

SATURDAY 09 MAY 2009**SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00k57hf)**

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00k3fqc)

From Harvey River

Episode 5

Dona Croll reads from Lorna Goodison's portrait of past generations of her unconventional family in Harvey River, Jamaica.

Lorna looks back on her extraordinary childhood in Kingston as the daughter of Mama Goodie, whose bottomless cooking pot and endless words of wisdom sustain the locals. But times are changing in Jamaica, as the hypnotic chants and drums of the Rastafarians echo over the city and independence for the country finally arrives.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00k57hj)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00k57hl)

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

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00k57hn)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00k57hq)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00k57hs)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Maggie Dawn.

SAT 05:45 The Estuary (b008kvrj)

Episode 5

Peter France narrates an extraordinary story of life on the Wash as the tides and the seasons change, set against a backdrop of sounds recorded on location by Chris Watson.

How might climate change and rising sea levels affect this wild, desolate and beautiful landscape?

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00k57hv)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00k799b)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00k7b8v)

Settle to Carlisle Railway

Matt Baker visits one of the most beautiful yet hard to build railway lines in the country, from Settle to Carlisle.

It was completed in 1876, and over the five years it took to build, hundreds of men, women and children died in the navy camps set up along its path. Today it stands as a monument to their work and tragic deaths but 20 years ago it could easily have closed. A vigorous campaign was set up to save the line and today the numbers who use what is known as England's most scenic railway route are increasing.

Matt discovers the history of the line and why it remains so vital for the rural communities it links.

SAT 06:30 Farming Today (b00k7b8x)

Farming Today This Week

An independent report for the National Farmers Union says the average chicken farmer has lost money over the last five years. Many have not had the cash to invest in buildings and equipment to keep their businesses efficient and their costs down. With new rules and added costs around the corner, some are asking if they should leave the industry altogether. Farming Today looks at the future of Britain's most popular meat.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00k7b8z)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00k7c1q)

Presented by Evan Davis and James Naughtie.

Tourism minister Barbara Follett has claimed more than 25,000 pounds for security patrols at her London home, the Daily Telegraph claims.

Authorities in Pakistan say they are mobilising to receive as many as half a million people who have been displaced by fighting in the Swat Valley.

A senior White House aide has quit over his role in a presidential plane's low-level fly-past that caused panic among New York office workers.

Iain Watson reports on further details of MPs' expenses released by the Daily Telegraph.

Correspondent Peter Biles considers what changes will be made when Mr Zuma, the fourth president of the republic since the end of Apartheid, is sworn in as South Africa's new president.

Authorities in Pakistan say they are mobilising to receive as many as half a million people displaced by fighting in the Swat Valley. Reporter Zubeida Malik speaks to Jamal Nasir Khan, the Nazim of Swat (effectively the local mayor) about how the city of Mingora, the main town in the valley, is now almost completely deserted as the Pakistani army closes in.

Martin McGuinness, deputy first minister of Northern Ireland, discusses the importance of putting weapons out of use to send a message to small Republican groups.

Accountant Richard Murphy says MPs' expense claims are exempt from tax rules.

Chairman of the Gangmasters Licensing Authority Paul Whitehouse discusses how exploitation of workers can be stopped.

Economists Jim O'Neill and Graham Turner discuss if the economy is recovering from the banking crisis.

Jeremy Bowen reports on the big challenges the Pope is facing on his visit to Jordan.

Writers Sarah Dunant and Christina Odone discuss if the feminist ideas of Marilyn French are still relevant.

Bruce Riedel says the situation in Pakistan is deteriorating at an alarming rate.

Columnists Peter Preston and Daniel Finkelstein discuss if the Daily Telegraph was right to publish MPs' expenses.

North America business correspondent Greg Wood reports on how the US newspaper industry is confronting the worst crisis in its history.

South African cartoonist and satirist Zapiro and historian Saul DuBow, of Sussex University, discuss Jacob Zuma's attempt to sue over a cartoon published in a leading newspaper.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00k7c1s)

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. Fi Glover is joined by journalist and writer Melissa Benn. With poetry from Elvis McGonagall.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00k7c1v)

John McCarthy talks to BBC Security Correspondent Frank Gardner about visiting destinations from Sumatra to Socotra and how he has kept up his highly active travelling since gunshot injuries he suffered in Saudi Arabia put him in a wheelchair. A keen traveller since his schooldays, Frank has been to many out-of-the-way parts of the world for both business and recreation.

John also meets actor and writer Michael Simkins, who had no experience of France other than the impressions he gleaned from films and its reputation among the British. When he spent a summer touring the country and sampling the French way of life, from wine tasting to haute cuisine and from naturism to haute couture, he had some of his worst - and best - suspicions confirmed.

SAT 10:30 When Real Women Wore Minis and Real Men Drove Them (b00k7c1x)

Francesco da Mosto celebrates the original Italian Job film from 1969 and explores the movie's enduring popularity.

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00k7c1z)

Not the best of times for the Prime Minister Gordon Brown with troubles ranging from mishandling the issue of the Gurkhas to published details of MPs expense claims including his own.

Tony Wright Labour chair of the Public Administration Committee looks at the effect these disclosures might have, while government backbenchers Gisela Stuart Chris Mullin and George Mudie judge the Prime Minister's chances of weathering the storm.

One thing is certain given the economic situation, cuts in public spending will have to be made. But where? Conservative Andrew Tyrie who was in the Treasury in the 1980's and Steve Webb Liberal Democrat spokesman on pensions discuss the options.

Thirty years ago this week Margaret Thatcher became Britain's first woman Prime Minister. Shirley Williams (now Baroness Williams) a parliamentary colleague from the early 1960s talks about her early years.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00k7c21)

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

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00k7c23)

The ASA launches a formal investigation into a NatWest TV campaign promoting its free advice service at branches.

Money Box asks if soaring stock markets after months of dramatic swings are a sign of real recovery or a temporary rally.

And we reveal the loophole which may make the government's attempt to ban the topping up of wages with tips ineffective.

SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b00k412d)

Series 68

Episode 2

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

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00k7c25)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News (b00k7c27)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00k412g)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Edinburgh. Panellists are John Swinney MSP, cabinet secretary in the Scottish government, John McFall MP, Labour chairman of Westminster's Treasury select committee, Annabel Goldie MSP, leader of the Conservatives in the Scottish Parliament and Danny Alexander MP, chief of staff to the Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00k7c29)

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

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b00k7c2e)

Point of Departure

By Francis Turnly. Controversial African leader Jonah Kotto is attending a peace summit in Belfast where Alec Murray is assigned to his security detail. When security at Stormont is breached Alec fears for Kotto's life, but is there a real threat, and, if so, how serious is it?

Alec Murray Patrick Fitzsymons
Jonah Kotto George Harris
Grace Ellen Thomas
Clive Adrian Lukis
Miller David Schofield
Hannah Aislin McGuckin
Victor Jude Akuwudike
De Silva Jimmy Akingbola
Ambassador/Reporter Ian McElhinney
Photographer Chris Patrick-Simpson
Doctor/Simon Ian Beattie
Samuel Muntanga Mark Asante
Daniel Kenyatta George B Seremba
Newscaster Fo Cullen
Reporters Laura Conway, Brian Murray

Directed by Heather Larmour.

SAT 15:30 The Music Group (b00k3x1b)

Series 3

Episode 4

Comedian, broadcaster and GP Dr Phil Hammond asks each of three guests to play the track of their choice for the delight or disdain of the others.

His guests are Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band member Neil Innes; Graham Linehan, writer of The IT Crowd, Black Books and Father Ted; and actress Felicity Finch, who plays Ruth Archer in The Archers.

