

**SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2009****SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00j1fhs)**

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

**SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00hz020)**

The Settler's Cookbook

Episode 5

Yasmin Alibhai-Brown reads her memoir of her childhood in Uganda and move to Britain in the 1970s.

Yasmin arrives in London in 1972 and finds a country rife with industrial unrest and casual racism. Terrified by stories of Amin's reprisals back home and shocked by the sights of fellow Ugandans arriving penniless and bewildered at British airports, Yasmin hopes to find refuge in the ivory towers of Oxford University.

Instead she encounters further prejudice, albeit of a less overt nature. Finally, when her fragile marriage buckles under the hedonistic pressures of the hippy revolution, Yasmin retreats to her cookery books and the recipes that were handed down by her beloved mother.

**SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00j1fhv)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00j1fhx)**

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

**SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00j1fhz)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00j1fj1)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00j1fj3)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Glenn Jordan.

**SAT 05:45 IPM (b00j1fj5)**

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

**SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00j1hxx)**

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

**SAT 06:04 Weather (b00j1z09)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00j1z0c)**

As Snowdon emerges from a tough winter, Helen Mark meets the people and wildlife that make their home on the highest mountain in Wales.

**SAT 06:30 Farming Today This Week (b00j1z0f)**

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

**SAT 06:57 Weather (b00j1z0h)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 07:00 Today (b00j1z0k)**

Presented by John Humphrys and Sarah Montague.

Stephanie Flanders reports on the meeting between G20 finance ministers in the UK.

State department correspondent Kim Ghattas speaks to Charles Freeman about his withdrawal from the role as head of the US National Intelligence Council.

Yesterday in Parliament with Mark D'Arcy.

Professor Mary Beard discusses her research into the oldest surviving joke book.

Reporter Jack Izzard meets one mother whose son was turned down by all three of the schools to which he applied. Solicitor Anita Chopra discuss how some parents have begun to make appeals against such decisions.

An encounter on US television between the Daily Show's Jon

Stewart and Mad Money's Jim Cramer has been causing a stir. Richard Lister reports on whether the financial media had deliberately obscured the growing banking crisis in the chase for ratings and profits.

Thought for the day with Canon David Winter.

Journalists Deborah Haynes and Sudarsan Raghavan discuss the judicial system in Iraq.

Chancellor Alistair Darling discusses if the G20 countries will be in agreement on the major issues.

Jonah Fisher reports on the political tension in Madagascar which has brought the country to the brink of military intervention.

Italian actor and director Roberto Benigni explains his rather unusual one-man show TuttoDante (Everything About Dante).

MP David Davies and protestor Abu Omar discuss if there is a right to protest against the military.

US singer-songwriter Lyle Lovett discusses his music with reporter Nicola Stanbridge.

Jo Berry, daughter of Sir Anthony Berry, who was killed in an IRA bomb, and Canon David Porter, Canon for Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral, discuss how Northern Ireland has reacted to the recent violence.

Economist Steven Bell and journalist Gillian Tett discuss what can be achieved at the G20 summit.

**SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00j1zdd)**

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. As Northern Ireland deals with a revival of sectarian violence, Richard Coles talks to a man who helped start a non-denominational school.

Richard talks to Sarah Stockbridge, who was Vivienne Westwood's muse before becoming an actress and now novelist.

Autophobic Paul Craney describes how he overcame his fear of himself.

Plus the Saturday Life of Newmarket stable lad George McGrath, the Inheritance Tracks of chef Heston Blumenthal and poetry from Luke Wright.

**SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00j1zgg)**

John McCarthy explores the adventures, frustrations and joys of travel.

**SAT 10:30 Simon Schama - Baseball and Me (b00yhqcf)**

Episode 2

After 30 years in America, English-born historian Simon Schama wonders why he's still bewitched by the ever-popular sport.

**SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00j2003)**

A look behind the scenes at Westminster, presented by Peter Riddell.

**SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00j2005)**

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

**SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00j22t3)**

Paul Lewis with the latest news from the world of personal finance. Including reports on how government action to boost the economy will reduce pension income for some; complaints that the government loan scheme to help small business is not delivering what it promised; and claims that fraudsters are targeting customers of a communications giant in a mobile phone insurance scam.

**SAT 12:30 The Now Show (b00j1f9k)**

Series 27

Episode 2

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

**SAT 12:57 Weather (b00j22t5)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 13:00 News (b00j22t7)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00j1f9m)**

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Londonderry. The panel are Professor Monica McWilliams, chief commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, Lord Paul Bew, Professor of Irish Politics at Queen's University, Belfast, political commentator and author Eamonn McCann and editor-in-chief of The Economist, John Micklethwait.

**SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00j22t9)**

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

**SAT 14:30 The Complete Ripley (b00j22tc)**

Ripley's Game

by Patricia Highsmith. Ian Hart stars as charming, cultured Tom Ripley, in Patricia Highsmith's classic thriller. Tom sets up a man he dislikes to carry out two perfect murders but an attack of conscience propels him on to a train to take on the Mafia.

Tom Ripley...Ian Hart  
Heloise...Helen Longworth  
Madame Annette...Caroline Guthrie  
Reeves Minot...Paul Rider  
Jonathan Trevanny...Tom Brooke  
Simone Trevanny...Janice Acquah  
Gauthier...Philip Fox  
Marcangelo...Matt Addis  
Lippo...Sam Dale

Dramatist Alan McDonald

Director Steven Canny  
Producer Claire Grove.

**SAT 15:30 Ken Clarke's Jazz Greats (b00j0c2f)**

Series 7

Charlie Parker

Ken Clarke MP profiles great jazz musicians of the 20th Century.

Ken talks to British jazz musician Soweto Kinch about saxophonist Charlie Parker, one of the founding fathers of the bebop movement. After moving to New York in 1939, he worked with Dizzy Gillespie and helped to push the boundaries of the form. However, his life and career were blighted by a heroin addiction which killed him at the age of just 34.

**SAT 16:00 Weekend Woman's Hour (b00j24qz)**

Highlights of this week's Woman's Hour programmes with Jane Garvey. Including reports on Kathleen Sibelius, President Obama's nomination for health secretary, the late Susan Tsvangirai, children's author Jacqueline Wilson on her school days and a discussion on whether a birth that takes place with an epidural is normal or not.

**SAT 17:00 PM (b00j24r1)**

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

**SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b00j24r3)**

Advertising seems to be everywhere these days, but with new technology on the march and the global economy facing a recession, has the ad industry had its day? Evan Davis talks to marketing chief Sir Martin Sorrell; Guy Laurence, chief executive of Vodafone UK; and Richard Brown of Eurostar. They discuss hindsight - what have they learned from past mistakes that is of any use to them now?

**SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00j24r5)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 17:57 Weather (b00j24r7)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00j24r9)**

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

**SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00j24rc)**

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

**SAT 19:00 Profile (b00j24rf)**

Declan Ganley

Lucy Ash profiles Declan Ganley, the Irish tycoon who has launched his own political party in the UK, Libertas, which aims to bring more democracy to the European Union and plans to fight every seat in the 2009 European elections.

**SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00j24rh)**

The Burning Plain, and Zena el Khalil's novel Beirut, I Love You

The week's cultural highlights transport Tom Sutcliffe and his guests to the Middle East, via Zena el Khalil's novel Beirut, I Love You and a promenade play set amid the dangers of Jordan.

**The Burning Plain**

Guillermo Arriaga, screenwriter of Amores Perros and 21 Grams, is famous for his teasing, split-time take on movie storytelling. In his debut as a director, Charlize Theron plays a sad, sex-addicted restaurant manager. Kim Basinger is a worn-out mum renewed by an affair with a married Mexican man. And a young, motherless girl watches her father suffer a terrible accident. But when their stories come together, does the film add up to more than the sum of its parts?

The Burning Plain is on selected release now, certificate fifteen.

**Mythologies**

London's Museum of Mankind was home to the British Museum's ethnographic collection until it closed in 1998. After a decade with no very clear purpose, it has been reinvented as the home of the commercial gallery Haunch of Venison. Their first show aims to turn the whole space into a cabinet of curiosities – but how curious did it leave the panel?

Mythologies continues at the new Haunch of Venison gallery in central London until 26 April.

**Stovepipe**

Tom, Rory, David and Susannah visit the Jordanian capital Amman – as recreated in a west London shopping centre. In Adam Brace's new promenade play, the audience become conference delegates, civilians in a curfew and mourners, as they follow the story of a British soldier turned private security guard. Alan is trying to find his friend Eddy, who has gone AWOL in a city overshadowed by the conflict in Iraq.

Stovepipe continues at the West 12 shopping centre in West London until 26 April. Check the Bush Theatre and the National Theatre for details.

**Beirut, I Love You**

The artist Zena el-Khalil was born in London, grew up in Nigeria, and went to university in Beirut and New York. During the 2006 Lebanon War she maintained a blog recording the impact of the conflict from inside the Lebanese capital. Now, in her first novel, she explores why, of all the places in the world she could live, she has for so long been drawn to Beirut. Beirut, I Love You by Zena el-Khalil is published by Saqi Books.

**SAT 20:00 Archive on 4 (b00j24rk)**

Radio Sales

Brian Hayes looks back over 80 years of advertising on radio in the UK. Amid the changing fashions he finds some of the most finely-crafted, punchy, emotional and entertaining radio, as well as some of the most amateurish.

**SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00hy5yt)**

Rendezvous with Rama

**Episode 2**

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

What is the secret at the heart of the space object known as Rama and why, years after the event, has Commander William Norton never spoken about what he found there?

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.

**SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00j24y3)**

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

**SAT 22:15 Decision Time (b00j0bbw)**

The BBC's Political Editor Nick Robinson shines a light on the process by which controversial decisions are reached behind closed doors in Whitehall. With a panel of inside experts, he examines the problems that future governments will face and hear the arguments about how they might be resolved.

**SAT 23:00 Counterpoint (b00hzf58)**

Series 23

**2009 Heat 1**

Paul Gambaccini chairs the general knowledge music quiz.

The questions cover every aspect of music - from the classical repertoire to world music, show tunes, film scores, jazz, rock and pop.

Three contestants battle it out:

Brenda Mortimer from Camberley  
David Roy from Bushey  
Paul Tobin from Taunton

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

**SAT 23:30 Poetry Please (b00hy60k)**

Roger McGough celebrates the work of Vernon Scannell and Stevie Smith, and looks forward to spring in a selection of listeners' requests including the work of MR Peacocke, a keen observer of the natural world.

