
The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00hsrgy)
National and international news with Shaun Ley.

TUE 13:30 Sleeve Notes (b00htmzr)

Music writer Laura Barton explains her love of the sleeve note, which was once, for many, the cherished gateway into a musical world but has now been diminished by the digitalisation of music.

She considers how the sleeve note can act as a declaration of intent from the artist, as epitomised by Johnny Cash's sleeve notes for his classic 1968 live album, At Folsom Prison, or by the inclusion of the founding declaration of the Rock Against Racism movement on the sleeve of Tom Robinson's debut album Power in the Darkness.

Poet Simon Armitage talks about being commissioned by Paul Weller to write the sleeve notes for his latest album.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00hsrjy)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b00htmtz)
The Lemon Squeezer

Comedy by Triona Adams. A young woman faces up to the realities of life when she swaps London life for an enclosed convent.

Mother Abbess Margaret Tyzack
Mother Prioress Deborah Findlay
Father Edward Sam Dale
Sister Cillian/Cecilia Rachel Atkins

Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.

TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b00htmwz)
Richard Daniel and the team discuss listeners' questions about the environment and the natural world.

TUE 15:30 Readings From Bath (b00htmyz)
Knit One Purl One

The first of three new stories by Bath writers from the stage of last year's Literature Festival in the city is a funny and tender account of a marriage, a series of summer holidays and the importance of knitting. Knit One Purl One written by Pippa Gladhill. The reader is Pippa Haywood

Producers: Sue Fry/Sara Davies.

TUE 15:45 My Alter Ego (b00ht5cn)
Eliza Vestris

Can you imagine who you might have been if you'd lived at a different point in history?

That's exactly what the presenters of My Alter Ego have been asked to do. Each programme in the series is presented by someone whose life, career, or mind-set shares some similarities with a character from history.

Programme two: Burlesque artiste, Kirsty Allan, chooses Eliza Vestris as her Alter Ego. Eliza was a trail-blazing theatrical performer who took many risks in 19th century theatre-land. Not only did she dare to reveal her lower legs, and just a little bit of thigh, but she became the first woman to run her own theatre. Eliza started off as an opera singer, but made her mark as one of the first stars of burlesque.

As founder of the Ministry of Burlesque, and as a performer herself, Kirsty is keen to point out that burlesque isn't the kind of elaborate striptease made famous by Dita von Teese. True burlesque should involve sending-up, satirising, or making mockery of something, and you don't have to take your clothes off to do that (although you can!). Eliza Vestris's most successful performance was as Don Giovanni in 'Giovanni in London' a burlesque based on Mozart's opera. This daring breeches part helped make Eliza (and her shapely legs) one of the most famous performers in the country. Kirsty Allan tells Eliza's story and describes the many parallels between the life of a 21st century burlesquer and her 19th century Alter Ego.

Producer: Karen Gregor.

TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b00htn00)
Children and the Law

Focusing on some of the ways in which the law affects children.

Judges now have the power to hand out community service punishments to parents who sabotage contact between their ex-partners and their children. Will the courts be willing to impose penalties on obstructive parents?

Also a report on how children going through care proceedings are being affected by the shortage of guardians, the professionals responsible for advising the judge on what is in the best interests of the child.

TUE 16:30 A Good Read (b00htn02)
Robyn Karney and Huw Stephens

Sue MacGregor is joined by belated author and critic Robyn Karen, and Radio 1 presenter Huw Stephens to discuss favourite books by Colum McCann, Iain Banks and David Lodge.

Dancer by Colum McCann
Publisher: Phoenix

The Wasp Factory by Iain Banks
Publisher: Abacus

The Art of Fiction by David Lodge
Publisher: Penguin

Produced by Toby Field

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00ht5mp)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00ht5pk)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

TUE 18:30 Cabin Pressure (b00cdsjs)
Series 1

Boston

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

A routine flight to Boston is disrupted by a routine fire, a routine lawsuit and a routine corpse.

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole
First Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam
Capt Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch
Arthur Shappey John Finnemore
ATC Fitton Ewen MacIntosh
Hamilton Leeman Kerry Shale
Paramedic Matilda Ziegler

Written by John Finnemore.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00hsrjy)
The doorbell and insistent knocking are a rude awakening for Matt and Lilian. Realising what's about to happen, Matt asks Lilian to stay in bed while he goes to face the music.

Matt opens the door to Detective Sergeant Hollander and Serious Fraud Office investigators. They allow Matt to ring his solicitor but they have a search warrant which they intend to execute. They start searching while Matt explains to Lilian that Chalkman's screwed up and landed Matt right in it. When DS Hollander asks the whereabouts of Stephen Chalkman, Lilian quickly reveals he's on holiday in Florida.

Matt drops the name of his friend, the assistant chief constable, into the conversation but it pulls no punches and Matt is soon arrested for fraud. At Borchester police station, Matt's questioned in the presence of his solicitor, Russell Baxter. He's charged with defrauding a bank by dishonestly representing that Chalkman Crawford Capital Partners was solvent when he knew it was not. Baxter advises Matt to make no response to the questions.

Back home, Matt tells Lilian that it's not as simple as she believes. Matt admits he has screwed up big time. This morning was only a taster. The real nightmare's just beginning.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00ht5r3)
Presented by Mark Lawson.

Writer Antonia Quirke gives her verdict on Watchmen, the film based on the iconic 1980s comic book series by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons.

Leading tenor Ian Bostridge and pianist Antonio Pappano talk to Mark about their continuing collaboration, how the credit crunch is affecting classical music and why they chose to record the third and last of Schubert's song cycles.

Mark talks to Ian Kennedy Martin about his new play, The Berlin Hanover Express, set in the Irish legation in Berlin in 1942, and about the challenges and opportunities of switching to playwriting late in life.

Following the news that Liverpool Hope University is to introduce an MA course on the Beatles, Mark consults two experts in all Beatles-related matters - authors and journalists Hunter Davies and Ray Connolly - to ascertain what they think should be on the curriculum.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00ht5xq)
The Death of Grass

Episode 2

Dramatisation of the science-fiction novel by John Christopher.