A Testbed production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 16:00 Woman's Hour (b00k7c2f)
Weekend Woman's Hour

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

Actress Michelle Pfeiffer on her latest film Cheri, which explores the luxurious world of the courtesan in Paris at the turn of the 19th century. Many of the courtesans in this period became so famed for their beauty, wit and expertise in the art of love-making that they were able to amass large fortunes from the Dukes and Princes who sought their favours. Michelle plays one of the most successful of the courtesans.

Coinciding with the 250th anniversary in 2009 of the birth of the feminist and thinker Mary Wollstonecraft, Jenni Murray discusses what influence the author of A Vindication of the Rights of Woman has on today's feminists.

Jenni talks to writer Fay Weldon about the lasting impact of The Women's Room, the novel for which late Marilyn French is best remembered. Published in 1977, it sold some 20 million copies worldwide, and told the story of Mira, who escaped a dull and restrictive marriage for a university education. It contained the famous line 'All men are rapists' and has been voted one of the top five most influential books in a Woman's Hour poll.

There are a record number of legal disputes over family inheritance. Sheila McClennon hears from listeners whose families have been torn apart by money. She also hears what is the best course of action is to avoid future fall outs.

As one male judge is about to retire from the US supreme court - are there any women who should replace him?

Plus award-winning soprano Kate Royal.

SAT 17:00 PM (b00k7c2h)
Saturday PM

As the MPs expenses saga continues and more revelations pour out in the papers - many of them denied - how can public trust in politicians be restored?

Interviews with Luton Councillor Mahmood Husein and Nick Harvey MP.

John Leyne reports from Iran on the election candidates looking to oust President Ahmadinejad.

Junior Doctors have called for whistleblowers to be better protected by the NHS. Interview with Dr Tom Dolphin.

A group of leading architects have criticised the Prince of Wales for his comments on modern architecture. Interview with Will Alsop.

Dumetha Luthra reports from New York on an initiative to use empty shops as art galleries.

SAT 17:30 1PM (b00k7c2k)

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

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00k7c2m)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00k7c2p)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00k7c2r)

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

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00k7c2t)

An eclectic mix of conversation, music and comedy.

Peter Curran is joined by Julian Clary, Charles Hazlewood and Sharon Horgan.

Gideon Coe talks to Flight of the Conchords star Kristen Schaal.

With comedy from Carl Donnelly and music from Dear Reader and Smoove and Turrell.

SAT 19:00 From Fact to Fiction (b00k7c9b)
Series 6

Episode 2

Series in which writers create a fictional response to the week's news.

As experts begin the exhumation of up to 400 unknown WWI soldiers in the village of Fromelles, Bonnie Greer imagines the impact upon some of those involved.

With Nadine Marshall, Malcolm Tierney, Benjamin Askew.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00k7d2y)

Patrick Stewart and Ian McKellan in Waiting for Godot, and Kazuo Ishiguro Nocturnes: Five Stories of Music and Nightfall

Tom Sutcliffe is joined by journalist Andreas Whittam Smith, writer Catherine O'Flynn and artistic director of the South Bank Jude Kelly to discuss the cultural highlights of the week - featuring a blockbusting trip to the final frontier, two very distinguished tramps and five musical stories.

The USS Enterprise gets taken out for another spin around the block in JJ Abrams' blockbuster Star Trek. Chris Pine is Kirk and Zachary Quinto is Spock in this prequel which also features the original O' Pointy Ears, Leonard Nimoy.

A previous incumbent of the bridge of the Enterprise, Patrick Stewart, can currently be found at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, playing opposite Ian McKellan in Waiting for Godot. Directed by Sean Matthias, this production of Beckett's classic, nearly 55 years after its London debut, also features Simon Callow and Ronald Pickup.

A new book by Kazuo Ishiguro is always an event and Nocturnes: Five Stories of Music and Nightfall distinguishes itself by being his first collection of short stories. These are thematically linked and take the reader from the piazzas of Italy to the Malvern Hills, a meltdown in a London flat and plastic surgery in Hollywood.

Channel 4's The Big Art Project began back in 2005 when people across the country were invited to nominate sites they felt would benefit from an art installation. Close to 1,400 nominations were received, from which seven sites were selected. Big Art reveals how the aspirations that people had for these sites became solid reality and unearths the inevitable tensions between those who create public art and those who have to live in its shadow.

SAT 20:00 Archive on 4 (b00k7d30)

John Barbirolli - Angel of the North

James Naughtie remembers English conductor Sir John Barbirolli, in his own words as well as in the recollections of colleagues and through archive recordings.

Barbirolli had Italian and French blood in his veins but he was a proud cockney who became a champion of English music. When he died in 1970, Britain lost a figure who seemed part of our musical life.

Barbirolli is remembered affectionately for his work with the Halle Orchestra in Manchester with whom he forged a unique bond from 1942 onwards and brought new vigour and worldwide renown to the oldest professional orchestra in Britain.

James chairs a discussion between Sir Mark Elder, current music director of the Halle, David Lloyd-Jones, conductor and founder of Opera North, and writer Andrew Farach-Colton.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00k2qr9)

Geoffrey Chaucer - Troilus and Criseyde

Episode 2

Dramatisation of Chaucer's Troilus and Criseyde.

One of the great works of English literature, this powerful, compelling story explores love from its first tentative beginnings through to passionate sensuality and eventual tragic disillusionment. Lavinia Greenlaw's new version for radio brings Chaucer's language up-to-date for a modern audience while remaining true to his original poetic intention.

Criseyde's Uncle Pandarus has been the matchmaker for the

Trojan hero Troilus and young widow Criseyde, who are desperately in love. But what will happen when Criseyde is handed over to the Greeks at the gates of Troy to join her 'traitor' father?

Troilus Tom Ferguson
Criseyde Maxine Peake
Pandarus Malcolm Raeburn
Servant/Friend Kathryn Hunt
Calchas/Servant Kevin Doyle
Priam/Servant Terence Mann
Hector/Diomedes Declan Wilson

With music composed by Gary Yershon and performed by Ehsan Emam, Tim Williams and Mike Dale.

Directed by Susan Roberts.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00k7d32)

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

SAT 22:15 Unreliable Evidence (b00k4bgq)

The Law and the Unborn

Clive Anderson presents the series analysing the legal issues of the day.

Developments in human reproductive technologies give rise to a range of legal and ethical controversies around fertilization, cloning, surrogacy and abortion. The new Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act makes legal the creation of 'saviour siblings' and hybrid animal-human embryos for scientific research. Does the law provide enough protection for the unborn? Clive considers who decides what can be done to an embryo and when, in law, life begins.

An Above the Title production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 23:00 Counterpoint (b00k3vkk)

Series 23

2009 Heat 9

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:

Ian Bayley from Headington, Oxford
David Saxon from Northwood, Middlesex
Gary Williams from Weston-super-Mare

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

SAT 23:30 Ossian (b00k2vz6)

Kenneth Steven tells the story of one of the greatest hoaxes in the history of poetry and literature. James MacPherson's apparent 'discovery' of the ancient poems of Ossian in the 1760s transformed the image and acceptance of Highland Scottish life throughout the world and helped to inspire the Romantic movement, but very quickly doubts were voiced about the authenticity of the poems.

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SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00k7d83)

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

SUN 00:30 Afternoon Reading (b0084s1n)

The Big Chill

The Lost Child

Specially commissioned stories exploring the darker side of life.

A couple hear a baby crying on their child monitor. Unfortunately, it's not their baby. A cry for help or a call from beyond the grave? Inspector Devlin investigates.