Usually March by Kevin Nichols

Tusking by Mick Imlah

From: Birthmarks  
Published: Chatto & Windus

The Jungle Husband by Stevie Smith  
From: Stevie Smith, Collected Poems  
Published: Penguin

Not Waving but Drowning by Stevie Smith  
From: Stevie Smith, Collected Poems  
Published: Penguin

Lie in the Dark and Listen by Noel Coward  
From: More Poetry Please  
Published: JM Dent & Sons Ltd

I Remember by Stevie Smith  
From: Stevie Smith, Collected Poems  
Published: Penguin

The World and Mrs Elphinstone by M.R. Peacocke  
From: In Praise of Aunts  
Published: Peterloo

Winter Solstice by M.R. Peacocke  
From: In Praise of Aunts  
Published: Peterloo

Naming of Poets by Vernon Scannell  
From: New & Collected Poems 1950-1980  
Published: Robson Books

Taken in Adultery by Vernon Scannell  
From: New & Collected Poems 1950-1980  
Published: Robson Books

Hendon Central by Ruth Fainlight  
From: Sugar-Paper Blue  
Published: Bloodaxe

Somerset August by Ruth Fainlight  
From: Sugar-Paper Blue  
Published: Bloodaxe

Spring in the City by Ruth Fainlight  
From: Selected Poems Ruth Fainlight  
Published: Sinclair Stevenson

Trees Cannot Name the Seasons by Roger McGough  
From: Collected Poems Roger McGough  
Published: Penguin

**SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2009****SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00j26wq)**

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

**SUN 00:30 Lent Talks (b00j0ndf)**

Crave for Less

Six well-known figures explore ideas of the absence of God from their own perspective. Richard Holloway searches for the reality of God's presence in absence.

**SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00j26ws)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00j26ww)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00j26wx)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00j26wz)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00j26x1)**

The sound of bells from St Bartholomew the Great, Smithfield in London.

**SUN 05:45 Profile (b00j24rf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00j26x3)**

The latest national and international news.

**SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00j26x5)**

Behaving Virtually

Mike Wooldrige considers some of the questions raised by the expansion of the digital world. Is it possible to say what is real and what is virtual, or where the line between them lies? Are online communities and relationships 'real', does anonymity make us more or less our real selves in the digital world and is there any room for the spiritual in the virtual?

**SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b00j26x7)**

Topical farming magazine. Alex James meets some of the youngsters who spend time at Highfields farm in Derbyshire with its owners Roger and Beryl Hosking. They run a care farm that allows young people aged between 14 and 16 to visit and learn new skills.

**SUN 06:57 Weather (b00j26x9)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00j26xc)**

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

**SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00j26xf)**

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

**SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00j26xh)**

St Giles Trust

Jenny Agutter appeals on behalf of St Giles Trust.

**SUN 07:58 Weather (b00j26xk)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00j26xm)**

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

**SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00j26xp)**

Smell

Observing Lent through the senses. From St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. Led by Father Brendan Smyth. Preacher: Father Hugh Kennedy. Director of Music: Nigel McClintock.

**SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00j1f9p)**

Katharine Whitehorn reflects on the aged and the part they have to play in mainstream society.

**SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00j26xr)**

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

**SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00j26xt)**

The week's events in Ambridge.

**SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00j26xw)**

Baaba Maal

Kirsty Young's castaway this week is the musician Baaba Maal. He's among the best known African artists in the West, performing at events as diverse as the Glastonbury Festival and the Proms. Born in Senegal, music was always part of his life, but was not seen as a possible career option. Yet through his singing he has gained an incredible international profile - he represents the UN's development programme on HIV, is an ambassador for Nelson Mandela's 46664 campaign and champions the right of African communities to be involved in the aid projects which are intended to benefit them.

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

Favorite track: So What by Miles Davis

Book: Coups de Pilon by David Diop

Alternative to Bible: Koran

Luxury: Guitar.

**SUN 12:00 Just a Minute (b00hzj3w)**

Series 54

Episode 11

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

**SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00j26xy)**

Cuba

Sheila Dillon learns about how Cuban agriculture coped after the support they had received from the USSR dried up and what their experimentation with self sufficiency, organics and sustainable agriculture can teach the UK. What changes had to take place in the Cuban diet to make use of the food they could grow rather than the imports they had relied on?

Sheila talks to Julia Wright about her book assessing the Cuban experiment, its success as a model of organic food production and what lessons can be learned by the UK. She also speaks to Professor Jules Pretty about the work being undertaken in the UK to address the issues of declining oil production and sustainability.

**SUN 12:57 Weather (b00j2j28)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00j2j2b)**

A look at events around the world with James Robbins.

**SUN 13:30 It's My Story (b00hgywx)**

After Woolworths

Following the fortunes of Steve, a former Woolworths employee, as he struggles to find a new job to feed his growing family after the company went into administration in late 2008 and its stores closed, with the loss of over 27,000 staff.

**SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00j1f9c)**

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

John Cushnie, Chris Beardshaw and Bunny Guinness answer questions posed by gardeners at Chapel-en-le-Frith Gardening Club in Derbyshire.

Including the Gardeners' Question Time gardening weather forecast.

**SUN 14:45 My Mile of the River (b00j2j2d)**

Episode 5

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 enjoys the extremes of weather as winter grips the Wye.

**SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00j2j2g)**

LG Gibbon - Sunset Song

Episode 1

Gerda Stevenson's dramatisation of the 1932 novel by Lewis Grassic Gibbon, set in north-east Scotland before and during the First World War.

Chris Guthrie is torn between her love of the land and her ambition to become a teacher. As Chris' domineering father struggles with the harshness of the land, her mother's fear of childbirth leads her to despair.

Chris Guthrie ..... Lesely Hart  
John Guthrie ..... Liam Brennan  
Jean Guthrie ..... Bridget McCann  
Will Guthrie ..... Gordon Brandie  
Kirsty Munro ..... Estrid Barton  
Long Rob ..... Matthew Zajac  
Chae Strachan ..... Douglas Russell  
Kirsty Strachan ..... Shonagh Price  
Margot Strachan ..... Sally Reid  
Ewan Tavendale ..... Finn Den Hertog

Directed by David Ian Neville.

**SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00j2jk9)**

Marcel Theroux, and Literary Censorship in South Africa

Mariella Frostrup talks to writer Marcel Theroux, who explains how his interest in climate change and a trip to northern Siberia provided raw material for his novel Far North.

**SUN 16:30 Lawrence Ferlinghetti: A Reluctant Beat (b00j2jkc)**

A celebration of the 90th birthday of poet, publisher and City Lights Bookstore co-founder Lawrence Ferlinghetti, a key figure in the literary scene of 1950s San Francisco and the development of the Beat movement.

Featuring new interviews and readings from Ferlinghetti himself, including from his most recent work, Poetry as Insurgent Art.

**SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b00j0gdf)**

Concerns over Redcaps' role

Simon Cox examines the record of the Royal Military Police in dealing with alleged crimes by British forces both during operations and in peacetime.

**SUN 17:40 Profile (b00j24rf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00j2x2y)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SUN 17:57 Weather (b00j2x30)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00j2x32)**

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

**SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00j2x34)**

Peter White makes his selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

**SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00j2x36)**

David gives Ruth a demonstration of Ben's assault course. She hopes he'll let the kids get a look-in this afternoon. While Ruth gets back to finish the food, Pip tells David she wants to cook lunch on Mother's Day. She reckons she could cook something really nice using the five-mile principle.

As children arrive for Ben's party, Pip goes to her room - she never thought she'd be so keen to do revision. The children enjoy the assault course just as much as David.

Lilian wishes Matt would eat; all the coffee he's drinking is putting him on edge. Matt wishes he knew what Chalky's text meant but Lilian can't face the prospect of Matt going to prison and wishes he'd take Russell's advice.

After leaving a desperate message on their answering machine, Brenda's determined to speak to Matt and turns up at the door.

Realising she won't give up, Matt decides to get it over with. Brenda wants to know why he blew Tom out but is shocked to learn that he won't be needing her help - probably for a very long time. Matt shuts the door on her. He's sorry but there's nothing he can do.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

**SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00j2x38)**

Children's magazine. Barney Harwood and the team visit the Cambridge Science Festival. They do sums at the Millennium Maths Project and hear songs about Science Superheroes like Galileo.

**SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b007vnhb)**

Caravan Club

Freedom

Series of short stories celebrating a British institution.

The memories of three generations of a family are stirred by a shabby old caravan parked in an overgrown field.

By Patrick Gale, read by John Paul Hurley.

**SUN 20:00 Feedback (b00j1dvx)**

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

**SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00j1f9f)**

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 (b00j22j3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00j26xh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

**SUN 21:30 Analysis (b00j17xt)**

Clever.com

Kenan explores the reality behind the stereotype of the 'Google generation', the young people who have become so hooked on the web and computer games that they are unable to think, study and concentrate.

This characterisation is motivated by genuine concerns that heavy use of the internet and computer games are actually rewiring the brains of young people. They are learning and thinking differently to their forebears in a massive technological and social experiment. Kenan investigates these concerns and asks Stephen Fry, among others, whether the rise of the digital generation should be a cause for celebration or concern.

**SUN 21:58 Weather (b00j2x3b)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00j2x3d)**

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

**SUN 23:02 The Film Programme (b00j1f9h)**

Francine Stock talks to Julia Roberts about her new espionage comedy, Duplicity. Plus Shirley Anne Field recalls her role in the ground-breaking 1960 British movie, Saturday Night and Sunday Morning.

**SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00j26x5)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

**MONDAY 16 MARCH 2009**

**MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00j31v8)**

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

**MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00j0h9g)**

American West - Garden Love

## AMERICAN WEST

The great American West where 'savagery met civilisation and boys became men'. To find out how the myth was made, Laurie Taylor is joined by Karen Jones and John Wills, Lecturers in American History at the University of Kent and co-authors The American West: Competing Visions.

## GARDEN LOVE

A new article in the journal of the Royal Anthropological Society reveals the enduring relationships that exist between plants and human beings. Its author, Cathrine Degnen, lecturer in Social anthropology at Newcastle University, talks about the findings of her research on "Vegetable Love" in the north of England, and its implications for ideas about the human relationship to nature.

**MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00j26x1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

**MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00j31x3)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00j32bj)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00j320c)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00j32gc)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00j32q3)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Glenn Jordan.

**MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00j32qr)**

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

**MON 05:57 Weather (b00j3v37)**

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

**MON 06:00 Today (b00j32ry)**

Presented by Evan Davis and James Naughtie.

Pakistan's opposition leader Nawaz Sharif called off a planned protest march on the capital, Islamabad. Veteran Pakistani journalist and author Ahmed Rashid explains what he thinks are the implications for Pakistan.

Hugh Sykes reports on a survey which apparently shows how Iraqis are optimistic about the future of the country.

Professor Marek Ziebart, from University College London, explains the European Space Agency's mission to measure the Earth's gravity.

Sanchia Berg catches up with Alan South, who lost his job in the City of London last March.

Dr Petra Meier and Tim Howe of The Wine and Spirit Trade Association discuss minimum prices for alcohol.

Environment analyst Roger Harrabin reports from a sewage plant in Germany and explains how biochar works.

Pakistan's High Commissioner to UK Wajid Shamsul Hasan and correspondent Barbara Plett analyse the situation in Pakistan.

Arthur Scargill recently targeted Lord Kinnock, saying that he 'betrayed' the striking miners. Lord Kinnock gives his response to the former NUM leader's accusations.

Two British soldiers have been killed in an explosion in Afghanistan, the Ministry of Defence has said. Ian Pannell reports.

Former bank employee Tetsuya Ishikawa and author William Cohen discuss the takeover of investment bank Bear Stearns.

Hugh Schofield checked out the play Satin Slipper, written by the dramatist and diplomat Paul Claudel in 1929, which is a staggering 11 hours long.

Writer John Franklin discusses whether cyclists who don't wear helmets could be blamed for injuries resulting from an accident.

The Metro newspaper celebrates its 10th anniversary as what is now the world's largest circulated free daily. Steve Auckland, head of Associated Newspapers' free division, and former

editor of the Daily Mirror Roy Greenslade discuss the impact these free dailies has had on the wider newspaper industry.

**MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00j3v39)**

Andrew Marr sets the cultural agenda for the week. His guests include Marcel Theroux, who discusses his travels in Japan in a quest to understand the philosophy of wabi sabi.

**MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00j334v)**

A View from the Foothills

Episode 1

Sam Dale reads an adaptation of the diary kept by Chris Mullin during his time as a minister in the New Labour government.

It is July 1999 and soon a call will come from The Man.

**MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00j3566)**

Moving abroad; Country singer Diana Jones

Jane Garvey discusses the reality of moving abroad with your family, plus fashion trends for spring, and American country singer-songwriter Diana Jones performs live.

**MON 11:00 Unseen Britain (b00j3v3c)**

Episode 1

Peter White goes in search of those who monitor how we spend our money, where we travel and the state of our health, while remaining unseen themselves.

Peter meets immigration officers Matt Dyson and Tim Weatherall, who explain what a passport says about a person and how they can be sure you are who you say you are. He also learns about the unseen techniques used to flush out those who attempt to smuggle drugs by swallowing them. He is put through one of the machines used to detect drugs and is shown the largest X-ray machine in the world.

**MON 11:30 Hazelbeach (b0082dtq)**

Series 1

Wine

Returning to England, Nick's life descends into surreal chaos when he discovers the mysterious Ronnie Hazelbeach living in the house owned by his late Dad...

Caroline and David Stafford's first of three comedy series starring Jamie Forman as Ronnie Hazelbeach.

Ronnie ..... Jamie Foreman

Nick ..... Paul Bazely

Chloe ..... Tracy Wiles

James ..... John Dougall

Producer: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2007.

**MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00j358n)**

Presented by Julian Worricker.

Should we be able to compare the pump price of petrol with the wholesale price on the forecourt? What is the situation with petrol prices in the UK? Do we pay a fair price to fill up the tank?

In April the largest organisation for older people in the UK will come into existence. But after a century of campaigning, what has been achieved for older people?

The Danish government has begun paying compensation to women who have developed breast cancer after long spells working nights. It follows a finding by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), an arm of the UN's World Health Organisation.

Six months ago the Sussex town of Lewes decided to print its own money. But how keen have people been to have the Lewes pound in their pockets instead of ordinary cash?

If you are looking for a job, Radio 4 might be able to help. A new series is looking to offer expert help from industry leaders. One of the mentors is Sahar Hashemi, who co-founded the coffee bar chain 'Coffee Republic' in 1995.

Some blame the banking crisis on the drive to meet business targets and earn bonuses. But that's not the only place where targets have come in for criticism. So is it time to have just one target - to rid public life of all of the rest of them?

Gordon Brown recently told Call You and Yours that food prices are 'generally' going down. We find out the facts about food prices. James Ball from The Grocer magazine explains.

**MON 12:57 Weather (b00j35c0)**

The latest weather forecast.

**MON 13:00 World at One (b00j35cd)**

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

**MON 13:30 Counterpoint (b00j3vct)**

Series 23

2009 Heat 2

Paul Gambaccini welcomes three contestants from the North of England to the second heat of the series, from Manchester, with questions on all aspects of music spanning every era.

**MON 14:00 The Archers (b00j2x36)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

**MON 14:15 Drama (b00htw7x)**

Where Three Roads Meet

Salley Vickers' dramatisation of her own novel. A strange, unworldly figure appears in Sigmund Freud's Hampstead study to present the truth behind the Oedipus myth that the founder of psychoanalysis so famously made his own.

Freud/Oedipus ..... John Hurt  
Tiresias ..... Paul Rhys  
Jocasta ..... Sylvestra Le Touzel  
Shepherd ..... John Rowe  
Goatherd ..... Jonathan Tafler

Other parts played by the cast.

**MON 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00j24rk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Saturday]

**MON 15:45 The Synchrotron View (b00j3k8m)**

Episode 1

Science enthusiast Dave Dodd visits the UK's biggest and brightest new experimental facility, the Diamond Light Source.

Fragments of the comet Wild-2 returned to Earth by Nasa's Stardust mission are examined under the dazzling light.

**MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00j26xy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

**MON 16:30 Click On (b00j3vcw)**

Series 4

Episode 2

Simon Cox presents the topical magazine series covering the latest developments and issues in the world of IT. Simon visits an air traffic control centre to see the computer technology which keeps planes in the air, and meets a musician who makes music using the sounds of vintage computer systems.

**MON 17:00 PM (b00j3kw0)**

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Carolyn Quinn. Plus Weather.

**MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00j3ky0)**

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

**MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b00j3vey)**

Series 54

Episode 12

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

**MON 19:00 The Archers (b00j3k63)**

Mike's seen Harry in Heydon Wood. Tom rushes over but it's too late. Harry's disappeared again.

Matt shows Chalkman's text to Russell: 'I'm sorting it. Don't say anything.' Matt's decided to do the deal with the SFO. Russell

reminds him it won't mean immunity but he'll negotiate the best deal he can.

Oliver tells Ed he's decided to get out of farming. Ed thinks he's about to be sacked and is gobsmacked when Oliver offers him the business as a tenant. Oliver will do what he can to make it work and gives Ed some figures to think about. When Caroline tells Oliver about her frustrating morning, Oliver knows he's made the right decision.

Ed tells Joe, who says he'd die happy if he saw a Grundy back farming the land at Grange Farm. Ed's worried about the financial side but Joe insists he and Eddie would help - and Emma's a bright girl too.

Tom tells Brian there's been a hitch with the money, and admits his backer has pulled out. Brian's unsympathetic and gives Tom a hard time. He can't wait to see the back of him, so Tom had better get his pathetic little act together - and quickly.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

**MON 19:15 Front Row (b00j3kzw)**  
Presented by Mark Lawson.

As the critical backlash begins, Mark interviews Mathew Horne and James Corden about their career so far and their new projects, comedy show Horne and Corden and the film Lesbian Vampire Killers.

Directed by Paolo Sorrentino, *Il Divo* is a film biopic of the life of one of Italy's most significant modern politicians, Giulio Andreotti. Novelist David Hewson, the author of a series of crime detective thrillers set in Italy, joins Mark to review the film.

Painter Feliks Topolski's son Daniel gives Mark a tour of Topolski Century, the 600-foot-long, 15-foot high continuous painting which chronicles the personalities and great events of the 20th Century

Almost every week it seems there's a new low-budget British horror film opening at your local multiplex. As the latest, *Hush*, hits our screens, Adam Smith wonders what lies behind the recent appetite among UK film-makers for this grisly fare.

**MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00j319v)**  
Seeing is Believing

Episode 1

By Sian Evans.

A man is forced to re-examine everything when he sees a UFO one Saturday night in a pub car park.

Jon ..... Richard Greenwood  
Anna ..... Tamara Kennedy  
Naomi/Witness 1 ..... Meg Fraser  
Dasa/Newsreader ..... Lesley Hart  
Krish ..... Atta Yaqub  
Ellie ..... Clare Yuille  
Si/Manager ..... Grant O'Rourke

Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.

**MON 20:00 It's My Story (b00j3vd0)**  
Switzerland for a Franc

Miles Warde follows what happened when British businessman Bruno Prior responded to an advert in *The Times* advertising a ski resort for sale for one Swiss franc.

The main lift breaks in Bruno's first season in charge at the resort, the falling pound hampers his ability to invest and two villagers refuse to sell land where he hopes to build a new hotel.

**MON 20:30 The Bottom Line (b00j24r3)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 17:30 on Saturday]

**MON 21:00 Sound Architecture: The Spaces That Speak (b00j3w8k)**  
Science broadcaster Professor Trevor Cox explores the science of aural architecture - the relationship between sound, design and human experience.

Building design and city planning is dominated by the visual. But a new science has emerged which explores the relationship between design, acoustics and the human experience, called aural architecture. Every space has its own unique soundscape, created by a combination of the overall design, the materials used in construction and the way that space is used by humans.

Until very recently, few architects ever gave much thought to

what affect that soundscape might have on the people inhabiting the space, be they office workers, school pupils, teachers or shoppers. This has resulted in railways stations where train announcements are unintelligible, restaurants where you have to shout to be heard and open-plan schools in which teaching is all but impossible. More recently, research has shown that a poor aural experience can have a considerable negative effect on how we feel and behave, even at a subconscious level.

Professor Cox hears for himself how some spaces 'speak' and meets architects, designers and researchers hoping to transform our aural experience for the better.

**MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00j3v39)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 21:58 Weather (b00j3115)**  
The latest weather forecast.

**MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00j311m)**  
National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah. Including reports on emerging differences ahead of the G20 summit, the British binge drinking culture and what now for Pakistan, after its government reinstates the sacked chief justice?

**MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00j31q0)**  
Family Money

Episode 6

Hannah Gordon reads Nina Bawden's psychological thriller which tells the story of recently-widowed Fanny Pye, and how her life is changed when she intervenes to stop a street brawl.

Fanny struggles with the fear that engulfs her following her encounter at the library with the man from the canal boat. Why does this meeting trigger memories of the night she witnessed the murder?

**MON 23:00 Off the Page (b00j16kr)**  
Impostor Syndrome

Impostor Syndrome: Dominic Arkwright, Julian Baggini, Kathy Sykes and Xanthe Clay discuss feeling insecure. From December 2009.

**MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00j31sb)**  
News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Sean Curran.

## TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2009

**TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00j2xfz)**  
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by weather.

**TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00j334v)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

**TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00j31vb)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00j320f)**  
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00j31x5)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00j32bl)**  
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00j32gf)**  
Daily prayer and reflection with Glenn Jordan.

**TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00j32q5)**  
News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

**TUE 06:00 Today (b00j32rw)**  
Presented by James Naughtie and Sarah Montague.

Professor Rick Trainor, president of Universities UK, explains the research which suggests that fees of over 7,000 pounds a year might stop students from going to university.

Jonathan Beale reports on whether Barack Obama can stop managers at the US insurance giant AIG from being paid bonuses.

Bethany Bell reports from St Poelten in Austria on the trial of Josef Fritzl and his daughter's testimony.

Reporter Kim Catchside talks to two unemployed teenagers from Newcastle about their fears of not getting work after leaving education.

Defence Secretary John Hutton explains why the prime minister is 'engaging' with Iran.

Nick Bryant reports on how some Australians are calling for a complete alcohol ban for Australian Rugby League players.

Billy Hayes, from the Communication Workers' Union, and banker Sir George Cox discuss whether the proposed Post Bank is a viable option.

James Westhead looks at how the first students to be affected by top-up fees have managed and the Higher Education Minister David Lammy discusses whether students should be charged more.

Peter Smyth, chairman of the Metropolitan Police Federation, discusses whether police officers should patrol alone.

Robin Hood: hero or vagabond? Writer Adam Thorpe and medievalist Dr Julian Luxford discuss the mythical figure.

Science campaigner Nick Dusic says science is critical in helping the UK to compete as it emerges from the recession.

Weapons inspector David Kay discusses Iran's right to develop a civil nuclear programme under international supervision.

Technology correspondent Rory Cellan-Jones explains why Louis Vuitton luggage, LVMH, has taken Google to court over its trademarks.

The Football Association has started a campaign to get parents to change their behaviour on the touchline. Writer Jim White and referee Herville Hector discuss pushy parents.

Prof Frederic Bozo and Prof Michael Cox discuss the French president Nicolas Sarkozy's attitude to NATO.

**TUE 09:00 Call Yourself a Feminist (b00j3xcz)**  
Episode 2

Historian Bettany Hughes presents the second in a series of three discussions tracing the development of feminist ideas from the 1960s onwards.

Bettany's guests are former local government leader Linda Bellos, businesswoman Roz Morris, academic Lynne Segal, author Beatrix Campbell and activist Sue Finch. They discuss feminism in the 1980s and what it meant to them.

**TUE 09:30 The Prime Ministers (b00j3xd1)**  
Series 1

Lord Palmerston

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.

Lord Palmerston, whose colourful private life masked his skill at manipulating the press.

**TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00j7ly5)**  
A View from the Foothills

Episode 2

Sam Dale reads an adaptation of the diary kept by Chris Mullin during his time as a minister in the New Labour government.

It is October 1999 and is it air traffic control or rampant leylandii that will take priority?

**TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00j6m29)**  
Ovarian cancer; Camping

What are the symptoms of ovarian cancer? Plus the joys and perils of camping, portraits by the artist of their mothers and new fertility treatment findings.

**TUE 11:00 Supersize Surgeries (b00j3xd3)**

Penny Marshall asks if new super-sized polyclinics will mean the end of the family GP at the core of the NHS.

She hears from a GP in Hereford who is worried that a new polyclinic will destroy his own highly-regarded practice and doctors in London who cannot wait for their own on-site x-rays and blood tests, saving time for both them and their patients.

Penny hears the aims behind the overhaul of primary care, pioneered by acclaimed surgeon Lord Darzi, who has now become a target of criticism by politicians and doctors alike.

**TUE 11:30 Ursula Le Guin at 80 (b00j3xd5)**

Writer China Mieville talks to American science fiction writer Ursula Le Guin.

Le Guin was a trailblazer - writing in the 1960s, her series of books about the adventures of a boy wizard, Ged, included characters of every race and colour. Her fiction has been acutely concerned with politics, portraying worlds destroyed by environmental catastrophe that prefigured modern concerns about global warming, and societies without gender just as modern-day feminism began to take off.

Featuring contributions and tributes from Iain Banks and Margaret Atwood.

**TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00j358d)**

Presented by Julian Worricker.

Do public services need performance targets?

Listeners give their thoughts on whether our public services need formal goals and performance targets.

**TUE 12:57 Weather (b00j359g)**

The latest weather forecast.

**TUE 13:00 World at One (b00j35c2)**

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

**TUE 13:30 Ken Clarke's Jazz Greats (b00j492t)**

Series 7

Fats Waller

Ken Clarke MP profiles great jazz musicians of the 20th Century.

Fats Waller is most familiar to some as a comic singer, but he was also a skilled jazz pianist. His father had wanted him to follow in his footsteps and become a minister. But the keyboard skills that Fats learned while playing the organ at church services were instead transferred to theatres and cabaret clubs, where he accompanied the likes of Bessie Smith as well as playing his own solos.

Ken is joined by singer Gwyneth Herbert, who talks about her love of Waller's music.

**TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00j3k63)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

**TUE 14:15 Drama (b00j4b3r)**

The Presence

Welsh poet Dannie Abse's account of his life in the first year after the death of his wife in a car crash. It pays tribute to their 50-year marriage, tells of his grief and the poetry that comforted him.

Dannie ..... Glyn Houston  
Joan ..... Jennifer Hill  
Susanna ..... Siriol Jenkins  
Reader ..... Iestyn Jones  
Wilfred/Dr O'Halloran ..... Howell Evans  
Keren ..... Sara McGaughey  
Doctor ..... Matthew Gravelle  
Fireman ..... Lee Mengo

Directed by Kate McAll.

**TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b00j4d27)**

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

**TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00j4d29)**

In Her Element

Skomer Log

A series in which three women writers describe their personal connection with the Welsh landscape and how their encounter with nature has shaped their lives.  
Jane Matthews recounts her sojourn with seals and puffins on a small island off the coast of Pembrokeshire.

Read by Siriol Jenkins

Producer : Kate McAll  
Director : Nigel Lewis.

**TUE 15:45 The Synchrotron View (b00j3kqt)**

Episode 2

Science enthusiast Dave Dodd visits the UK's biggest and brightest new experimental facility, the Diamond Light Source.

Conservation scientists bring samples of pigment from watercolourist Turner's studio and the walls of Pompeii. Something is turning the brilliant red colour to a grimy black, but what is it?

**TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b00j0gd9)**

Knife Crime

Clive Coleman explores the acute knife crime problems on the streets and how both young people and the police want to tackle them.

**TUE 16:30 A Good Read (b00j4f1p)**

Simon Warner and Sophie Hannah

Sue MacGregor and her guests - poet and writer, Sophie Hannah and music writer and academic, Simon Warner - discusses favourite paperbacks by Kurt Vonnegut, Jill McGown and Kate Summerscale.

Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut  
Publisher: Vintage Classics

Unlucky for Some: A Novel of Suspense by Jill McGown  
Publisher: Pan Macmillan

The Suspicions of Mr Whicher by Kate Summerscale  
Publisher: Bloomsbury

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

**TUE 17:00 PM (b00j3ktj)**

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Carolyn Quinn. Plus Weather.

**TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00j3kw2)**

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

**TUE 18:30 Cabin Pressure (b00cm9p6)**

Series 1

Douz

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

Carolyn finds she's taken more on board than she meant to when the Scottish Cricket Team, a Frenchman and the Sahara Desert all run out of petrol...

Carolyn Knapp-Shappay ..... Stephanie Cole  
1st Officer Douglas Richardson ..... Roger Allam  
Captain Martin Crieff ..... Benedict Cumberbatch  
Arthur Shappay ..... John Finnemore  
Yves Juttau ..... John Sessions  
Habib ..... Ali Amadi.  
Captain Jessop ..... Rufus Jones  
Lachlan ..... Robert Harley

Written by John Finnemore

Produced & directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for the BBC

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**TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00j3k5l)**

Helen discusses the plans for a wetland ecosystem to treat Bridge Farm's waste with their consultant, Kelvin. Meanwhile, Tony goes with Tom to look for Harry the boar, who's caused damage in Lower Wood. They have no luck finding Harry. It's

just something else for Tom to worry about.

Pat's surprised to learn from Jennifer that Tom's plan to buy Brian out isn't going ahead. It's the first Pat's heard of it. Tom admits that his partner was going to be Matt but he's pulled out. Pat's amazed that Tom placed his trust in Matt after what he'd done to their family. Tom feels that was different but realises now how untrustworthy Matt is.

While Pat goes to see Kelvin's suggested site for the waste system, Tom tells Helen his news. Helen's equally shocked. Tom knows he's up against it in the current financial climate but he's still got to try to find a way of buying Brian out.

Tony can't believe Tom's been so stupid. When he learns that Brenda's also lost her job, he agrees with Helen that it sounds like Matt's feeling the pinch. Tony thinks it's about time - it couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

**TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00j3ky2)**

Presented by Mark Lawson.

The veteran American actor Robert Wagner had a long Hollywood career before take a starring role in the television hit *Hart to Hart*. Wagner discusses his new memoir 'Pieces of my Heart', where he writes for the first time about the death of his wife, Natalie Wood. He also talks about the incredible power of the Hollywood publicist and Cary Grant teaching him 'to breathe'.