The world begins to panic as the virus spreads. But just as things seem to be calming down a little, Roger confronts John with some horrifying news.

Narrator David Mitchell
Pirrie Bruce Alexander
John Darrell Brockis
Ann Rebecca Egan
Roger Gus Brown
David Jonathan Dryden Taylor.

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b00htn04)
Teachers in the dock

Julian O'Halloran investigates claims that overreaction by schools to minor incidents or unproven allegations is ruining the careers of hundreds of innocent teachers. As efforts to protect children from abuse or cruelty are intensified, Julian asks if some safety measures have gone too far?

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00htn06)
Peter White with news and information for the blind and partially sighted.

TUE 21:00 Am I Normal? (b00htn08)
Series 6

Post-natal Depression

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

She investigates post-natal depression. More women than ever are being diagnosed with the condition, so does motherhood make women miserable or are we turning a normal, if difficult, psychological transition into an illness?

If you ask a woman who has just had a baby if she has felt sad or miserable in the last seven days, there is a fair chance that she will say yes. You might get a similar answer if you ask if she has felt scared or panicky for no good reason. These are questions on the Edinburgh Post Natal Depression Scale, a self reporting tool developed in 1987 to help identify women with post-natal depression.

The scale is now widely used by health professionals as part of efforts to help women who are struggling psychologically to access the help and support they need. However, critics claim that the scale picks up too many women who are indeed having a hard time but who are not depressed and still fails to spot women at the more severe end of the depression spectrum. So are we now better at identifying and helping women who are depressed post natively?

Vivienne Parry talks to psychiatrists Roch Cantwell and Paul Ramchandani, novelist Rachel Cusk, sociologist Ellie Lee and several mothers about what they think is normal in the post-natal period.

TUE 21:30 The Long View (b00htkpx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00ht86m)
The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00ht88m)
National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah. Including reports on the attack on Sri Lanka's cricket team in Pakistan, the government bail-out of PFI projects and Sir Alan Sugar might be impressed, but who wants apprentices?

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ht8fp)
The White Tiger

Episode 7

Sagar Arya reads Aravind Adiga's Man Booker Prize-winning satire on contemporary India. The story of Balram Halwai, the son of a rickshaw puller, who escapes the rural poverty of his village into the bright lights and corruption of the city.

As his employer's marriage falls apart and his business dealings become even more corrupt, Balram begins to dream of the glittering prizes that his new life offers.

TUE 23:00 Mastering the Universe (b00htn0b)
Series 2

Episode 2

Comedy series starring Dawn French as Professor Joy Klamp, a specialist in the art of spoiling other people's pleasure.

Investigating the fun that can be had, at other people's expense, through travel.

With Sally Grace, Katy Brand, Sally Grace, Christopher Douglas, Dan Tetsell, Brian Perkins.

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nick Newman.

TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00ht8h7)

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

WEDNESDAY 04 MARCH 2009

WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00hs9ts)

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00hzygp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hs9xx)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00hs9zt)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hsb2c)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00hsb3g)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00hsb56)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Jenny Wigley.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00hsb7p)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

WED 06:00 Today (b00hsbbs)

Presented by John Humphrys and Edward Stourton.

ITV chairman Michael Grade discusses the broadcaster's cost-cutting measures, including 600 job cuts.

Middle East reporter Katya Adler considers if Jewish settlements in the West Bank are creating further obstacles to a long-lasting peace.

Surgeon Lyndon Da Cruz discusses the international trials of revolutionary eye surgery likened to the creation of a 'bionic eye'.

Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir is expected to be indicted by the International Criminal Court (ICC) over the conflict in Darfur. Reporter Mike Thomson talks to a former government soldier who has come forward with what could be important evidence about the president's responsibility for the violence.

Lawyer Andrew Cayley says there is little chance of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir facing trial over the conflict in Darfur.

Mark Easton explains the ongoing feud between the government and the Office of National Statistics.

Thought for the day with John Bell of the Iona Community.

MP John Grogan discusses the alarming rate at which pubs are closing across the UK.

Political editor Nick Robinson assesses if Gordon Brown is showing 'humility' about the economic turmoil.

Coffee chain Starbucks has announced it is going to start selling instant coffee. Author Mark Pendergrast and Dr Tom Stafford discuss if this move has a cultural as well as commercial significance.

Immigration minister Phil Woolas has accused the ONS of having a 'naive or, at worst, sinister' attitude to statistics about immigration. He explains why the impartiality of the ONS is important.

Reporter Mike Thomson interviews former US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk; and former Israeli ambassador to the US Zalman Shoval discusses what Hillary Clinton will try to

achieve during her visit to Israel and the West Bank as US secretary of state.

Andrew Gowers, a member of the Digital Britain Report Steering Board, and TV critic Ian Hyland discuss what the future holds for public service broadcasting.

Gordon Brown will become the fifth prime minister to address the Joint Houses of Congress. Former ambassador to Washington Sir David Manning remembers the previous leaders to face the body.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b00htvd7)

Lively and diverse conversation with Libby Purves and guests.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00hzyg9)

The Decisive Moment

Episode 3

Hari Dhillon and Amanda Burton read Jonah Lehrer's exploration of neuroscience and how the human brain makes up its mind.

The defects in the emotional brain that lead us toward bad decisions such as excessive risk taking, gambling on the stock market or taking out sub-prime mortgages. What exactly is the circuitry of temptation?

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00hspk2)

Irma Kurtz on aging; Paying for sex

Agony Aunt Irma Kurtz on growing old. Plus access to osteoporosis drugs discussed, and why do some women choose to pay for sex?

WED 11:00 Whatever Happened To The Working Class (b00htvd9)

From Heroes to Zeroes

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.

The working class may have historically been aligned with the labour movement, but Margaret Thatcher's astute recognition of strong individualistic aspirations - such as the desire to own a home - changed the political landscape in ways that are still evident nearly 30 years on.

Sarfraz visits housing estates in Manchester and talks to schoolchildren, academics and politicians about the future of the working class.