By Brian McGilloway, read by Lloyd Hutchinson.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00k7f4q)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00k7f4s)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00k7f4v)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00k7pnp)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00k7pnr)

The sound of bells from St Olave's Church in London.

SUN 05:45 Petitioning the Modern Way (b00k4bl6)

Episode 2

Journalist and author Jon Ronson examines Number 10's e-petitioning system, which allows the public to submit petitions directly to the Prime Minister.

Jon wonders how this fits in with our notions of democracy.

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00k7pr4)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00k7pr6)

Entitlement

Mark Tully explores the complex relationship between a sense of entitlement and the claiming of rights. What is the difference between entitlements and rights and why is a sense of entitlement so closely related to privilege?

SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b00k7pr8)

Alex James meets Julian Hodge, a Devon butcher with a passion for meat and motorbikes who is offering a unique service to farmers. After 20 years of butchery, he now rides through the countryside offering an on-farm cutting service. But is there a future in the personal touch?

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00k7qy2)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00k7qy4)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00k7qy6)

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

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00k7qy8)

Children's Heart Federation

India Knight appeals on behalf of Children's Heart Federation. Donations: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144. Please mark the back of your envelope: Children's Heart Federation.

If you are a UK tax payer, please provide The Children's Heart Federation with your full name and address so that they can claim the Gift Aid on your donation worth another 25 per cent. The online and phone donation facilities are not currently available to listeners without a UK postcode.

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SUN 07:58 Weather (b00k7qyb)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00k7qyd)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00k7qyg)

O for the Wings of a Dove

Rev Stephen Shipley visits Leipzig to reflect on the faith of composer Felix Mendelssohn, on the 200th anniversary of his birth.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00k4l2j)

Sheer Poetry

Clive James wonders what it says about the British attitude to

poetry that we have the institution of the Poet Laureateship.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00k7qyj)

The former Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, adds his voice to those critical of the behaviour of our elected officials. The Luton MP Margaret Moran defends her claims on a third house in Southampton, based 100 miles away from her constituency.

Major Phil Packer completed the London Marathon after 13 days, on foot, with crutches. Gill Hicks lost her legs below the knee in the London terror attacks. They share their experiences.

And to mark the announcement that the South Bank Show is to end, the thoughts of cellist Julian Lloyd Webber, who was part of the band that provided the famous opening track for the show. He plays it, once more, for us.

Journalist Carole Thatcher, historian Tristram Hunt and comedian Miles Jupp review the papers.

The winner of the Broadcasting House Spoon Competition is Gina Holbrook from Manchester; the correct answer is 'the radio'.

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00k7qyl)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00k7qyn)

Whoopi Goldberg

Kirsty Young's castaway this week is the comic and actress Whoopi Goldberg. As a child she used to practise the acceptance speeches she was sure she would one day make - little surprise then that she's one of a handful of people to have won an Oscar, a Grammy, a Tony and Emmy awards.

Favourite track: Lovely Day by Bill Withers

Book: Letters to a Young Poet by Raine Maria Rilke

Luxury: Wise potato chips

SUN 12:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b00k3x21)

Series 2

Episode 1

John Lloyd and Sean Lock host a panel show in which three distinguished guests donate fascinating exhibits to a vast imaginary museum.

John and Sean's guests are Brian Eno, Chris Donald and Dave Gorman.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00k7rbh)

Farming on the Urban Fringe

Picnickers, art groups and frolicking dogs - some of the daily problems faced by farmers on the urban fringes, with a population less personally connected with life on a working farm than ever before.

John Waite looks at the challenges and opportunities facing the farmers living cheek by jowl with their urban neighbours, and at some of the attempts being made to bring the two closer together.

We hear from Wayside Farm in Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, which last year took part in Open Farm Sunday to help explain farming to their neighbours and reduce the casual damage and trespass caused by uninformed picnickers and dog walkers to their land. Caroline Drummond from LEAF, Linking Environment and Farming, which organises Open Farm Sunday explains why they run it.

John also visits Shabden Park Farm in Chipstead, Surrey, where Mark and Kirstie Banham have set up an on-farm butchery to sell direct to their town dwelling, commuting neighbours.

Sir Don Curry talks about the importance of reconnection, the main theme of 1991's Curry Report into the Future of Farming and Food.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00k7rbk)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00k7rbm)

Revelations about MPs' expense claims continue to dominate the papers as new polls show that the government has suffered most. The former chairman of the Senior Salaries Review Body, who carried out a review into parliamentary pay in 2008, says the National Audit Office should now examine MPs' expenses on an annual basis. A former Deputy Speaker of the

House of Commons though says a dissolution of Parliament and immediate General Election may be the only way forward.

Plus a new attempt is to be made to curb illegal immigration from Africa into the European Union. Italy and Libya will begin joint patrols of the Mediterranean. In proportion to its population, Malta has the highest number of asylum applications in the European Union. The World This Weekend travelled to the island to discover why the government there now wants other EU countries to share its burden.

SUN 13:30 Catholics and Jews (b00k8r7)

War and Peace?

Edward Stourton examines the history of the complex relationship between Catholics and Jews.

Edward asks whether relations have cooled following a string of controversies, including calls to canonise Pope Pius XII, referred to by some as 'Hitler's Pope'.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00k4kkn)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Anne Swithinbank, Bob Flowerdew and Chris Beardshaw are guests of Somerfords Garden Club and The Great Somerford Allotments Bicentenary Committee near Malmesbury.

In the first in a new series looking at how we can carry out sustainable gardening, the panel discover the benefits and reasons for growing native plants.

Including Gardening weather forecast.

SUN 14:45 Lights, Camera, Landmark (b00fgbls)

Lacock, Wiltshire

Matthew Sweet visits parts of the man-made landscape which have been used in films over the years.

Matthew discovers how this Wiltshire village has been used for period dramas such as The Other Boleyn Girl and Pride and Prejudice.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00k7rbp)

The Siege of Krishnapur

Episode 1

Dramatisation by Shelagh Stephenson of the novel by JG Farrell.

It is 1857 and British rule in India is under threat. At first the colonists are confident that their 'superior culture' will prevail, but as the Indian mutineers show their metal, the Collector of Krishnapur is forced to reconsider.

Hopkins, The Collector Alex Jennings

Fluery Ben Askew

Prince Hari Shiv Grewal

Harry Dunstaple Matt Addis

Louise Dunstaple Jasmine Hyde

Dr Dunstaple Malcolm Tierney

Mrs Dunstaple Caroline Guthrie

Willoughby Sam Dale

Miriam Janice Acquah

Dr MacNab Stephen Hogan

The Padre Philip Fox

Cutter Jonathan Tafler

Lieutenant Peterson Paul Rider

Lucy Hughes Lizzy Watts

Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan.

SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00k7snx)

Colm Toibin, Ali Smith, and the new John Wyndham book

Mariella Frostrup talks to the Irish writer Colm Toibin, who has twice been nominated for the Booker prize, about his new novel, Brooklyn. Plus Ali Smith takes Mariella on a walk around the park that inspired her latest fiction.

SUN 16:30 The Women of Rainer Maria Rilke (b00k7snz)

Hayley Radford explores the influence of significant women on the life and work of poet Rainer Maria Rilke. Regarded by many as one of the most significant German-speaking literary figures of the early Modern period, Rilke wrote lyrical verse and prose including Sonnets to Orpheus and Letter to A Young Poet.

Hayley examines how he was dominated by the love of his mother and later pushed himself to the very limits of romantic love. The poet threw himself into endless heartbreak, many

relationships, even abandoning a wife and child. He became the passive lover of a series of forthright, older women, including a princess and some heiresses, all in pursuit of the sweet agonies with which he could infuse his writing.