The Victoria and Albert Museum opens its new Theatre and Performance galleries. Mark pays a debut visit accompanied by Olivier Award-winning actor Alex Jennings and West End theatre producer Nica Burns.

The life-story of Tom Driberg was sometimes hard to believe: a tabloid gossip-columnist, an influential left-wing MP, a devout churchgoer and a sexual risk-taker. At one point, he employed quiz-show host William G. Stewart as his secretary. Stewart talks to Mark about Tom Driberg And Me, a documentary he has made exploring the secret life of his former employer. So along with his other occupations, was Driberg a KGB spy?

**TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00j6qc9)**

Seeing is Believing

Episode 2

By Sian Evans. A man is forced to re-examine everything when he sees a UFO one Saturday night in a pub car park.

Unwilling to confide in his wife, Jon turns to someone he meets over the internet.

Jon ..... Richard Greenwood  
Anna ..... Tamara Kennedy  
Ellie ..... Clare Yuille  
Krish/Witness 2 ..... Atta Yaqub  
Naomi ..... Meg Fraser  
Si ..... Grant O'Rourke

Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.

**TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b00j4f1s)**

The crisis in town hall finances

As local authorities struggle to balance the books because of the economic downturn, Allan Urry reports on a crisis in town hall finances. At a time when councils say that they are being forced to lay off thousands of staff, Allan asks why they have been investing a billion pounds of taxpayers' cash in banks which have crashed, with no sign of recovering the money.

**TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00j4f1v)**

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

**TUE 21:00 Am I Normal? (b00j4f1y)**

Series 6

Gifted and Talented

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

Vivienne finds out how 'gifted' children are measured and by whom. If a child is in the top five to 10 per cent of their school in an academic subject, they may have been identified as 'gifted' and put on the government's new national register of gifted and talented children.

Vivienne discovers that it depends on the discretion of each school to decide this status and talks to pupils and teachers

about whether being marked out as different - even in a positive way - just makes children want to be normal.

**TUE 21:30 Call Yourself a Feminist (b00j3xcz)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 21:58 Weather (b00j3kzy)**  
The latest weather forecast.

**TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00j3l17)**  
National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah. Including reports on what went wrong at Stafford Hospital, whether mothers of one-year-olds should be forced to sign on as unemployed and Russia's rearmament plans.

**TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00j3lq2)**  
Family Money

Episode 7

Hannah Gordon reads Nina Bawden's psychological thriller which tells the story of recently-widowed Fanny Pye, and how her life is changed when she intervenes to stop a street brawl.

A surprise encounter with a childhood friend of Delia's distracts Fanny from her preoccupation with Jake, the young man from the canal boat.

**TUE 23:00 Mastering the Universe (b00j4f20)**  
Series 2

Episode 4

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 by spoiling other peoples' weekend.

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

Written by Christopher Douglas and Nick Newman.

**TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00j3ls0)**  
News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Susan Hulme.

### WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH 2009

**WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00j2xg1)**  
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by weather.

**WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00j7ly5)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00j31vd)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00j320h)**  
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00j31x7)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00j32bn)**  
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00j32gh)**  
Daily prayer and reflection with Glenn Jordan.

**WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00j32q7)**  
News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

**WED 06:00 Today (b00j4hjk)**  
Presented by John Humphrys and Sarah Montague.

Mortgage expert Ray Boulger discusses the impact limited borrowing will have on homeowners and first time buyers.

Mark Mardell reports on how attitudes in Germany are shifting

away from feelings of European solidarity.

Science correspondent Tom Feilden explains the implications of finding water on Mars.

Italian chef Ermano Furlanis describes his trip to Pyongyang to train North Korean dictator General Kim Jong-II chefs in the art of pizza making.

Karen Allen reports from Kenya and speaks to victims of human rights abuses.

Health expert John Heyworth and Nigel Edwards of the NHS Confederation discuss what can be done to prevent mistakes in patient care from being repeated.

The creators and stars of the science fiction TV series Battlestar Galactica have taken part in a public discussion with UN officials in New York. UN correspondent Laura Trevelyan explains.

Thought for the day with Vishvapani, a member of the Western Buddhist Order.

Sean Hodgson was convicted of murder in 1982, but new DNA evidence suggests he may have been innocent. Mr Hodgson's solicitor Julian Young discusses what could turn out to be a huge miscarriage of justice.

Financiers Jon Moulton and Terry Smith discuss whether proposed FSA changes will change banking culture.

Patrick Barclay, chief football correspondent at The Times, and the author Musa Okwonga examine the various skills that are required to be a good football manager.

Pope Benedict XVI has commented that handing out condoms can only worsen the crisis of HIV/AIDS. Martin Prendergast, from the charity Catholics for Aids Prevention and Support and Dr William Oddie, the former editor of the Catholic Herald, consider whether or not the Pope was right to make the statement.

Josef Fritzl, the Austrian man who kept his daughter in a cellar and fathered her children, changes all his pleas to guilty. Steve Rosenberg reports.

An NHS trust has become the first in the country to try fitting dementia patients with tracking devices. Clive Evers of the Alzheimer's Society explains the benefits of the system.

Figures suggest that for one in seven children in school, English is their second language. We speak to headmaster Tim Benson.

Professor Alston explains what has been happening to human rights defenders in Kenya since he left the country.

Professor David Spiegelhalter, a leading Cambridge statistician, has accused the media of misusing statistics by making too much of one-off events, such as a spate of stabbings. He outlines how journalists have used statistics wrongly in the past.

**WED 09:00 Midweek (b00j4hjm)**  
Lively and diverse conversation with Libby Purves and guests.

**WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00j7ly7)**  
A View from the Foothills

Episode 3

Sam Dale reads an adaptation of the diary kept by Chris Mullin during his time as a minister in the New Labour government.

June 2003 heralds a re-shuffle and the author has no idea of his fate.

**WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00j6lyc)**  
Dating chemistry: Karen Campbell

How can knowing about brain chemicals help you find and keep love? Plus crime writer Karen Campbell on After the Fire, and the first ever student branch of the Women's Institute.

**WED 11:00 Inside The Taj (b00j4hjp)**  
Naresh Fernandes, editor of Time Out Mumbai, visits the Taj Mahal Palace and Tower Hotel, one of the Mumbai hotels that was at the centre of the terrorist attacks on the city in November 2008, to see the extraordinary recovery that it and the city as a whole is making.

He talks to some of the hostages, the deputy commissioner of police and TV presenter Shreemivasan Jain about the effect of the attacks on the city and the country. He also speaks to Karim Kang, the general manager of the Taj, who lost his family in the blaze, and to conservation specialists about the

damage done to the hotel.

**WED 11:30 Clare in the Community (b00j4hjr)**  
Series 5

Garden Party

It's a busy week for Clare who organises a petition to keep the Sparrowhawk Family Centre open and also hosts a garden party to get to know her new neighbours.

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

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 (b00j358g)**  
Presented by Julian Worricker.

Financial Services Authority chairman Lord Turner has put forward 'profound' proposals on lending and seeks to cut banks' ability to take excessive risks.

'Predictors of beaconicity' and 'taxonomy' are among the words and phrases which staff should avoid according to the Local Government Association.

A lawyer who acts as the public face of the Tvind training network has been jailed for tax fraud and embezzlement.

The rise of the serviced apartment has proved a big hit with stag and hen parties in Liverpool but created some bad nights in for the residents living next door.

The European consumers association, BEUC, says a cap on charges for using mobiles abroad should have been set lower.

The sight of playing fields being paved over by developers prompted tighter controls on the loss of sports facilities. But smaller pitches have continued to slip through the net - so can new safeguards protect them? We speak to the Sports Minister Gerry Sutcliffe and Lib Dem MP Don Foster.

Despite news that the largest mill in the Hebrides is to be mothballed for at least a year, people working in the Harris tweed industry insist it does have a future. We hear from the Stornaway catwalk show designed to pitch tweed as a fashionable cloth, and why Japan is the target market.

**WED 12:57 Weather (b00j359j)**  
The latest weather forecast.

**WED 13:00 World at One (b00j35c4)**  
National and international news with Shaun Ley.

**WED 13:30 The Media Show (b00j4hjt)**  
Steve Hewlett presents a topical programme about the fast-changing media world.

**WED 14:00 The Archers (b00j3k5l)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 14:15 Drama (b00j4hjt)**  
Welcome to the Wasteland

Welcome to the Wasteland  
By DJ Britton.

As Chief Executive of her local council, Robyn has just days to stop recycling being wiped from her ambitious environmental plans. But the credit crunch continues to put pressure on other priorities. Meanwhile her daughter Afrah provides a safe house for a fiercely committed environmentalist from Eastern Europe.

Robyn ..... Lesley Sharp  
Anastasia ..... Anamaria Marina  
Afrah ..... Lizzy Watts  
Mike ..... Sam Dale  
Don ..... Ben Askew  
Bob, Professor Stevens ..... Stephen Hogan

Councillor Larby, Sacha ..... Philip Fox

Produced by Pam Marshall.

**WED 15:00 Money Box Live (b00j4h1y)**

Vincent Duggleby and guests answer questions on tax and tax planning. He is joined by John Whiting, a tax partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers and Jane Moore, tax faculty technical manager at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

**WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00j4d54)**

In Her Element

A Horizontal View

A series in which three women writers describe their personal connection with the Welsh landscape and how their encounter with nature has shaped their lives. Patricia Barrie recalls the view from her bedroom window when she was confined to bed as a child with a serious illness. Read by Sharon Morgan.

Producer : Kate McAll

Director : Nigel Lewis.

**WED 15:45 The Synchrotron View (b00j3kqw)**

Episode 3

Science enthusiast Dave Dodd visits the UK's biggest and brightest new experimental facility, the Diamond Light Source.

Unusual iron deposits are implicated in both Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease.

**WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00j4hk0)**

Rugby - Magic

RUGBY

According to Oscar Wilde "Rugby is a good occasion for keeping thirty bullies far from the centre of town". Laurie Taylor re-appraises this sport of gentleman with Social Historian, Tony Collins who's charted the class wars that have beset rugby union, from Tom Brown's Schooldays to England's victory in the English World Cup in 2003 and Dr Dominic Malcolm, Senior lecturer in the Sociology of Sport at Loughborough University. They discuss how rugby has championed the virtues of patriotism, physical courage and manliness.

MAGIC

Professor Owen Davies is the author of a new book entitled Grimoires; A History of Magic Books, he talks about the past and present significance of magical books and spells.