WED 11:30 Clare in the Community (b00htvhj)

Series 5

Girls on Film

Clare has a new trainee social worker to break-in, Brian has football problems, plus the family centre is the focus of a documentary film.

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

Clare Sally Phillips
Brian Alex Lowe
Helen Liza Tarbuck
Ray Richard Lumsden
Megan/Nali Nina Conti
Irene Ellen Thomas
Simon Andrew Wincott
Colette/Mrs Cook Anna Bengo
Catriona Alex Tregear

Written by Harry Venning and David Ramsden.

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00hsrbh)

Presented by Winifred Robinson.

How is the telecoms sector regulated and what can those left incommunicado do about it? We speak to MP Henry Bellingham and Matthew Riley, director of Daisy Communications.

Suppliers say big stores are placing even more pressure on them

to drop their prices and are renewing calls for a Supermarkets' Ombudsman. We speak to Andrew Opie from the British Retail Consortium and Philip Hudson, the NFU's Chief Horticultural adviser.

The case of a disabled man who was forced to sell his 28,000 pound mobile home for just 8,000 pounds prompts a debate in the House of Commons.

In the second of our disabled leaders series, Peter White talks to Rachel Hurst, former chair of the British Council of Disabled People, who has spent more than 20 years lobbying the EU and the UN for disability rights.

Pre-Packaged Administration: Fans claim it's a great way of saving jobs and keeping businesses afloat; critics say creditors can lose out. Michael Jervis, insolvency expert at PricewaterhouseCoopers, explains.

Charlotte Smith takes up the challenge from Michael O'Leary (chief executive of Ryanair) to pack only 10kg of luggage for a two week holiday.

A BBC investigation discovers that jobs advertised on the government's Jobcentre Plus website didn't exist. Applicants were asked for a 'one-off training fee' to do home-working instead - but the jobs just weren't there.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00hsrd1)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00hsrh0)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

WED 13:30 The Media Show (b00htvhl)

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

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00hsrjp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b00hv3j0)

The Sensitive

A Possession

Alastair Jessiman's third play about a Glasgow psychic who uses his gifts to help police investigations. When Thomas Soutar agrees to help in the search for a music student who has been missing for a year, he becomes obsessed by the missing girl in ways that he had not expected.

Directed by Bruce Young.

WED 15:00 Money Box Live (b00htw7z)

Vincent Duggleby and guests answer calls on banking.

WED 15:30 Readings From Bath (b00hvckm)

Inappropriate Dancing

Stephanie Cole reads the second of three stories from the stage of last year's Bath Literature Festival. At the age of 81, Alice Garbuter has taken her first risk, and it feels so good she's going to take more. Inappropriate Dancing by Fran Landsman

Producers: Sue Fry/Sara Davies.

WED 15:45 My Alter Ego (b00ht5cq)

George Augustus Sala

Can you imagine who you might have been if you'd lived at a different point in history?

That's exactly what the presenters of My Alter Ego have been asked to do. Each programme in the series is presented by someone whose life, career, or mind-set shares some similarities with a character from history.

Programme 3: George Augustus Sala was a Victorian journalist, one of the best known writers of the day, whose career took off when Charles Dickens spotted his talent and published his work in 'Household Words'. Sala joined the Daily Telegraph shortly after its launch in the mid 1800s becoming a prolific leader writer and an adventurous and well-travelled foreign correspondent. He reported on the American Civil War (where his southern sympathies made him an unpopular figure) and the Franco-Prussian war (where he was arrested and thrown into jail, accused of being a spy). He would never travel anywhere without a revolver, a corkscrew, and a 'little huswife full of pins, needles and buttons'. It doesn't really compare with the Blackberry, mobile phone, and flak jacket needed by today's

foreign correspondents, but despite this, Con Coughlin (the Daily Telegraph's Executive Foreign Editor) sees many parallels with his career and Sala's. In the third programme in this series Con Coughlin explores those parallels, while telling the colourful life-story of his Victorian alter ego.

Producer: Karen Gregor.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00htwhb)

Documentaries - Intellectual Property Law

DOCUMENTARIES

Documentaries purport to reflect reality as it is, but do they? The classic 1934 film Man of Arran showed fishermen in dangerous and dramatic waters. The film won prizes around the world, but the men only agreed to go out in risky seas because they were highly paid to do so. It was a stunt and their lives were put at risk, but it made a great film.

Laurie Taylor talks to Professor Brian Winston who claims that the documentary, from Cinema Verite to Reality TV, has always had a troubled relationship to the truth and David Gauntlett, Professor of Media and communication at the University of Westminster. They consider some aesthetic and ethical aspects of documentary making.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW

Is copyright killing creativity? James Boyle is William Neal Reynolds Professor of Law at Duke Law School, North Carolina and the author of a new book The Public Domain: Enclosing the Commons of the Mind explaining the uneasy relationship between culture, copyright laws and creativity.

WED 16:30 Am I Normal? (b00htn08)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b00ht5mr)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00ht5pm)

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

WED 18:30 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00htwhd)

Series 2

Suggs

Suggs reads A Brief History of Time, listens to Vivaldi, changes the oil in a car and has his first tap-dancing lesson.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00hsrjr)

Brian ponders on where Tom's getting the money from to buy him out. Adam's really not interested but Brian won't let it go. He's even thinking of hanging on to his half and pushing the brand forward with or without Tom's help. Adam points out that if things get really bad Tom could go to court to dissolve the partnership. A legal battle would trash the brand and damage the family. Eventually Brian admits defeat. But if Tom's serious he'd better make a damn good offer.

Alan's promised to check if Shula still does riding for the disabled, for one of his parishioners. After getting the info he needs, Alan casually asks Shula how she's getting on at the cathedral. Shula informs him she's really enjoying the services.

Lilian cancels her ride, telling Shula something awkward's cropped up. Matt's going through his files again but knows it's pointless. Lilian still doesn't understand the situation and wonders if Matt's told her everything. Eventually Matt comes clean and tells her the full extent of his dodgy dealings. This time he hasn't exactly sailed close to the wind. It's more like a hurricane and he's going to see his life smashed to pieces.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00ht5r7)

Presented by John Wilson.