Featuring contributions from Rilke experts Dirk Heisserer, Professor Karen Leeder, Dr Ben Hutchinson and Professor Von Bulow.

SUN 17:00 The New Hindu Fundamentalists (b00k3zzd)

Navdip Dhariwal investigates the rise of Hindu fundamentalism in Britain. Hindutva - the belief that India should exclusively follow the laws and principles of the majority Hindu faith - has been evolving and developing on the sub-continent for many decades.

Navdip explores the history of the Hindu right wing in India and its power and influence within Hindu communities outside India. She asks why increasing numbers of Hindus are being drawn to the fundamentalist agenda, which some regard as anti-Muslim and anti-Christian.

Her investigation leads her to British Hindus who are giving seemingly charitable donations that are, in reality, ending up in the coffers of the Hindu right.

SUN 17:40 From Fact to Fiction (b00k7c9b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00k7sv9)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00k7svc)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00k7svf)

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

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00k7svh)

A selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00k7svk)

Joe manages to get a look at one of Jennifer's old maps and reckons he's worked out where to find rich pickings. It must be Grange Farm. Eddie's reluctant to go poking around when anything they find will have to be shared with Oliver Sterling. But Joe's got it covered. The Sterlings are going on holiday so he and Eddie can have a quick look while they're away and they'll never know.

Brian wants to ask Debbie over to speak to the board. Finances are over-extended and he wants her to get them to focus on the core business of management of the estate rather than get-rich-quick schemes. Jennifer's delighted; it'll be so nice to see Debbie. She's even more thrilled when she learns Marshall's coming too. At last, something to look forward to!

Tense Matt isn't happy as Lilian's on the phone to Veronica, a friend of Chalkman's wife Mererid. He thinks Veronica's an airhead and a waste of time as an information source on Chalkman. He loses his temper with Lilian. She should let it drop. He goes out, only to return much later still on edge. He just wants Lilian to give him some space and leave him be.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00k7svm)

Children's magazine. Barney Harwood visits a farm, tries his hand at egg collecting, meets some newborn lambs and discovers where his food really comes from. And he finds out what it is like to grow up on a farm from the farmer's 12-year-old daughter.

SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b00cm7h4)

Stories with Latitude

Episode 3

Readings recorded on stage at the Latitude Festival in Suffolk. Jon Ronson reveals the tensions inherent in knives, wives, dogs and small boys.

SUN 20:00 More or Less (b00k4kkj)

Tim Harford presents the magazine which looks at numbers everywhere, in the news, in politics and in life.

An Open University co production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00k4l28)

Matthew Bannister talks to Nicky Weller and Steve White about the life of music manager John Weller; Adrian Jackson on Brazilian theatre director Augusto Boal; Arif Waqar on Ghazal singer Iqbal Bano; Anne Cole and Adrian Midgely on English toponymist Dr Margaret Gelling; Marianne Faithfull and Nicky Haslam on model and muse Maxime de la Falaise.

SUN 21:00 Money Box (b00k7c23)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00k7qy8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 In Business (b00k8bh2)

Iceland Feels the Chill

The credit crunch has caused big problems to countries round the world, but in Iceland it has been disastrous. Peter Day finds out what it is like when a whole country goes bust, and what happens afterwards.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00k7svp)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00k7svr)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including Letters to Mary.

SUN 23:00 The Film Programme (b00k4l2b)

JJ Abrams boldly goes back to the future with the Star Trek prequel, starring Kirk and Spock as you've never seen them before.

Behind the scenes of Junior Eurovision with Sounds Like Teen Spirit.

When Jean-Luc met Mick and Keith - Godard and The Rolling Stones and the making of Sympathy For The Devil.

Henry Selick on the dark materials of his Neil Gaiman adaptation Coraline.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00k7pr6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 11 MAY 2009

MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00k7sy5)

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

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00k49s7)

Architecture and Living - Class Endures

Can the tubular steel and smoked glass dreams of leading architects ever take account of the mess of life? Jeremy Till claims that architecture exists in a bubble and ignores the way people really live. He joins Laurie Taylor to discuss how architecture engages - or fails to engage - with the society for which it builds. They are joined by Ricky Burdett, Chief Architectural Advisor for the Olympic Development Authority, to critique a profession whose output we all have to live with.

Plus, Will Atkinson from Bristol University introduces his groundbreaking study into the life decisions made by the children of working class parents. He finds that despite claims that we live in a new society, class is remarkably durable.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00k7pnr)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00k7vm7)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00k7vqs)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00k7vnh)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00k7vs7)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00k7wkc)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Maggie Dawn.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00k7wnd)

As nylon replaces wool as the material of choice for clothing and carpets, Charlotte Smith discovers what impact this is having on farmers and their sheep. She finds out that the future of the woolly sheep could be hairy. Plus uptake of bluetongue vaccination has been so low that Defra are holding a 'cut price' sale of the vaccine.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00k89pm)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b00k7wr1)

Presented by Evan Davis and James Naughtie.

David Cameron says MPs must say sorry as expenses of leading Conservatives are revealed by The Daily Telegraph.

The King of Jordan has said there could be war in the Middle East next year if peace talks are delayed.

Tony Wright MP says MPs are giving a masterclass in how to exploit the expenses system.

Andrew Hosken reports on the increasing hostilities in Sri Lanka.

As bee numbers continue to decline, an increase in bee theft has been reported. Tim Lovett, president of the Beekeepers' Association explains how much a hive could be worth to criminals.

Edward Stourton reports on the collapse of the Christian community in the Holy Land and on continuing tensions between the Church and Israel over the role of the Vatican in World War II.

Crime expert Professor Irwin Waller says more money should be spent on crime prevention.

The Royal Geographical Society has not sent out a major expedition for 10 years. Explorer Robin Hanbury-Tenison and the Earl of Selborne, a former president of the RGS, discuss the campaign calling for the Society to return to the kind of expeditions that made its name.

Muslim Chaplain John Butt and aid worker Graham Strong discuss the situation in the Swat Valley in Pakistan.

Liam Fox MP says public confidence has been hit by the expenses row.

The Sony Radio Academy Awards - the Oscars of the radio industry - will be particularly memorable for one radio station. Electric Radio Brixton, which is a prison radio station, is nominated for four awards. Media correspondent Torin Douglas and Paul McDowell, governor of Brixton Prison, discuss the station.

Will Pike escaped the terrorist attacks on the Taj Mahal hotel in Mumbai last November. He was badly injured and has been told he will face a lifetime in a wheelchair as a result. He discusses the gap in compensation arrangements for those caught in foreign terrorist attacks.

A London bus is taking to the streets equipped with technology which automatically keeps its speed to local limits. Motoring journalist Quentin Wilson and Chris Lines, head of Transport for London's Road Safety Unit, discuss the newly-introduced digital speed limit map of the city.

David Horowitz, of the Jerusalem Post, and political analyst Dr George Giacaman, of Birzeit University, discuss the main aims of the Pope's visit to Israel.

Has the Daily Telegraph been responsible in its reporting of MPs' expenses? Labour MP Bob Marshall-Andrews and Andrew Porter, political editor of the Telegraph, consider if the reports are in the public interest.

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00k89pp)

Journalist and campaigner David Akinsanya spent his childhood in care, waiting in vain to be adopted. He argues that foster care is not always the right answer for some children and calls for investment in small residential children's homes. His remarks come as statistics for children taken into care show a sharp increase.

AS Byatt's latest novel looks at fairy tales. Against the backdrop of the Arts and Crafts movement, she questions the motives of the people who write children's stories.

Journalist Peter Hitchens calls for an end to the labels Left and

Right in politics, suggesting they are outdated and stifle true political debates.