**WED 16:30 Am I Normal? (b00j4f1y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 17:00 PM (b00j3ktl)**

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Carolyn Quinn. Plus Weather.

**WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00j3kw4)**

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

**WED 18:30 Mark Steel's in Town (b00j4hk2)**

Series 1

Skipton

Comedian Mark Steel visits the attractive market town of Skipton in Yorkshire and presents a show from the a livestock auction hall to discover what makes the town and its inhabitants distinctive.

Producer - Julia McKenzie.

**WED 19:00 The Archers (b00j3k5n)**

Matt's singing the praises of Swiss banks. His money's secret there. Lillian offers to keep his money in her Guernsey accounts. Matt upsets Lillian; what if they split up? Look how poisonous Yvette was during the divorce. Lynda appears. She's keen to talk about the Antony Gormley plinth. Matt disappears, leaving Lillian with Lynda.

Later, Matt does his best to apologise to Lillian by offering to help with the supermarket shopping.

Usha goes for a run. A car speeds past, rather too close. Usha's

forced to jump into the hedge. The car stops and the driver apologises, but tells Usha she shouldn't be running in the gloom. He offers her a lift home, but she refuses, and runs off. The driver takes offence. What does he get for his hurt feelings? He demands her MP3 player, and seems to want more. Eventually he goes, leaving Usha very shaken.

Matt and Lillian are returning from the shops and see Usha on the roadside. They take her home. Alan's at the Vicarage, having a meeting with Lynda. Lillian, Matt and Usha arrive. Lillian tells Alan that Usha's had a fright. Usha's annoyed with herself about it but says she'll phone the police and then she'll be right as rain.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

**WED 19:15 Front Row (b00j3ky4)**

Presented by Mark Lawson.

The David Cohen Prize for Literature is awarded to a writer who has contributed a significant amount to British literature, so much so that their work warrants recognition for a lifetime's achievement. Mark reveals and talks to this year's winner of one of the UK's most coveted literary awards.

Author Alain de Botton discusses his latest book, The Pleasures and Sorrows of Work, which explores the joys and perils of the modern workplace and aims to understand what makes work both one of the most exciting and most painful of all our activities.

Flash of Genius tells the tale of one man's fight to prove his idea for the intermittent windshield wiper was stolen by the US automobile industry. Trevor Baylis, best known for inventing the wind-up radio, discusses the film.

Fourteen authors have made it on to the Judges' List of Contenders for the third Man Booker International Prize. The writers come from 12 countries and seven are writers in translation. Chair of judges, the novelist Jane Smiley, joins Mark from New York to discuss the contenders.

**WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00j6qh8)**

Seeing is Believing

Episode 3

By Sian Evans. A man is forced to re-examine everything when he sees a UFO one Saturday night in a pub car park.

Jon begins to wonder if he can believe in what he saw - until he receives an unexpected phone call.

Jon ..... Richard Greenwood  
Anna/VoiceMail ..... Tamara Kennedy  
Naomi/Witness 3 ..... Meg Fraser  
Colonel Hall/GP ..... Simon Donaldson  
Ellie ..... Clare Yuille  
Si ..... Grant O'Rourke  
Dasa ..... Lesley Hart

Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.

**WED 20:00 Decision Time (b00j4hk4)**

The BBC's Political Editor Nick Robinson shines a light on the process by which controversial decisions are reached behind closed doors in Whitehall. With a panel of inside experts, he examines the problems that future governments will face and hear the arguments about how they might be resolved.

**WED 20:45 Lent Talks (b00j4hk6)**

Does God Make Mistakes?

Six well-known figures explore ideas of the absence of God from their own perspective.

Sister Frances Dominica, founder and trustee of Helen and Douglas House hospice, reflects on her experiences alongside children and their families.

**WED 21:00 Who Killed the Cockney Sparrow? (b00j4hk8)**

Nature detective Tom Heap investigates who, or what, is killing the common sparrow.

Once one of our most common garden birds, it is now a rarity. Since the mid-1990s, London alone has lost more than two thirds of its sparrows and there are similar cases in Bristol, Edinburgh and Dublin.

In an attempt to unravel the mystery, Tom delivers a dead sparrow to the laboratories of the Zoological Society and observes the autopsy which demonstrates that the cause of death is not always what it seems. He speaks to experts from various conservation bodies including the RSPB and the British Trust

for Ornithology to weigh the latest scientific evidence.

Tom finds out about the chief suspects, including cats, sparrowhawks, unleaded petrol, mobile phones, garden make-over programmes and loft conversions.

**WED 21:30 Midweek (b00j4hjm)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 21:58 Weather (b00j3100)**

The latest weather forecast.

**WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00j3119)**

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on why the justice system failed a man who served 27 years in jail for a murder he did not commit, whether Britain is well or badly placed to face recession and what President Obama's new Sudan envoy can do about President Bashir.

**WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00j3lq4)**

Family Money

Episode 8

Hannah Gordon reads Nina Bawden's psychological thriller which tells the story of recently-widowed Fanny Pye, and how her life is changed when she intervenes to stop a street brawl.

Is Jake's visit the act of a solicitous neighbour or is there something more menacing in his intentions?

**WED 23:00 Bespoken Word (b00chy8h)**

Performance poetry series, recorded in London's Troubadour Coffee House. Featuring Polar Bear, Felix Dennis and Scroobius Pip.

**WED 23:15 One (b00771sh)**

Series 1

Episode 5

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, Simon Greenall and Kate Gielgud, with Bill Oddie and Jeremy Clarkson as themselves.

**WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00j3ls2)**

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

**THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2009**

**THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00j2xg3)**

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

**THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00j7ly7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00j31vg)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00j320k)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00j31x9)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00j32bq)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00j32gk)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Glenn Jordan.

**THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00j32q9)**

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

**THU 06:00 Today (b00j32z1)**



Presented by John Humphrys and Sarah Montague.

The Competition Commission's report on the future of BAA's airports has concluded that it will need to sell Stansted and either Glasgow or Edinburgh. Christopher Clarke, of the Competition Commission, and Colin Matthews, chief executive of BAA, examine the extent to which this will level the playing field when it comes to competition between the UK's airports.

The British actress Natasha Richardson has died after sustaining head injuries whilst on a skiing holiday in Canada. Peter McCabe, chief executive of Headway, discusses brain injuries.

David Willetts, Shadow Secretary for Innovation, Universities and Skills, discusses what he thinks might be the financial blunders made by the Learning and Skills Council.

Stefanie Marsh from the Times and Florian Klenk, of Austrian paper Falter, discuss the differing media responses to the Josef Fritzl case and what they signify.

Tony Wright, of the Public Administration Select Committee and Paul Braithwaite, of the Equitable Members' Action Group, discuss the report into the government's handling of the problems at Equitable Life.

Philosopher Professor Roger Scruton and design consultant Stephen Bayley debate if Britain has become indifferent to beauty.

Thought for the day with Reverend Giles Fraser.

Professor John Beddington explains how population increase will put huge strains on food and water supplies.

Kim Catcheside reports on the errors that led to the college funding chaos. Minister for Further Education Sion Simon says the government is urgently trying to find out how the situation arose.

Reporter Michelle Robinson looks back at the life and career of actress Natasha Richardson.

The reversal of Sean Hodgson's murder conviction after 27 years in prison signalled the end of one of the longest miscarriages of justice in legal history. Chief Constable Peter Neyroud and journalist Bob Woffinden discuss how the investigation can move forward.

Dr James Hansen from NASA and Sir Leszek Borysiewicz of the Medical Research Council discuss whether scientists have an obligation to present people with the facts and remain impartial or are right to speak out on contentious issues such as climate change.

Reporter Sanchia Berg travels to Swindon, one of the towns worst affected by unemployment.

Correspondent Kevin Connolly discusses the enduring appeal of Blues music with veteran Mississippi guitarist T-Model Ford.

The Public Accounts Committee is to publish a report recommending a review of public funding for Trident. Defence economist Professor Ron Smith and Commander John Muxworthy, of the National Defence Association, examine the implications for the country's security.

#### **THU 09:00 In Our Time (b00j4hmv)**

The Boxer Rebellion

In the hot summer of 1900, Peking, the capital of China, was under heavy siege. But the surrounding forces were not foreign, they were Chinese. This was the Boxer Rebellion, the moment when the 'Society of Righteous and Harmonious Fists', known as the boxers, purged China of foreign merchants and missionaries. The Boxers had come out of the northern provinces, they claimed their fists were stronger than fire and they were invincible to bullets. But they were also desperate and starving and they blamed foreigners for their plight. In the end, the Boxer rebellion failed but it changed China and, more than a hundred years later, the spirit of the Boxer Rebellion lives on. They may have lost their battles but they may have won their war.

#### **THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00j7ly9)**

A View from the Foothills

Episode 4

Sam Dale reads an adaptation of the diary kept by Chris Mullin during his time as a minister in the New Labour government.

It is January 2004 and travelling the baking plains of Africa seems far away from Sunderland.

#### **THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00j6lym)**

European Parliament; Melody Gardot

Female representation in the European Parliament discussed. Plus shared care for disabled children, and US singer Melody Gardot on her curious path to musical success.

#### **THU 11:00 Crossing Continents (b00j4hmx)**

Israel's Goodness Gracious Me

Mukul Devichand meets the creators and cast of Arab Labour, a prime-time Israeli TV comedy that sees the humorous side of Arab lives in the Jewish state.

Israel's elections and its military operation in Gaza have polarised relations between Jewish Israelis and the 20 per cent Arab minority. Mukul examines the dark humour and moral dilemmas of an Arab population caught between feelings of Palestinian brotherhood and a determination to remain Israeli citizens.

#### **THU 11:30 With Great Pleasure (b00j4hmx)**

Joanne Harris

Author Joanne Harris' selection includes Ray Bradbury, Emily Bronte, Molesworth, Ted Hughes and one of Neil Gaiman's graphic novels.

The readers are Amanda Root and Jon Strickland.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2009.

#### **THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00j358j)**

Presented by Peter White.

Some civil liberty groups are unhappy at the government's proposed 'e-borders' data collection scheme, whilst other travel agents and tour operators are worried that the burden of collecting all this sensitive data will fall on them.

In April the largest organisation for older people in the UK comes into existence. We speak to Michelle Mitchell, Charity Director of Age UK, the legal name for the new charity.