Rare photographs drawn from the archives of legendary explorers such as Sir John Franklin, Captain Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton are available to view freely online, in a new project from the University of Cambridge. Sir Ranulph Fiennes talks to John about his contribution to the Freeze Frame project and writer Francis Spufford reveals his thoughts on the archive.

Celebrated documentary-maker Jane Treays discusses American Teen, a new US documentary which follows four 17 year-olds through their last year at a school in a small town in Indiana.

The brainchild of rock promoter Harvey Goldsmith, the British Music Experience is a new permanent interactive music exhibition within London's O2. Harvey gives John an early preview of the attraction, and music journalist Robert Sandall offers his verdict.

Comedian Danny Robins explores a new trend in cinema-going: the secret film night. He finds out how people across the UK are turning up at unlikely locations to watch a movie, the identity of which will only be revealed once they show up at the venue.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00ht5zy)

The Death of Grass

Episode 3

Dramatisation of the science fiction novel by John Christopher.

Having broken past the roadblocks, the convoy is hoping for a clear run to Blind Gill. But a level crossing, a gatehouse and a carjack change the Custances's lives for ever.

Narrator David Mitchell
Pirrie Bruce Alexander
John Darrell Brockis
Ann Rebecca Egan
Roger Gus Brown
Man Andrew Mayer
Mr Spruce Jonathan Dryden Taylor.

WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b00htwhg)

Michael Buerk chairs a debate on the moral questions behind the week's news. With Michael Portillo, Claire Fox, Matthew Taylor and Clifford Longley.

WED 20:45 Lent Talks (b00htwhj)

In No God's Land

Six well-known figures explore ideas of the absence of God from their own perspective. Martin Bell reflects on his experience in war zones.

WED 21:00 Percy Edwards Showdown (b00htwx7)

David Attenborough stars in a new role: radio quizmaster - in a show all about Percy Edwards, who enjoyed a 70 year career impersonating birds and beasts.

That was a first, and so is this programme - a documentary game-show, combining the strange story of Percy's life, with archive of his impersonations, interviews with those who knew him, and a quiz. Among the contestants are Bill Oddie and the comedian Alex Horne.

Percy Edwards discovered his talent for talking like animals when he was seven. Dozing under a tree, he heard what he thought was a wolf-whistle and discovered that it was a bird. For several weeks, Edwards kept hearing this greenfinch and found that, with practice, he could imitate it. He even took to eating canary seed before going to bed in the hope that he would wake in the morning singing like a bird.

Eventually he was able to produce the sound of more than 600 birds, and some other beasts (his was the voice of the killer whale in Orca, the alien in Alien and he provided sheep noises for Kate Bush's song The Dreaming). He took to the stage aged 11, was a stalwart of the Generation Game in the 1970's and gave his final performance aged 80 at the London palladium in 1989. His repertoire was extraordinary, all 13 calls of the chaffinch, the strangely grinding sound of the amorous capercaillie and corgis barking in Welsh accents.

Quizmaster Attenborough will play bird calls for the teams to identify, some of which will not be the birds, but Percy's impressions, so can they tell the difference? They will be asked not only the identity of the bird, but its circumstances. Is this a cry of distress, alarm or a sexy song? Woven into the rounds will be snippets about Edwards' life from the BBC's archive? he appeared on Parkinson, Wogan and Morecambe & Wise - revealing the importance of his work for raising the public's awareness of wildlife, and the significance of his role as an ornithologist.

Percy Edwards died in 1996 aged 88.

Producers: Emma Legg and Julian May

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

WED 21:30 Midweek (b00htvd7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00ht86p)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00ht88p)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on Congress's reception to Gordon Brown's speech, Europe's fragile economies and the story of a drug addict son.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ht8fr)

The White Tiger

Episode 8

Sagar Arya reads Aravind Adiga's Man Booker Prize-winning satire on contemporary India. The story of Balram Halwai, the son of a rickshaw puller, who escapes the rural poverty of his village into the bright lights and corruption of the city.

Temptation stares Balram in the face as he sees just how deeply his employer is mired in the corruption of the city.

WED 23:00 Josie Long: All of the Planet's Wonders (b00htxbs)

Obscure Animal Facts

In her continuing quest to better herself through learning and discovering things in reference books, comedian Josie Long, explores the fantastic world of obscure animal facts in a bid to become the ultimate quiz contestant.

With her comedic cohorts, Maeve Higgins, Chris Neil, Jesse Thorne and Geoff Long.

Producer Colin Anderson

First broadcast BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

WED 23:15 One (b00771hg)

Series 1

Episode 3

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 Today in Parliament (b00ht8h9)

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

THURSDAY 05 MARCH 2009

THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00hs9tx)

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

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00hzyg9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hs9xz)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00hs9zw)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hsb2f)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00hsb3j)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00hsb58)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Jenny Wigley.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00hsb7r)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

THU 06:00 Today (b00hsbbv)

Presented by James Naughtie and Sarah Montague.

Global chief economist at Goldman Sachs Jim O'Neill discusses

how much he believes interest rates will be cut by the Bank of England.

Oxfam's spokesman for Sudan Alun McDonald discusses if its work can still be carried out in the area.

Nicholas Jones goes in search of Arthur Scargill, the former leader of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Science correspondent Tom Feilden considers if a new space telescope will find earth-like inhabitable planets.

Business editor Robert Peston reports on the current state of the Chinese economy.

Political correspondent Norman Smith reports on who the next Labour leader might be.

Thought for the day with Professor Mona Siddiqui, of the University of Glasgow.

Economic adviser George Magnus and John Cridland of the CBI discuss if workers should be made to retire at a certain age.

It is 25 years since the beginning of the miners' strike. Correspondent Bob Walker talks to a miner who returned to work after six months, crossing the picket lines. Conservative peer Norman Tebbit discusses his memories of the how government dealt with the industrial unrest.

Pakistan's former High Commissioner to London Professor Akbar Ahmed considers if Pakistan could now be considered a failed state.