Historian Richard Overly argues that there are many parallels between the looming sense of apocalypse that characterised the 1930s and today.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00k81bd)

My Name is Daphne Fairfax

Episode 1

Comedian Arthur Smith reads from his autobiography, which reflects on the nature of comedy and his days as a scruffy kid on the bomb sites of Bermondsey, a wild-haired undergraduate, a road sweeper, an English teacher, a failed rock star, a boozed-up sexual adventurer and an intensive care patient who has been told never to drink again.

Arthur's thoughts on the nature of stand-up comedy and how his desire to perform led to mirthless disaster in the rough and tumble of the emerging alternative comedy circuit - a world of sharp, political and angry jesters, directing their ire at the tired old dinosaurs of light entertainment.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00k81cr)

Female friendship; Sharon Isbin; Wedding on a budget

The nature of female friendships discussed. Plus, women in South Africa's government; one couple's freecycle wedding; and guitarist Sharon Isbin plays live.

MON 11:00 Life as an Old New Mum (b00k89pr)

Dinah Lammiman meets 58-year-old Sue Tollefsen, one of Britain's oldest new mums. She and baby Freya are surrounded by supportive friends and family, but when she starts to engage with the wider world she finds that not everyone is comfortable with a woman becoming a new mother at her age.

MON 11:30 Rudy's Rare Records (b00p1jb7)

Series 1

Get Up, Stand Up

Grandad's part-time career as a DJ is in jeopardy.

The collisions of life for Grandad Rudy, father Adam and son Richie living crammed together over an old record store in Birmingham.

Generational comedy written by Danny Robins and Dan Tetsell from an original idea by Lenny Henry.

Adam Sharpe Lenny Henry
Richie Sharp Joe Jacobs
Rudy Sharpe Larrington Walker
Tasha Natasha Godfrey
Clifton Jeffery Kissoon
Alison Tracy-Ann Oberman
DJ Karel Andrew Brooke
Landlord Gresby Nash
Diabolicus Adam de Ville

Producer: Lucy Armitage.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in March 2008.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00k81gz)

Presented by Peter White.

Smart meter roll-out: every home in the UK will have one. It will cost seven billion pounds and take until 2020 to be completed, but the government says it will save consumers money - in the long run. With Ed Miliband MP and Garry Felgate, Chief Executive of the The Energy Retail Association.

The mental health charity MIND is calling on the government to produce a male mental health strategy. There is a Women's Mental Health Strategy in place in England but no male equivalent, despite men being four times more likely to commit suicide or to visit their GP for feeling down. Peter White visits a men's mental health support group in Croydon, South London, and speaks to Alistair Campbell, who had a nervous breakdown while working as a journalist and suffers from depression.

Lotus calls on the Government to bring in a minimum noise level for all electric cars, so they can be heard better.

Are credit agreement claims too good to be true? Legal regulators are investigating some law firms which they think are making unrealistic promises to clients who can't repay loans. The firms offer to find flaws in the contractual agreements

which will render them invalid.

The National Housing Federation claims many young adults will leave the English countryside over the next three years because of a shortage of affordable homes. Helen Williams, assistant director of the National Housing Federation and Paul Bettison, housing spokesperson for the Local Government Association, discuss.

Exchange rates make it attractive for pharmacists to sell their medicines to their European counterparts, with the consequence that some chemists are running low on supplies.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00k823g)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00k823j)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

MON 13:30 Counterpoint (b00k89pt)

Series 23

2009 Semi-final 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 in the first semi-final of the contest:

Alan Douglas from Worcestershire
Brian Haines from London
David Saxon from Northwood in Middlesex.

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00k7svk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b00k8dq1)

Bad by Default

Comedy by Leah Chillery, Tanya disappears with her mother's credit card to Jamaica to find her father, the man her mother said abandoned them. But when she finds her dad, he is about to marry his sweetheart, and although he is pleased to see Tanya, he is reluctant to give answers for his parental absence.

With Everal A Walsh, Carla Henry.

MON 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00k7d30)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Saturday]

MON 15:45 Bad Habits (b00f6qmv)

Workaholism

Comedian and writer Richard Herring explores some of the bad habits and personal failings which directly or indirectly affect all of us in our daily working lives.

Richard explores the rising problem of workaholism. He talks to a City lawyer who works 20 hours a day, visits Pricewaterhouse Coopers to see how they tackle the issue and writer Jon Ronson confesses to being a workaholic.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00k7rbh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Traveller's Tree (b00k8f00)

Series 5

The Niche Holiday

Katie Derham presents the holiday magazine which examines our holiday and travel trends.

With the growth of enthusiast tour operators, there is now a huge range of niche holiday opportunities, with every private passion, hobby and indulgence catered for. Patricia Lalla travels to Portugal on a wolf-watching holiday and Dan Cruickshank talks about his experiences following in Captain Cook's footsteps to New Zealand.

Is the niche experience just another excuse for one-upmanship or a genuine way of exploring our cravings and curiosities?

A Just Radio/Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 17:00 PM (b00k83q2)

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

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00k83t1)

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

MON 18:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b00k8fdv)

Series 2

Episode 2

John Lloyd and Sean Lock host a panel show in which three distinguished guests donate fascinating exhibits to a vast imaginary museum.

Tim FitzHigham, Simon Singh and Gavin Pretor-Pinney donate Don Quixote, a pigeon-spattered telescope and an extremely rare cloud.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00k824p)

Lynda and Jill agree that Joe has gone too far with his idea for the plinth. This spurs them on more than ever. Ruth is aghast when she hears that Lynda wants Jill to practice at height, and rushes off to get David. He can't believe what Lynda is getting Jill into and a compromise is reached. Lynda reluctantly agrees, and Jill manages to put in a great performance after a few tweaks and suggestions from Lynda.

Helen confides to Kirsty that she had a dreadful time out clubbing with Annette and spent Sunday recovering from the worst hangover for years. Helen is torn about her feelings and being responsible for Annette. Kirsty tells her not to feel guilty at all. Annette is not her problem.

Kenton is missing Meriel - she's growing up so quickly and it's been a while since they've seen each other. Lynda sympathises with Jill, who must miss her too. Jill says she's lucky as all her other grandchildren are close by. Lynda worries about her inadequacy as a grandmother and that she won't be of help to Coriander. Jill assures her she'll be fine. Love is the most precious thing you can bestow.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00k83ty)

The writer Edna O'Brien discusses her new play, Haunted, which is holding its premiere at Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre.

As part of RIBA's 175th Anniversary celebrations, Prince Charles will give the 2009 RIBA Trust Annual Lecture, a speech given by a non-architect on a subject of direct relevance to the built environment. However, a group of architects - annoyed by the Prince's intervention in the planning process for a scheme on the site of the former Chelsea barracks - has called for a boycott of his lecture. Architects Piers Gough, one of signatories of the letter calling for a boycott, and George Ferguson, who will be attending the lecture, discuss the boycott.

Based on the bestselling novel by The Da Vinci Code author Dan Brown, Angels & Demons sees Tom Hanks reprise his role as a Harvard symbologist called upon to stop a deadly threat against the Catholic Church. Novelist and critic Antonia Quirke reviews the film.

What is a textonym? David Wark of Chambers Dictionaries discusses his research into this strangely revealing linguistic contribution from the world of mobile telephony.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00k85ph)

The Girl at the Lion D'Or

Episode 1

Rachel Wagstaff's dramatisation of the novel by Sebastian Faulks, set in a France still reeling from the First World War and limbering up for the Second.

Faulks examines the hopes, fears and passions of a few individuals and explores a world of fragile optimism, where the signs of another war are already on the horizon.