Actor Jim Broadbent is demanding that more money be put into dementia research. The actor's mother had dementia, and he won his Academy Award for his role as the husband of novelist Iris Murdoch, who had Alzheimer's.

Some of the biggest names in the department store business have seen profits plunge during the recession. So how are much smaller, family-run firms managing to survive?

MP Grant Shapps was shocked to find that when he came to renew his car insurance with Admiral, his premium had increased by sixty pounds, despite the fact he had never made a claim on the policy. Louisa Scadden from Admiral responds.

A family who lost their case against the Bank of Scotland for alleged harassment are applying to appeal the judge's decision.

Setanta is reported to be struggling to find the cash for a 10 million-pound payment it owes the FA. We speak to BBC sports editor Mihir Bose.

#### **THU 12:57 Weather (b00j359l)**

The latest weather forecast.

#### **THU 13:00 World at One (b00j35c6)**

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

#### **THU 13:30 Off the Page (b00j4hsc)**

So Bad It's Good

Dominic Arkwright, Bidisha, Toby Young and Safraz Manzoor discuss bad taste and guilty pleasures. From March 2009.

#### **THU 14:00 The Archers (b00j3k5n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

#### **THU 14:15 Drama (b00j4jw7)**

Baring Up

Comedy by Frank Rickarby. Fictionalised account of 47-year-old grandmother, Conservative councillor and naturist Eileen Jakes' 1979 campaign to win the right to bare her naked body on the pebbles of Brighton beach.

Eileen ..... Paula Wilcox  
Brian ..... Kim Wall  
John Blackman ..... Malcolm Tierney  
Adam Trimmingham ..... Stephen Hogan

Joan ..... Joanna Monro  
Frank ..... Philip Fox  
Alan Goodwin ..... Sam Dale  
Grace Clarke ..... Janice Acquah  
Robin Crossly ..... Benjamin Askew  
Connie Hamilton ..... Caroline Guthrie  
Spike Rawlings ..... Paul Rider  
Chairman of Council ..... Matt Addis  
Henry Ireland ..... Jonathan Tafler  
John Humphys ..... Himself

Directed by Tracey Neale.

#### **THU 15:02 Open Country (b00j1z0c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

#### **THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00j26xh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

#### **THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00j4d56)**

In Her Element

No Refund for Clouds

Series of three readings by women writers that describe their personal connections with the Welsh landscape.

Hilary Lloyd remembers life on a smallholding in the Welsh Marches. Read by Eiry Thomas.

#### **THU 15:45 The Synchrotron View (b00j3kqy)**

Episode 4

Science enthusiast Dave Dodd visits the UK's biggest and brightest new experimental facility, the Diamond Light Source.

Exploring the mysteries of earthworms. How are they able to survive in the copper and arsenic-laced soil of an abandoned Devon mine?

#### **THU 16:00 Open Book (b00j2jk9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

#### **THU 16:30 Material World (b00j4kxb)**

Medical Isotopes - The End of Harappa

Quentin Cooper hears about medical isotopes, one of the staples of modern medicine which allow doctors to track down damaged tissue and diseased organs.

These radioactive tracers are in danger of vanishing from our medical shelves because the ageing nuclear reactors that they are made in keep breaking down. Quentin talks to a supplier of medical isotopes and a leading user, to hear about our need for these chemicals and what can be done to ensure their availability.

The End of Harappa

Four and a half thousand years ago, one of the great civilisations in the world thrived in the north western corner of the Indian subcontinent.

Great, intricately ordered cities like Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro were home to tens of thousands of citizens. And then within five hundred years the Harappan civilisation faded away.

#### **THU 17:00 PM (b00j3ktn)**

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Carolyn Quinn. Plus Weather.

#### **THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00j3kw6)**

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

#### **THU 18:30 Old Harry's Game (b00j4kzb)**

Series 7

Episode 5

Hell is not what it was since the baby turned up.

Satan's become a one-man adoption agency whilst his chief demon is reading Penelope Leach. But can Satan place the baby with a good family?

Stars Andy Hamilton as Satan, Annette Crosbie as Edith, Robert Duncan as Scumspawn and Jimmy Mulville as Thomas.

Other roles played by Mike Fenton Stevens, Philip Pope and Felicity Montagu.

Written by Andy Hamilton.

Producer: Paul Mayhew-Archer

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

**THU 19:00 The Archers (b00j3k5q)**

Hayley and Brenda are in the shop buying food for the Willow Cottage housewarming. Susan says that because of Usha's mugging Neil's picking her up from the shop later.

Alan's waited in, until Usha's home safely. Usha says she's fine. She wishes she'd got the car's number plate, and she's sick of being village gossip. Usha says she'll carry on training, but will go to the gym tonight. On her way, Usha calls at the shop. Susan asks how she is. Usha says she's fine. And she'd like everyone to know that.

At Willow Cottage, Brenda tells Mike how lovely it looks. Slightly unconvincingly, Mike says it's going to be perfect for him. Tom doesn't make it over. Brenda says maybe he's had a tip-off about Harry the missing boar. Susan says Tom should put a 'missing' poster in the phone box. Brenda notices she has a voicemail message so goes outside. Mike admits to Susan that living on his own is going to be hard. Susan says he'll be fine. He's got loads of friends.

Brenda calls the person who's left a message. It's Lisa Ramsey from the Serious Fraud Office. They'd like to talk to her. Would tomorrow be convenient?

Episode written by Keri Davies.

**THU 19:15 Front Row (b00j3ky6)**

Presented by Kirsty Lang.

Richard Curtis talks to Kirsty about his latest two projects: the return of Alexander McCall Smith's private eye Precious Ramotswe in a new TV series of The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency, and his cinematic tribute to the power of '60s pirate radio, The Boat That Rocked.

Kirsty talks to Benjamin Zander, the pioneering Music Director of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, about what orchestras can teach business leaders during the credit crunch, and why Mahler has been such an abiding passion throughout his career.

Writer and academic Hermione Lee joins Kirsty to review an English language version of Madame De Sade, a drama by the Japanese writer Yukio Mishima.

Singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright talks to Kirsty Lang about making his debut as an opera composer.

**THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00j6qn1)**

Seeing is Believing

Episode 4

By Sian Evans. A man is forced to re-examine everything when he sees a UFO one Saturday night in a pub car park.

Jon's wife, Anna, issues an ultimatum.

Jon ..... Richard Greenwood  
Si/Witness 4 ..... Grant O'Rourke  
Dasa/Clare ..... Lesley Hart  
Anna ..... Tamara Kennedy  
Jude ..... Monica Gibb  
Ellie ..... Clare Yuille  
Naomi ..... Meg Fraser

Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.

**THU 20:00 Anglomania (b00g447z)**

John F Jungclaussen, Die Zeit's UK correspondent, sets out to discover why so many of his fellow countrymen are in thrall to all things British.

Among his travels around Germany he experiences British Day in Hamburg, with its very own Last Night of the Proms, an evening in a Bayreuth pub where the locals only speak English and, in the Ruhr valley, a German rock band called Claymore, who perform in full Highland dress.

**THU 20:30 Analysis (b00j56l9)**

The Financial Tsunami

Ngairé Woods considers how the financial crisis is affecting the world's most vulnerable people. As global leaders prepare to meet in London to try to clear up the western world's economic mess, where does the global banking meltdown leave developing countries?

**THU 21:00 Oceans: What Lies Beneath (b00j56lc)**

Episode 2

Gabrielle Walker explores why we know so little about the oceans that make up nearly 80 per cent of our planet.

Gabrielle meets the oceanographers who have gone where so few have gone before - the deep ocean. They have made discoveries that the most imaginative science-fiction writers would have trouble imagining. The deep ocean is the most unexplored part of our planet, and makes up more than 50 per cent of the Earth's surface.

**THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00j4hmv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 21:58 Weather (b00j3l02)**

The latest weather forecast.

**THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00j3l1c)**

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

Josef Fritzl, the Austrian man who locked his daughter in a cellar for 24 years and fathered seven children with her, has been sentenced to life imprisonment in a psychiatric hospital.

French unions take to the streets to protest against president Sarkozy's handling of the economy, while EU leaders meet in Brussels to find a common way out of the recession.

Plus, are comedians replacing mainstream journalists in American media?

**THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00j3lq6)**

Family Money

Episode 9

Hannah Gordon reads Nina Bawden's psychological thriller which tells the story of recently-widowed Fanny Pye, and how her life is changed when she intervenes to stop a street brawl.

The departure of Jake and his canal boat has unexpected consequences for Fanny.

**THU 23:00 The Personality Test (b007rlx5)**

Series 3

Janet Street-Porter

Comedy quiz presented by a fresh guest host every episode.

All the questions are about the host.

Broadcaster and Youth TV Pioneer Janet Street-Porter takes the chair.

Facing up to a quiz based on her career, whims and interests are panelists - Sue Perkins, Lucy Porter, Nick Doody and Will Smith.

Script by Simon Littlefield and Kieron Quirke

Devised and produced by Aled Evans.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2007.

**THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00j3ls4)**

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

**FRIDAY 20 MARCH 2009**

**FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00j2xg5)**

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

**FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00j7ly9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00j3l1v)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00j320m)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00j3l1x)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00j32bs)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00j32gm)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Glenn Jordan.

**FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00j32qc)**

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

**FRI 06:00 Today (b00j32z3)**

Presented by John Humphrys and Evan Davis.

Former Labour health secretary Patricia Hewitt explains her reasons for proposing amendments to the law regarding assisted suicides.

Correspondent Andrew Hosken hears from supporters and detractors of the NHS database in England.

Chairman of the Normandy Veteran Association Ed Slater explains the significance of a trip to this year's D Day commemorations in France.

The National Audit Office has released a report that reveals Northern Rock was allowed to lend 800 million pounds in high risk mortgages for six months after it was nationalised. Business editor Robert Peston reports.

Chris Leslie, the director of the NLGN, and Derek Watson, chief executive of the Dental Practitioners Association, discuss the future of dentistry in the UK.

President Barack Obama has appeared on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. North America Editor Justin Webb reports.

Thought for the day with Sir Jonathan Sacks.

Correspondent Ian Pannell describes the present situation in Afghanistan from Kabul, and Foreign Secretary David Miliband discusses the policy changes that may be needed.

Lesley Close, who accompanied her brother John to the Dignitas clinic in Switzerland, and Liberal Democrat peer Lord Carlile discuss the political, legal and moral implications of an amendment to the Coroner's and Justice Bill.