Michael Summers of the Patients' Association and Professor Nick Bosanquet discuss if prescriptions should be free on the NHS.

MP Michael Connarty examines the divisions caused by the miners strike 25 years ago.

Michael Jackson will announce that he is going to do a series of 50 concerts in London. Broadcaster Paul Gambaccini and pop entrepreneur Pete Waterman discuss.

Mark Mardell considers attempts by the US to normalise relations with Russia, which were put on hold after the conflict in Georgia.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown has returned from Washington following his speech to Congress. North America editor Justin Webb and political editor Nick Robinson discuss what the US thought of Mr Brown's address.

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b00hv1dp)

The Measurement Problem in Physics

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss one of the deepest problems in contemporary physics. It's called the measurement problem and it emerged from the flurry of activity in the early 20th century that gave rise to Quantum Mechanics. If the most famous fruit in physics is an apple, the most famous animal in physics is a cat. Schrödinger's cat is named after Edwin Schrödinger, a theoretical physicist who in the early 20th century helped to develop the radical theories of Quantum Mechanics. The cat does not actually exist – it is the subject of a thought experiment – in which the rules of quantum mechanics make it appear both dead and alive at the same time. The problem of a cat that is both dead and alive illustrates the challenges of quantum physics and at the heart of this apparent absurdity is a thing called the measurement problem. The measurement problem arises because we don't really understand how the atoms that constitute our world behave. They are fundamentally mysterious to us, even shocking, and they defy our attempts to measure and make sense of them. Possible solutions range from the existence of multiple realities to the rather more mundane possibility of an error in our mathematics - but a solution, if found, could transform our understanding of reality. With Basil Hiley, Emeritus Professor of Physics at Birkbeck, University of London, Simon Saunders, Reader in Philosophy of Physics and University Lecturer in Philosophy of Science at the University of Oxford; Roger Penrose, Emeritus Rouse Ball Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00hzygc)

The Decisive Moment

Episode 4

Hari Dhillon and Amanda Burton read Jonah Lehrer's exploration of neuroscience and how the human brain makes up its mind.

Exploring the crucial role of the pre-frontal cortex in decision-making. How a firefighter's ability to think creatively in the middle of a horrific bush fire proved to be a life-saving decision.

How is the human brain able to process huge amounts of information under great time pressure, and where is the seat of rational thought?

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00hspk4)

Glenys Kinnock; Lance Corporal Martyn Compton

Glenys Kinnock on her life in politics, plus Martyn and Michelle Compton on surviving severe injury in Afghanistan, and the first British women world bobsleigh champions.

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b00hv1dr)

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

THU 11:30 Bombay's Beatle (b00hv1dt)

Sarraz Manzoor visits Mumbai to visit some of the musicians who were recruited in 1968 by George Harrison to help him record the soundtrack to the psychedelic film Wonderwall

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00hsrbk)

Presented by Winifred Robinson.

A family suing the Bank of Scotland for harassment have lost their case at Truro County Court.

John Waite's Face the Facts investigation into Vioxx highlighted how thousands of people had suffered heart attacks and strokes after taking it. Since then a further side-effect of taking Vioxx has come to light.

Edinburgh City's bid to install trams has halted in a dispute over a contract. Dave Anderson, Edinburgh City Council's Director of City Development, discusses.

Hundreds of workers have lost their case as the European Court of Justice rules in favour of maintaining a mandatory retirement age in Britain. Dame Joan Bakewell gives her views.

Cornwall is calling for a bank holiday to honour their local saint, St Piran.

Jack Ashley became the first deaf MP when he lost his hearing more than 40 years ago. Since then he has campaigned constantly for disability rights, including setting up the Parliamentary All Party Disability Group and pressing the Government to introduce the Disability Discrimination Act.

Peter Hughes has invented a speed bump that we may soon see everywhere from supermarket car parks to residential streets.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00hsrd3)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00hsrh2)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

THU 13:30 Off the Page (b00hv1dw)

Ambition

Dominic Arkwright, Terence Blacker, Tina Lamb and Shaun Bailey discuss what motivates us to try and succeed in life. From March 2009.

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00hsrjr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00hv1dz)

Iain M Banks - The State of the Art

The State of The Art

By Iain M. Banks
Dramatised by Paul Cornell

The Culture ship Arbitrary arrives on Earth in 1977 and finds a planet obsessed with alien concepts like 'property' and 'money' and on the edge of self-destruction. When Agent Dervley Linter, decides to go native can Diziet Sma change his mind?

The Ship Antony Sher
Diziet Sma Nina Sosanya
Dervley Linter Paterson Joseph
Li Graeme Hawley
Tel Brigit Forsyth
Sodel Conrad Nelson

Directed by Nadia Molinari.

THU 15:02 Open Country (b00hrg9w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00hrt8n)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Readings From Bath (b00hvcpk)

The Successor

Pippa Haywood reads a third story recorded on stage at last year's Bath Literature Festival. An ex-wife looks on in disapproval at her husband's choice of her successor, but her criticism turns to helplessness as danger threatens. The Successor written by Rachel Fixsen.

Producers: Sue Fry/Sara Davies.

THU 15:45 My Alter Ego (b00ht5cs)

Kathleen Raine

Can you imagine who you might have been if you'd lived at a different point in history?

That's what the presenters of My Alter Ego have been asked to do. Each programme in the series is presented by someone whose life, career, or mind-set shares some similarities with a character from history.

Kathleen Raine was one of the outstanding poets of the 20th century. Born in 1908, and dying at the age of 95 in 2003, she produced a large and critically acclaimed body of work. Philip Larkin said of her 1956 book of collected poems: 'Her work lacks every quality traditionally associated with the title poetess: there is no domesticity, no cosiness, and love poems of a personal nature, the introduction tells us, have also gone, what remains is the vatic and universal'. The poet Katrina Porteous can identify with much of Kathleen Raine's life and work: they share Scottish roots, a Cambridge education, and a connection with Northumberland where Kathleen was evacuated during the 1st World War, and where Katrina has chosen to live. Kathleen had a deep, but ultimately unhappy friendship with the author Gavin Maxwell. She was devoted to him, and inspired by him, regarding him as a muse, but their chaste friendship broke down and Kathleen blamed herself for this. Katrina Porteous was given the autobiographies of Kathleen Raine by a friend who recognised similarities between Kathleen's sources of inspiration and something Katrina herself had experienced. On today's My Alter Ego, Katrina discusses the connections in life and poetry - between her and Kathleen Raine.