Charles Hartmann Julian Rhind-Tutt
Anne Louvet Jessica Raine
Christine Hartmann Catherine Cusack
Andre Mattlin David Westhead
Etienne Toby Jones
Madame Bouin Jane Whittenshaw
Monsieur le Patron Jonathan Oliver

Mireille Avril Clark

Directed by Frank Stirling

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 20:00 A Baby Asbo (b00k8fdx)

Winifred Robinson follows intensive work going on in Coventry with a group of nine to 13-year-olds already in trouble with the police or in danger of being excluded from school.

The youngsters are on the Youth Justice Board's 'inclusion support programme', with activities ranging from fishing to family therapy aimed at addressing their behaviour. Some have already been in trouble with the police, others are referred following school exclusions, because older brothers are involved in crime or because of general concerns about anti-social behaviour.

Winifred also follows a unique scheme being piloted in London which addresses wider groups of youngsters before they start at secondary school. The courses include anger management classes and workshops highlighting the dangers of gang activity, with the idea originally coming from America. Growing Against Gangs involves a unique collaboration between police, schools and voluntary organisations. The government believes that targeting children close to the age of criminality provides a real opportunity to set them on a better path in life.

Mitchell, 10, is at the first stages of this work - he is one of four children and has been in trouble at school and in his community. His mum, Lisa, has welcomed input from Carl, the YISP worker, and is pleased that targeted activities with Mitchell have given her time to spend with her other children. She is also learning how to impose stricter boundaries and already sees that Mitchell's behaviour is improving.

MON 20:30 Crossing Continents (b00g471k)

Cuba

Linda Pressly investigates the housing crisis in Cuba. Even before the recent hurricanes that damaged over half a million homes, perhaps the most common cause of complaint on the island was accommodation. The black market in property and building materials is thought to be huge. Linda finds out about some of the unique ways that Cubans have been finding to get around regulations to secure a new home, in a nation where it is illegal to buy and sell property.

MON 21:00 Costing the Earth (b00k8fdz)

The Environmental Cost of Ageing

Tom Heap examines the carbon footprint of older people. This age group are said to be heavy consumers, but they could also play an important part in preparing for climate change in an ageing society.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00k89pp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00k871h)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00k871t)

National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah.

Including:

MPs expenses - a crisis for the whole political class?

The UN says Sri Lanka war zone is a 'bloodbath'

The United States replace their top commander for troops in Afghanistan.

Will newspapers survive the digital age?

New revelations on MPs expenses.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00k8759)

Colm Toibin - Brooklyn

An Unlooked-for Offer

Niamh Cusack reads Colm Toibin's story of duty, love and a girl who moved from the south of Ireland to seek a new life in New York in the 1950s.

The novel opens in the small town of Enniscorthy in the south east of Ireland in the early 1950s. Eilis Lacey is one among many of her generation who can find no work. Her three brothers have already left to seek their fortunes in England; she,

her sister Rose and her widowed mother are all that remain at home.

When a priest comes home from America for a holiday, he recognises both Eilis' plight and her potential.

MON 23:00 Word of Mouth (b00k3znq)

Michael Rosen takes another journey into the world of words, language and the way we speak.

MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00k890f)

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

TUESDAY 12 MAY 2009

TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00k7sxs)

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

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00k81bd)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00k7vk0)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00k7vnk)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00k7vm9)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00k7vqw)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00k7wjz)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Maggie Dawn.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00k7wn2)

Anna Hill hears from a conservation award-winning farmer who argues for financial incentives to cull Magpies. But the RSPB argues there's no evidence that they affect songbird numbers. Plus why farmers are being urged to grow smaller turkeys for tougher financial times.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00k7wqn)

Presented by Sarah Montague and James Naughtie.

Chandeliers, horse manure and swimming pools all feature among the latest expenses revealed by The Telegraph for eight Conservative MPs.

Ministers are being urged to recruit an extra 2,000 police officers in England and Wales to deal with rising crime from the recession.

The Commons Speaker Michael Martin is under scrutiny for the comments he made about MPs' expenses. Douglas Carswell MP talks about whether a motion of no-confidence should be called.

Swine flu report author Professor Neil Ferguson says the virus has true pandemic potential.

Dr Marian Fitzgerald and police spokesman Paul McKeever discuss if more police officers are needed to combat the rise in crime caused by the recession.

The prime minister has said he wants Britain to be at the heart of Europe, but can that ever be possible? Europe correspondent Jonny Dymond looks into the issue.

Anatol Lieven, professor in the War Studies Department of King's College, London, considers whether Pakistan has the military and democratic strength to defeat the Taleban.

Peter Hunt looks back to Prince Charles's speech to the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1984.

Danny Kushlick, of the drug policy think tank Transform, discusses whether the war on drugs is being won.

The Commons Speaker has said MPs should claim expenses 'in the spirit of what is right'. Conservative Lord Tebbit says the electorate are extremely angry with the House of Commons. Lib Dem MP Norman Baker and Labour peer Lord Foulkes

discuss if Speaker Michael Martin was right to speak out. Political editor Nick Robinson reflects on another set of revelations about expense claims.

Today presenter Edward Stourton reports on the Pope's comment that every effort must be made to combat anti-Semitism.

Author Gurcharan Das and Hong Kong businessman Sir David Tang discuss which developing economy will develop most quickly, India or China.

The flamboyant rock group the New York Dolls made a major comeback five years ago. Their mix of blues and punk in the 1970s had a huge influence but the band imploded from their drugs excesses and when a couple of its members died. Reporter Nicola Stanbridge talks to surviving members David Johansen and Sylvain Sylvain, who have started writing together again.

Both the Conservatives and Labour have dropped 4 per cent in the polls, a survey for The Times concludes. The paper's interpretation of the figures is that the public is 'united in revulsion over the disclosures on MPs' expenses'. Reporter Nick Ravenscroft visits Manchester to see if some of those who feel outside the political system feel alienated. Sir Robert Worcester, president of Ipsos Mori, discusses the findings.

TUE 09:00 What's the Point of...? (b00k8frh)

Series 2

The Privy Council

Quentin Letts takes a witty but thought provoking look at one of Britain's oldest institutions, the Privy Council.

TUE 09:30 Head to Head (b00k8g51)

Series 1

Episode 4

Edward Stourton presents a series celebrating great debates, combining archive of rare discussions between key figures with analysis by a panel of experts.

Norman Mailer and Marshall McLuhan clash over the electronic age. Has technology set man free or alienated individuals and led to a fragmented society?

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00k9qdh)

My Name is Daphne Fairfax

Episode 2

Comedian Arthur Smith reads from his autobiography, which reflects on the nature of comedy and his days as a scruffy kid on the bombsites of Bermondsey, a wild-haired undergraduate, a road sweeper, an English teacher, a failed rock star, a boozed-up sexual adventurer and an intensive care patient who has been told never to drink again.

Arthur learns that being funny can get you laid. And success on the comedy circuit allows him time to pursue other ideas and very different interests, which include two bizarre prison visits.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00k81ch)

Family rights; The life of Virginia Cherrill; Maths

What rights do a family have if they don't want their relative to go into a care home? Plus, Miranda Seymour on actress Virginia Cherrill; and helping children to love maths.

TUE 11:00 Anuta - An Island Governed By Love (b00k81fz)

The story of the unique South Pacific Island where life has remained unchanged for hundreds of years.

Anuta is home to 300 people, giving it a population density to rival Bangladesh. The nearest school is hundreds of miles away and there is no clinic. Few people earn money but they don't need it. Everything they need they grow or harvest themselves, and have sustained their resources across the generations.