There has been an upsurge in the popularity of Chinese philosopher Confucius. Correspondent James Reynolds and expert in Professor Joachim Gentz explain the sudden interest.

The Healthcare Commission has released a report on Birmingham Children's Hospital, which reveals a 'catalogue of failings' including delays in treatment and bed shortages. Dr Charlie Ralston, the medical director at the hospital, explains how these problems came about.

Correspondent Rory Maclean examines the UK's anti-terrorism strategy, known as Contest.

Dr Gillian Braunold, the clinical director in the NHS responsible for the NHS database, discusses privacy issues.

Philosopher Slavoj Zizek gives his take on the current economic crisis.

Documents revealing the thoughts of the main British prosecutor at the Nuremberg Nazi war crimes trials, David Maxwell Fyfe, have been opened to the public. Tom Blackmore, Mr Maxwell Fyfe's grandson, and Allen Packwood, from the Churchill Archives Centre, discuss.

**FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00j26xw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

**FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00j7lyd)**

A View from the Foothills

Episode 5

Sam Dale reads an adaptation of the diary kept by Chris Mullin during his time as a minister in the New Labour government.

It is May 2005 and Chris leaves the Foreign Office with his future unclear.

**FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00j6lyt)**

Saying 'I love you'; Hate crimes in South Africa

How important is it to say 'I love you'? Plus the growing

concern over sexual assaults on lesbians in South Africa, and the impact of counselling in the early stages of dementia.

**FRI 11:00 The Accidental Volunteer (b00j5883)**

Sian Pari Huws visits Rhayader in Mid Wales which seems to be run entirely by volunteers. Like many communities, it increasingly depends on such people for essential services.

**FRI 11:30 HR (b00j5885)**

Series 1

A Bus Pass

The work machine has finally excreted Peter and Sam. Now the two friends meet, of all places, in the queue for their senior bus passes.

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  
Man with no teeth ..... Malcolm Tierney  
Mechanical voice ..... Stephen Critchlow

Director: Peter Cavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2009.

**FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00j358I)**

Presented by Peter White.

Since the '70s, Oldham Athletic has run out onto the pitch to the accompaniment of 'Mouldy Old Dough'. But their music licence fee has increased, and the club says it can't afford to use the tune.

We speak to Alan Hardy, Chief Executive Oldham Athletic FC and Adrian Crookes from PRS.

Dr Tiffany Jenkins challenges the Museums Association over policies for storing and displaying human remains. We also speak to Maurice Davies of the Museums Association.

We hear concerns from the Royal Opera House and others that world class performers will be put off coming to the UK by new VISA regulations aimed at controlling immigration.

The Football Association has said it will consider introducing a 'mercy rule' into youth soccer where games are stopped if a team takes a nine goal lead. Do children need to be protected from big defeats?

How green will the London 2012 Olympics be? We ask Shaun McCarthy, Chair of the Commission for A Sustainable London 2012, and Dan Epstein, Head of Sustainability for the Olympic Delivery Authority.

As part of the cultural Olympiad, money is available to fund 12 commissions of new art work around the UK to reflect London 2012. We speak to Lord Sebastian Coe, Chair of Locog, and Moira Sinclair from Arts Council England.

**FRI 12:57 Weather (b00j359n)**

The latest weather forecast.

**FRI 13:00 World at One (b00j35c8)**

National and international news.

**FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00j5887)**

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

**FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00j3k5q)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 14:15 Drama (b00j5889)**

Smoke and Daggers

Smoke and Daggers by Hugh Costello.

A political thriller by a skilful writer who is making an increasing reputation in movie and TV writing. "Holby City", "Thin Ice" (2005) "Auto da Fe", "On Home Ground" (2001) TV Series "The Ambassador" TV Series (writer) The Rope Trick. Hugh's latest film is the Emmy Award winning Bernard and Doris starring Susan Sarandon and Ralph Fiennes. Recently for R4, Slightly Larger Than West Virginia and The Forgetting Curve.

His latest play imagines its way inside the lives of a political elite who surrounded the former Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern.

Dublin, 1997. When Joe Finnerty marries into Dublin's political aristocracy his fortune appears to be made. Lucrative government contracts and the ready patronage of his heavy hitting father-in-law ensure that Joe soon becomes a man to be reckoned with.

His own career in politics seems pre-ordained, until a disgruntled Party apparatchik leaks information concerning the unexplained death of Joe's ex partner, creating a scandal which shakes the Finnerty empire and threatens to destroy Joe and everything he once held dear.

A cautionary tale about an individual's pact with political preferment - Irish style.

Cast:

Joe Finnerty - Patrick Fitzsymons  
Oliver McQuaid - John Kavanagh  
Louise Finnerty - Amanda Hurwitz  
Gemma - Cathy White  
Fintan - Michael J Murphy  
Murtagh - Hugh Costello  
D.I. Glynn - Frankie McCafferty  
Miriam - Nicky Doherty  
And Conor Finnerty - Padraig Dooney

The play was directed by EOIN O'CALLAGHAN.

**FRI 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00j588c)**

Peter Gibbs chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Pippa Greenwood, Bob Flowerdew and Matthew Biggs answer gardeners' questions sent in by post and email.

Including the Gardeners' Question Time gardening weather forecast.

**FRI 15:45 The Synchrotron View (b00j3kr0)**

Episode 5

Science enthusiast Dave Dodd visits the UK's biggest and brightest new experimental facility, the Diamond Light Source.

A sample cell is loaded with hydrogen under terrifying pressure and then moved to Diamond, where it is squashed with unimaginable force.

**FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00j58sc)**

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 (b00j58sf)**

Francine Stock talks to Michael Sheen about his starring role as Brian Clough in the adaptation of David Peace's novel, The Damned United. She also talks to Polish film-maker Jerzy Skolimowski.

**FRI 17:00 PM (b00j3ktq)**

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Carolyn Quinn. Plus Weather.

**FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00j3kw8)**

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

**FRI 18:30 The Now Show (b00j58sh)**

Series 27

Episode 3

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

**FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00j3k5s)**

Joe helps Eddie set up a flower stall outside the phone box. Later, Ed appears. Why is Eddie packing up? Susan's said she doesn't want him flypitching. Ed, who has some news, helps Eddie pack.

Eddie and Joe are delighted with Oliver's proposal that Ed becomes Grange Farm's tenant; Clarrie is more cautious.

Petrified Brenda is interviewed by Lisa Ramsey from the SFO. Brenda says she had nothing to do with C3PL. She worked for Matt on Borchester Land business. But Ramsey shows Brenda her own signature on a C3PL document. Flustered Brenda says

she often witnessed Matt's signature.

Brenda tells Ramsey she had no reason to think anything dodgy was going on, until Matt offered to help Tom. Ramsey asks how this is connected to C3PL. Brenda's forced to tell her she overheard Matt and Chalkman. Ramsey asks if Brenda thought Matt's offer of help was excessive. Brenda protests: she was surprised but didn't know it was anything to do with fraud.

Broken Brenda arrives home and tells Tom everything. Tom's furious. Brenda's got him involved with a bunch of crooks - he could have lost his business, again! Brenda feels terrible. Tom says he doesn't know her anymore.

Episode written by Keri Davies.

**FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00j3ky8)**

Presented by John Wilson.

24-year-old British singer and songwriter V V Brown talks to John about her 1950s music influences and how she wrote her first single on a one-stringed guitar she bought from a charity shop.

John discusses the pros and cons of Google Maps UK Street View with two writers who have an intimate understanding of a particular city: Ian Rankin, who brings Edinburgh to life in his Rebus novels, and Graham Hurley, who sets his books in Portsmouth.

Musician John Cale is probably best known as a founding member of the 1960s rock band The Velvet Underground. But this summer his work as a visual artist will bring him to a different kind of audience, when he represents Wales at the Venice Biennale. He talks exclusively to John about his work as an artist and his relationship with his home country.

Chancellor Alistair Darling is to host a meeting of artists, producers and leaders of the cultural industries to discuss whether - with unemployment hitting two million - there are lessons to be learned from FDR. We talk to political journalist Martin Bright - who is proposing a New Deal Of the Mind - and DD Guttenplan, London correspondent of The Nation.

**FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00j6qny)**

Seeing is Believing

Episode 5

By Sian Evans. A man is forced to re-examine everything when he sees a UFO one Saturday night in a pub car park.

A family crisis forces Jon to reconsider everything.

Jon ..... Richard Greenwood  
Witness/Priest ..... Simon Donaldson  
Naomi/Witness ..... Meg Fraser  
Anna ..... Tamara Kennedy  
Si/Witness ..... Grant O'Rourke  
Ellie/Witness ..... Clare Yuille  
Clare/Dasa ..... Lesley Hart

Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.

**FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00j58sk)**

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in London. Panellists are Mayor of London Boris Johnson, employment minister Tony McNulty, director of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority Professor Lisa Jardine and the Bishop of Rochester, Dr Michael Nazir-Ali.

**FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00j58sm)**

A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Katharine Whitehorn.

**FRI 21:00 Stone (b00j58sp)**

Series 1

Dead Fishes

By Chloe Moss.

A young man with Down's syndrome admits to killing his mother. Then a woman turns up claiming that he was with her on the day that his mother was killed. Stone must discover who is lying and why.

Stone ..... Hugo Speer  
Eammon ..... Tommy Jessop  
Jacqueline ..... Christine Brennan  
Tanner ..... Craig Cheetham  
Catriona ..... Zoe Henry  
David ..... Andrew Grose  
Jay ..... Andrew Whitehead

Weeks ..... Luke Broughton

Directed by Stefan Escreet.

**FRI 21:58 Weather (b00j3l04)**  
The latest weather forecast.

**FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00j3l1f)**  
National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig. Including reports on a new US strategy for Afghanistan, robotic fish which measures levels of pollution in the sea, EU leaders resist US calls for more money to combat the recession and President Obama proposes a new beginning in relations with Iran.

**FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00j3lq8)**  
Family Money

Episode 10

Hannah Gordon reads Nina Bawden's psychological thriller which tells the story of recently-widowed Fanny Pye, and how her life is changed when she intervenes to stop a street brawl.

Jake's threatened return spurs Fanny into action, and she makes some decisions that surprise those closest to her.

**FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b00j4f1p)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

**FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00j3ls6)**  
News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Mark D'Arcy.