Producer: Karen Gregor.

THU 16:00 Bookclub (b00hs8xq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00hv1f2)

Darwin and the Eye - Kepler's New Astronomy

Darwin and the Eye

Quentin Cooper hears about the latest remarkable example of natural selection - a fish eye that focuses light using a dish-shaped mirror - and how it illustrates Charles Darwin's 150-year-old theory.

Darwin recognised that the eye, in all its perfection, could represent a real problem for the theory of evolution. But in fact, with hundreds of different seeing organs specialising in different functions across the animal kingdom, the eye actually reveals the great inventiveness of natural selection.

Kepler's New Astronomy

The International Year of Astronomy 2009 is celebrating the birth of modern astronomy, reminding the world of Galileo's first use of the telescope to study the heavens 400 years ago.

What's being overlooked in the clamour is the Nova Astronomia or New Astronomy published by Galileo's contemporary Johannes Kepler the same year.

Insisting on physical causes underlying planetary motions, this volume demonstrated conclusively that the Earth orbits the Sun, and not the other way round.

And the work led directly to Newton's law of Gravity.

THU 17:00 PM (b00ht5mt)

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

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00ht5pp)

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

THU 18:30 Old Harry's Game (b00hv1f4)

Series 7

Episode 3

The presence of a baby is turning the residents of Hell all soft - Scumspawn becomes the first demon to wear a papoose, and Satan tries to locate "Satan Junior's" real family.

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

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THU 19:00 The Archers (b00hsrjt)

Ruth makes Pip a 'local' packed lunch but the cranberry juice breaks the rules. Pip wants to help with the milking but Ruth encourages her to do her homework.

Pip's produced some leaflets promoting local food and asks Tony to put them in his veg boxes. Tony praises her initiative but points out that it disadvantages farmers in the developing world. Realising this could ruin fairtrade, Pip sees a virtuous get-out which would mean she could enjoy brazil nut cookies.

Lilian's out riding to clear her head. She's in no mood to chat to David about Neil's dilemma over what colour to paint the inside of the phone box.

Tom's delighted that Brian's finally agreed to sell his share of the Tom Archer business. Pat and Tony are pleased, but feel uneasy about the secrecy surrounding Tom's new partner.

Tom's anxious to hear from Matt. Brenda points out that Matt's a busy man and he isn't necessarily going to call tonight, but she tries to share Tom's enthusiasm. Tom knows how pleased Matt will be that Brian's ready to sell, so it doesn't matter if Matt doesn't call tonight - or tomorrow. He's bound to get back to Tom in the next few days.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00ht5r9)

Presented by Mark Lawson.

Mark was at the opening night of Tina Turner's European concert tour. He is joined by writer and journalist Dreda Say Mitchell to ask if Tina is still 'simply the best'.

Mark talks to novelist and screenwriter Neil Cross, who has written episodes for the TV spy series Spooks. Cross also discusses his latest novel, Burial.

A new BBC2 series, Rocket Science, documents a Merseyside schoolteacher's attempt to overturn his pupils' prejudices against the subject of science. But where does the phrase 'rocket science' come from? Linguist and author David Crystal reveals the history of this and other scientific clichés.

Mark explores the phenomenon of unimpressed parents, following reports that film director Danny Boyle's father described his son's multiple Oscar-winning movie, Slumdog Millionaire, as 'reasonable'. Mark also hears from actor Anthony Sher, writers Tony Harrison and Hanif Kureishi and artist Michael Landy.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00ht62v)

The Death of Grass

Episode 4

Dramatisation of the science-fiction novel by John Christopher.

The journey to Blind Gill continues, with one addition to the group and one sudden, shocking loss. Both events shed new light on the increasingly disturbing behaviour of Mr Pirrie.

Narrator David Mitchell
Pirrie Bruce Alexander
John Darrell Brockles
Ann Rebecca Egan
Roger Gus Brown
Millicent Pirrie Abigail Burdess
Olivia Buckley Morag Cross.

THU 20:00 Seven Days (b00hv1f6)

In Oldham

As the town launches an enquiry into excessive alcohol consumption, Jenny Cuffe spends a week in Oldham with those people who are developing new ways to intervene in the lives of heavy drinkers.

THU 20:30 Analysis (b00hv1f8)

The Threat of Thrift

After decades of easy credit, Chris Bowlby asks if the concept of thrift has lost its moral attraction and if its revival could further damage the economy.

THU 21:00 Leading Edge (b00hv1fb)

Nuclear Power, Science and Politics and Near Death Experience

Nuclear Power

The recent decision by a handful of prominent green activists to go public on their change of heart about nuclear power was, to many environmentalists, heresy. To others, who've long argued for nuclear power it came as a welcome relief. But is the nuclear option sustainable? Professor Kevin Anderson of the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research and Professor Robin Grimes of Imperial College debate the issues with Geoff Watts.

Science Friction

Science aims to deal in verifiable fact; politics has to take account of other less tangible factors, most of them subjective and many of them contentious.

Fiona Fox, director of the Science Media Centre, is unhappy about a couple of recent cases where the meeting between science and politics was fraught – in her view, unnecessarily so.

Heart Disease

Disease of the coronary artery is a major killer and most people with a problem don't discover it until they develop symptoms. Existing tests for heart disease are either less than exacting, or expensive and invasive. What's really needed is a simple non-invasive test that can warn of the onset of heart disease before symptoms appear. Professor Anna Dominiczak of Glasgow University thinks she's on the way to developing such a test, by sampling not blood, but urine.