Huw Cordey visited Anuta to record part of a BBC TV series, South Pacific. He meets the islanders and their Chief, and hears about their lives. He fishes with them, catches birds with them, and lives with them, discovering along the way the guiding principle, unique to this place, that all Anutans live by the principle of 'Arofa', or love.

But modern life is catching up with the Anutans, and not everyone is happy with the island idyll where tradition is all, and individualism is nothing.

Producer: Lizz Pearson.

First broadcast on Radio 4 in May 2009.

TUE 11:30 Miles Jupp - By Jove Carruthers! (b00k8lg1)
Miles Jupp goes in search of the real Carruthers, the character who inspired a thousand silly quips and cod Edwardian accents. At least seven different Carruthers crop up in Edwardian boys' tales, but who exactly was he, what did he do, and how did he assume such a strange kind of posthumous fame?

Miles finds out about the Carruthers who appears in the Sherlock Holmes short story The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist and the one which narrates Erskine Childers' 1903 spy novel The Riddle of the Sands.

TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00k81f9)
Presented by Winifred Robinson.

What puts you off getting involved in politics?

The Prime Minister has set up a special Speaker's Conference to look at ways of better representing women, ethnic minorities and the disabled in Parliament.

It wants to know your views. You and Yours will be passing on your comments to those running the debate.

These are held only very rarely and can be hugely influential - it was a Speaker's Conference that recommended women get the vote back in 1918.

With Anne Begg, Labour MP for Aberdeen South, Dr Sarah Childs, senior lecturer in politics at Bristol University and Professor Paul Whiteley of the University of Essex.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00k81h1)
The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00k823l)
Several senior Conservatives agree to pay back some of the money they claimed on expenses. Tim Montgomery, who edits the ConservativeHome website, and the senior Labour MP Sir Stuart Bell, who sits on the House of Commons Commission, discuss.

TUE 13:30 The Music Group (b00k8lg3)
Series 3

Episode 5

Comedian, broadcaster and GP Dr Phil Hammond asks each of three guests to play the track of their choice for the delight or disdain of the others.

Phil's guests include soul food chef Momma Cherri and crime writer Mark Billingham. Will the tastes of his popular, country music-loving detective Tom Thorne be making an appearance?

A Testbed production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00k824p)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b00k8lg5)
Simon Bovey - Sargasso

By Simon Bovey

Elver season on the river Severn - a time of mystery and danger. The wrong time and place for a young man to be searching for his place in the world.

Kevin Robert Lonsdale
Sabrina Emily Wachter
Bruce Ian Gelder
Tan Stuart McLoughlin
Debbie Lizzy Watts
Gilpin Stephen Hogan
Buyer / Policeman ... Benjamin Askew
Phil Matt Addis

Directed by Marc Beeby.

TUE 15:00 Making History (b00k8llc)
Vanessa Collingridge presents the series exploring ordinary people's links with the past.

How the experiences of a painter and decorator from Sale in 19th-century China reveals more about the spread of religion in that period. Plus the remarkable story of the listener who

witnessed the German surrender at Monte Cassino.

TUE 15:30 I Was There Too! (b0156nd1)
That Door

By Elizabeth Kuti. Fresh 'witness' insights into history. In Wittenberg 1517, Brother Martin meets the indomitable Frau Sprenger. Read by Eleanor Bron.

TUE 15:45 Bad Habits (b00f9xm2)
Laziness

Comedian and writer Richard Herring explores some of the bad habits and personal failings which directly or indirectly affect all of us in our daily working lives.

Richard explores the problem of laziness. He investigates what Royal Mail did about thousands of staff going off sick each day and visits Google's UK headquarters to find out how having fun can breed success. The programme also features the author of How to Be Idle, Tom Hodgkinson.

TUE 16:00 Word of Mouth (b00k8t3x)
Michael Rosen takes another journey into the world of words, language and the way we speak.

TUE 16:30 Great Lives (b00k8t3z)
Series 18

John Coltrane

Matthew Parris presents the biographical series in which his guests choose someone who has inspired their lives.

Musician Andy Sheppard chooses influential saxophonist John Coltrane, creator of the albums Giant Steps and A Love Supreme. Supporting Andy's choice is the editor of The Wire magazine, Tony Herrington.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00k83ny)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00k83q4)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

TUE 18:30 Heresy (b00k8t4w)
Series 6

Episode 5

Victoria Coren hosts the show that thinks the unthinkable. With comedians Dave Gorman, Jeremy Hardy and Sue Perkins. From May 2009.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00k824c)
The Borchester Land board members are wondering whether Matt will show his face or not, but Annabelle assures them that Matt wouldn't give in that easily.

Brian's eager to get the ball rolling, discussing whether they sell assets or hold on to them. Brian wants to concentrate on their strengths in a depressed property market. Matt is adamant that they should wait, but gets nowhere. Annabelle tells Matt he's taking things way too personally and should calm down. Matt decides enough is enough. He no longer wants to be part of BL and walks out.

Lilian's appalled that Matt's resigned and urges him to re-think and fight on. Matt refuses to grovel. He has finally made up his mind and knew it would end like this.

Jennifer wants to make amends with Lilian. She's arranging a 'bit of a do' for Debbie and Marshall and wants to invite the whole family over, including Matt and Lilian. Lilian's still very angry and refuses to go, even with Debbie not visiting often.

Hearing that Matt has resigned, Jennifer thinks her plans for a big family get-together are not looking good. She dreads to think what Marshall is going to make of them all.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00k83t3)
John Tavener's Requiem premiered in February 2008, although the composer himself was not present, having recently undergone emergency surgery. Tavener explains how the experience of being close to death informed his Requiem. In addition, violinist Paul Robertson discusses his participation in

the premiere of Tavener's Towards Silence, a piece which explores the process of dying.

Crime writer Dreda Say Mitchell reviews a new US TV drama in which Tim Roth stars as a deception expert who studies facial expressions and body language to solve criminal investigations.

Recent research into ballet positions shows that dancers are accomplishing ever higher leg raises. Musician David Juritz talks to Patrick Haggard, co-author of this research, about whether physical boundaries have been similarly stretched in the world of music.

The secretive Rodney Whitaker wrote under several pseudonyms in his lifetime, most famously as Trevanian. Under this pen-name he published many bestsellers, including the spy novel The Eiger Sanction, which is being re-released. His friend Christopher Somerville and academic John Sutherland discuss the man and his work.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00kc7qg)
The Girl at the Lion D'Or

Episode 2

Rachel Wagstaff's dramatisation of the novel by Sebastian Faulks, set in pre-Second World War France.

Anne Louvet has begun work as a cleaner for the Hartmanns in their manor house at Janvilliers and Charles Hartmann is beginning to feel disturbed by the power of his attraction to her.

Charles Hartmann Julian Rhind-Tutt
Anne Louvet Jessica Raine
Christine Hartmann Catherine Cusack
Andre Mattlin David Westhead
Etienne Toby Jones
Madame Bouin Jane Whittenshaw
Monsieur le Patron Jonathan Oliver
Mireille Avril Clark

Directed by Frank Stirling

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TUE 20:00 Sacred Election: Lessons from the Biggest Democracy in the World (b00k8v7c)
Political anthropologist Dr Mukulika Banerjee reports from India on the many surprising ways in which the country manages to defy apparently insuperable odds to deliver an efficient and effective democratic process.