Near Death Experience

A recent conference brought together doctors, psychologists and others with an interest in near-death and other out-of-body phenomena. Martin Redfern reports.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00hv1dp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00ht86r)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00ht88r)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ht8ft)

The White Tiger

Episode 9

Sagar Arya reads Aravind Adiga's Man Booker Prize-winning satire on contemporary India. The story of Balram Halwai, the son of a rickshaw puller, who escapes the rural poverty of his village into the bright lights and corruption of the city.

Balram's fateful decision has been made and now is the moment when he passes the point of no return.

THU 23:00 Inside Alan Francis (b00hv1rj)

Episode 3

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

Alan and Jane are due to meet at the solicitors.

With Julian Dutton, Barnaby Power, Kali Peacock. Written by Alan Francis with Julian Dutton, Anthony Neilson and Richard Turner.

Producer: Julia McKenzie

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THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00ht8hc)

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

FRIDAY 06 MARCH 2009**FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00hs9v0)**

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00hzygc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00hs9y1)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00hs9zy)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00hsb2h)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00hsb3l)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00hsb5b)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Jenny Wigley.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00hsb7l)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00hsbbx)

Presented by Sarah Montague and James Naughtie.

The information watchdog has shut down a company which it says sold workers' confidential data. The deputy information commissioner David Smith discusses what action will be taken.

Reporter Nicola Stanbridge visits one independent school in south-west London to discover the problems with teaching science at GCSE.

John Howson of the Magistrates' Association discusses if the overcrowding problem could be alleviated by giving magistrates' courts more power.

Young Scientist Peter Hadfield explains what motivated him to get involved in science.

Science correspondent Tom Feilden reports on the request for more compensation for people born with deformities due to the drug thalidomide.

Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland Sir Hugh Orde discusses why members of an army special forces unit are being deployed to help gather intelligence on dissident Republicans.

Dr Alan Outram of Exeter University discusses if horses were domesticated rather earlier than once thought.

Thought for the day with Lord Harries of Pentregarth, the Gresham Professor of Divinity.

John Dunford of the Association of School and College Leavers and headmaster John Welsh discuss if GCSEs still challenge pupils.

Foreign Secretary David Miliband says the situation in Pakistan is very grave.

The explorer Pen Hadow has now embarked on his journey to the Arctic. He discusses his progress with the writer and explorer Benedict Allen.

Alan Ritchie of Ucat says workers who raise issues of health and safety have been placed on blacklists.

Director of the Centre for European Reform Charles Grant and Conservative MEP Daniel Hannan discuss the stability of the euro.

Liu Weimin, spokesman for the Chinese embassy in London, discusses how China intends to continue its modernisation.

Broadcaster Andrew Neil and journalist Nick Davies discuss the current quality of investigative journalism in the UK.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00ht91)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00hzygf)

The Decisive Moment

Episode 5

Hari Dhillon and Amanda Burton read Jonah Lehrer's exploration of neuroscience and how the human brain makes up its mind.

Exploring the certainty trap - a potential hazard for pundits and politicians alike. It feels good to be certain, but this can lead each of us to pretend that our mind is in full agreement with itself, even when it is not. In other words, we trick ourselves into being sure. But is it possible to use our knowledge of the brain to avoid such pitfalls?

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00hspk6)

Marie McCourt; The arrest of Roxana Saberi

Marie McCourt on coming to terms with her daughter's disappearance and death. Plus microfinancing in the developing world discussed, and Roxana Saberi's father on her arrest.

FRI 11:00 Hairspray and Harmonies (b00hv33b)

Episode 2

Kit Hesketh-Harvey follows the Birmingham-based ladies barbershop chorus Second City Sound.

Kit meets up with the group in Harrogate as it prepares to compete in the Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers.

FRI 11:30 HR (b00hv33d)

Series 1

A Role-Play

Peter discovers that he has to reapply for his own job. But he's not the only one...

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 March 2009.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00hsrbm)

Presented by Peter White.

Reports include:

A South Wales-based TV and home furnishings seller which has been criticised for charging high rates of interest.

Ian Macmillan ponders the significance of the necktie. Why does the wearing, or not wearing, of this tiny piece of material mean so much?

Tickets for Michael Jackson's O2 concerts don't go on general sale until Friday 13 March 2009 - but tickets are already on sale via the internet at five to six times their face value.

Is the fall in sterling good news for UK tourism? Sandie Dawe is the acting chief executive of Visit Britain and in charge of marketing Britain overseas as a tourist destination.

Andrew Lee has learning difficulties and has gone through many of the experiences associated with that impairment - being bullied, dead-end jobs and deterred from having children. He is now director of People First, the national campaigning organisation run by people with learning difficulties.

The voluntary Mountain Rescue Service is struggling financially and has asked the government for a VAT exemption. The issue was raised in the House of Lords this week. We report on the result.

Four people involved in a boiler room fraud that conned 500 investors out of more than 2.4 million pounds have been found guilty at the end of an eight-week trial at Southwark Crown Court.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00hsrd5)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00hsrh4)

National and international news with James Robbins.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00hv33g)

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

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00hsrjt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b00hvgbt)

Brett Goldstein - Success Story

When Ray's low-budget film is picked up by a major studio his dreams of Hollywood start to become a reality. Then, holed up in a hotel room doing endless publicity interviews, he finds the past coming back to bite him. By Brett Goldstein.

Ray Geoffrey Streatfeild
Tara Caroline Catz
Emily Sasha Pick
Kristen Laurel Lefkow

Directed by Toby Swift.

FRI 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00hwbpb)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

John Cushnie, Matthew Biggs and Pippa Greenwood answer questions posed by gardeners at the Chipstead Flower Show Association in Surrey.

Including the Gardeners' Question Time gardening weather forecast.

FRI 15:45 My Alter Ego (b00ht5cv)

Varaztad Kazanjian

Can you imagine who you might have been if you'd lived at a different point in history?

That's exactly what the presenters of My Alter Ego have been asked to do. Each programme in the series is presented by someone whose life, career, or mind-set shares some similarities with a character from history.

Programme 5:

One of the heroes of the First World War was an American surgeon who was posted with the British army. His name was Varaztad Kazanjian and as an Armenian refugee he had escaped the massacre of his people in Turkey in 1895. He settled in Worcester, Massachusetts and - along with many other Armenians - took a job in the local wire factory. There he worked long, hot hours but was determined to make a better life, and dedicated himself to years of evening classes. Eventually he decided to try for a career as a dentist, and in 1902 was accepted by Harvard Dental School, qualifying in 1905. He was happily married and successfully running his own dental practice when the First World War broke out, but he volunteered to join the Harvard Medical Corps, posted to a huge tented hospital complex in northern France. There he began to treat some of the worst injuries suffered in trench warfare - jaws, noses, cheeks and skulls shattered by bullets and grenades. Although he wasn't a qualified surgeon, he had become known for treating the kind of facial injuries and disfigurements neglected by the general medical community, and he brought this passion and expertise to bear in France. Many soldiers, who would otherwise have suffered dreadful scarring and lifelong pain, had their injuries expertly treated by Kazanjian. It was said that he advanced the field of plastic surgery by 50 years during the four years he served the British army. He received an honorary knighthood from King George the 5th, and became one of the most respected reconstructive facial surgeons in the world. (At one stage treating Sigmund Freud, whose jaw had been eaten away by cancer).

Telling the story of Varaztad Kazanjian is Professor Iain Hutchison. He is founder and Chief Executive of The Facial Surgery Research Foundation and is one of the world's leading reconstructive facial surgeons. His mother was a Jewish doctor who escaped the Nazis in Austria; his first career was in dentistry, before specialising in oral and maxillo-facial surgery; and - like Kazanjian - he has operated on some of the most difficult cases of facial injury and disfigurement, all the while advancing and developing this particular area of surgery.

Producer: Karen Gregor.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00hwtj3)

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 (b00hwtj5)

Francine Stock talks to Julian Fellowes, the actor and Oscar-winning writer of Gosford Park, about his latest script, Young Victoria. Plus director Ole Christian Madsen talks about his popular but controversial war movie, Flame and Citron, which investigates the role of the Resistance movement against the Nazi occupation of Denmark.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00ht5mw)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00ht5pr)

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

FRI 18:30 The Now Show (b00hwtj7)

Series 27

Episode 1

Comedy sketches and satirical comments from Steve Punt, Hugh Dennis and the team including Mitch Benn, Laura Shavin, Jon Holmes and Jon Richardson.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00hsrjw)

Caroline loathes having to let staff go. Oliver feels guilty for not being more supportive of Grey Gables, so he's made a decision to. He's going to retire from farming but is considering setting up a tenancy for Ed, who might be able to afford a reasonable rent plus a loan to buy the stock.

Brian tells Matt he's washing his hands of his business interest with Tom but Matt's attention is elsewhere until Brian mentions Chalkman being in trouble. Matt's relieved to hear that Brian's guessing Chalky has woman trouble, and tells Brian he hasn't got time for gossip.

Neil's pleased to hear Nic's moving back in with Will. Will hasn't told Eddie and Clarrie officially but Nic's got a school place for Jake so it's looking likely.

Neil is busy painting the phone box. After being rebuffed by Caroline, Eddie tries to sell him chocolate, hoping he'll take a load like Jazzer did earlier.

Matt's meeting with his solicitor, Russell, wasn't encouraging. Lillian assumes everything will be sorted when Chalkman gets back from America but Matt tells her straight. If things go badly when this comes to court, he's facing a seriously long stretch inside.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00ht5rc)

Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle.

Presented by Kirsty Lang.

Stand-up comedian Stewart Lee discusses his return to television with Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle. He also talks about healthy rivalries between stand-ups, political correctness, atheism and co-writing Jerry Springer The Opera.

Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning play, Dancing at Lughnasa, reflecting rural Ireland in the 1930s, returns to London for the first major revival since its premiere nearly 20 years ago. Novelist and critic Sarah Dunant reviews.

Kirsty visits the home of the late Khadambi Asalache, where his partner Susie Thompson and Ian Wilson of the National Trust take her on a tour of the magical building.

With rumours that Blockbuster might be in financial trouble, and some video stores closing, Andrew Collins reflects on the films that feature video stores and the people who work in them, From Be Kind Rewind to Yes Man.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00ht63q)

The Death of Grass

Episode 5

Dramatisation of the science fiction novel by John Christopher.

The end of the journey is in sight but there are still plenty of obstacles ahead. At the last of them, John has to make an agonising choice.

Narrator David Mitchell
Pirrie Bruce Alexander
John Darrell Brockis
Ann Rebecca Egan
Roger Gus Brown

Ashton Andrew Mayer.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00hwvf7)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Sutton, Surrey.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00hwvf9)

Katharine Whitehorn reflects on images of women in the media.

FRI 21:00 Stone (b0077495)

Series 1

Mary Shane

By Danny Brocklehurst.

DCI John Stone is investigating the high profile case of a missing teenage girl, Louise Sands. Then Mary Shane, 80, turns up insisting that she must speak to Stone and confesses to murdering three people 60 years earlier.

Mary Shane Anne Reid
DCI Stone Hugo Speer
Kate Suranne Jones
Catriona Zoe Henry
Tanner Craig Cheetham
Sally Danielle Henry
Jack Leary James Nickerson
Ken Terence Mann
Ryan Aidan Parsons

Directed by Nadia Molinari.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00ht86t)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00ht88t)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on the prospects of a new relationship between Washington and Moscow, US unemployment rises to a 25-year high, a French whingeing website proves a surprising hit in America and what will be the future shape of the economy in a post-recession Britain.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00ht8fw)

The White Tiger

Episode 10

Sagar Arya reads Aravind Adiga's Man Booker Prize-winning satire on contemporary India. The story of Balram Halwai, the son of a rickshaw puller, who escapes the rural poverty of his village into the bright lights and corruption of the city.

Balram has made it out of the darkness and into the dazzle of entrepreneurial success. The cost has been high, and could be even higher in the future, but for the White Tiger the price has been worth it.

FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b00htn02)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00ht8hf)

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Mark D'Arcy.