An Indian general election is the largest single organised event in the world, with over 700 million voters, 800,000 polling stations and one million electronic voting machines moved in phases around the country; and, unlike many western democracies, electoral participation in India is positively buoyant, and rising.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00k8v7f)
Blind and partially-sighted guests remember when they first started losing their vision and share their practical tips with Peter. Richard Lane lost his sight 17 years ago and is currently working at the Lancet; he also recently decided to live alone. Diane Roworth is partially-sighted and heads the York Blind and Partially-Sighted Society. He likes talking microwaves and uses a colour detector to avoid fashion clashes. She praises volunteer visiting services and large print cookbooks.

TUE 21:00 Case Notes (b00k8v7h)
Breast Health

Dr Mark Porter explores the latest treatments for breast problems. Women often believe if they find changes to their breasts, or feel pain in that area, it means that they have a serious condition or cancer. But usually the symptoms are of a benign condition. Mark finds out how they are treated.

TUE 21:30 What's the Point of...? (b00k8frh)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00k86zy)
The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00k87lk)
National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah.
Party leaders act on MPs expenses.
Bringing the accountants to account.

The Pakistani army closes in on the Taliban in the Swat Valley.

How important is the issue of corruption in India's elections?

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00kb9jc)

Colm Toibin - Brooklyn

Farewell and Adieu

Niamh Cusack reads Colm Toibin's story of duty, love and a girl who moved from the south of Ireland to seek a new life in New York in the 1950s.

Prompted by Father Flood, home from America for a holiday, Rose sets about organising her younger sister. Almost before she knows it, or has had time to say goodbye, Ellis is crossing the Atlantic, heading for a job on the shop floor of a Brooklyn department store, lodgings with an Irish landlady and a brand new life.

TUE 23:00 The Secret World (b011vid9)

Series 1

Episode 5

From Sir Alan Sugar to Boy George, Jon Culshaw explores the bizarre private lives of famous folk. From May 2009.

TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00k890h)

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

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2009

WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00k7sxx)

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00k9qdh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00k7vk2)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00k7vnm)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00k7vnc)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00k7vr0)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00k7wk1)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Maggie Dawn.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00k7wn4)

Anna Hill finds out why the recession means that some organic farmers cannot sell all their milk at a premium, and are selling up to a third to the country's biggest milk buyer for the ordinary price. Also, the record number of goats, deer and cats infected with cattle TB, plus the tough life of the contract sheep shearer.

WED 06:00 Today (b00k7wqq)

Presented by Sarah Montague and Evan Davis.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown has said all MPs' receipts over four years must be scrutinised by an independent group.

A catalogue of failings by the NHS meant that a series of opportunities that could have saved Baby P's life were missed, the health regulator says.

The NHS must accept its share of the blame for what happened to Baby P (now known as Baby Peter) the NHS regulator has concluded. Cynthia Bower, chief executive of the Care Quality Commission, discusses if the NHS could have saved Baby P's life.

The price of beer is being pushed up because publicans are being compelled to buy drinks from their pub company landlords, MPs say. Peter Luff MP, chairman of the Business and Enterprise Committee, and Mark Hastings, of the British Beer and Pubs Association, discuss the balance of power in the industry.

Two elders from the Ngarrindjeri people in south Australia are in the UK to collect human remains that have been in the UK since the 19th century. One of the elders, George Trevorrow, discusses why they believe it is important to recover the remains.

Angels and Demons is the film sequel to The Da Vinci Code. The film's makers have gone to great lengths to lend an air of scientific authenticity to the action. Science reporter Tom Feilden visits the European Centre for Nuclear Research (Cern) - where some of the action in the film takes place - to discover what scientists think of Vatican-threatening anti-matter.

Liberal Democrat MP Andrew George claimed for mortgage interest and furniture on a flat used by his student daughter, the Daily Telegraph says. Lib Dem leader Nick Clegg says no-one from his party will make a profit from their allowances.

A final poetry collection of one of America's most celebrated novelists, the late John Updike, is to be released. Judith Jones, his editor at publishing house Knopf for over fifty years, discusses her life both with Mr Updike and as one of the most esteemed editors of the 20th century.

Dr Jane Collins says the responsibility Great Ormond Street hospital had for Baby P is misunderstood.

'Extreme action' is needed to restore faith in politicians, Prime Minister Gordon Brown has said. Political editor Nick Robinson and Conservative MP Ann Widdecombe discuss if independently scrutinising all MPs' receipts will restore confidence.

How has the expenses saga impacted on the families and private lives of MPs - especially those not caught up in the expenses row? Linda McDougall, wife of Labour MP Austin Mitchell and Eve Burt, wife of Tory MP Alistair Burt, discuss how new measures to curb expenses claims will affect their lives.

The Cannes film festival is to open with a Disney-Pixar animation in 3D. Arts correspondent Razia Iqbal examines the significance of the departure from a traditional genre for the opening movie.

In Northern Ireland, Sunday Tribune editor Noirin Hegarty explains why one of her reporters has refused to hand over her records of contacts with dissident Republicans.

The UK's thirty-two national museums and galleries asked 11- to 18-year-olds to nominate two of their favourite exhibits. Tom Feilden talks to young people about what things they want to see in museums and the director of the Tate Sir Nicholas Serota and Rhian Harris, director of the V&A Museum of Childhood, discuss how children's tastes are changing.

The European elections in June are the first real test of public opinion across Europe since the beginning of the economic crisis. Europe editor Mark Mardell reports on a new anti-capitalist party in France that has captured the imagination of some people.

How well has Conservative leader David Cameron handled the expenses scandal? Matthew D'Ancona, editor of the Spectator, and Andrew Rawnsley, chief political commentator for the Observer, discuss if Mr Cameron deserves the praise that is coming from some quarters of the media.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b00k8w6j)

Libby Purves is joined by Nigel Taylor, Hala Jaber, Allegra Huston and Peter Baxter.

Nigel Taylor is the curator of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. He joined Kew as a horticultural taxonomist in 1977 and became curator in 1995. He is fascinated by its history and is a keen tour guide in the gardens, which celebrates its 250th anniversary this year.

Hala Jaber is a British-Lebanese journalist who has been Foreign Correspondent for the Sunday Times in London since 2004. While reporting on the Iraq war she was asked to find an orphan to front a fundraising campaign by the paper. In her book The Flying Carpet to Baghdad she tells how her search led her to two orphaned sisters - the only survivors of a missile strike that killed their parents and five siblings - and how she set out to save them. The Flying Carpet to Baghdad is published by MacMillan.

In her new book, Love Child, Allegra Huston tells of her discovery that she was not the daughter of film director John Huston, but in fact the daughter of British Lord, John Julius Norwich. She led a peripatetic and insecure childhood, variously looked after by nannies, relatives, and her sister Anjelica.

Peter Baxter was the producer of BBC Radio 4's Test Match Special for 34 years until his retirement in 2007. In his behind-the-scenes memoirs, Inside the Box: My Life with Test Match Special, he gives an insight into the friendships, rivalries,

humour and events over the last three decades. Inside the Box is published by Quiller Publishing.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00k9qdk)

My Name is Daphne Fairfax

Episode 3

Comedian Arthur Smith reads from his autobiography, which reflects on the nature of comedy and his days as a scruffy kid on the bombsites of Bermondsey, a wild-haired undergraduate, a road sweeper, an English teacher, a failed rock star, a boozed-up sexual adventurer and an intensive care patient who has been told never to drink again.

Growing up and growing old; Arthur's thoughts on the male mid-life crisis, as he faces depression. Plus how a unique rendition of Hamlet allowed him to smile again.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00k81ck)

Susan Bullock; Sexism in the criminal justice system

Soprano Susan Bullock on Elektra. Plus, institutional sexism in the criminal justice system discussed; and the diamonds of Catherine the Great.

WED 11:00 The Manuscript Hunter (b00k9d7p)

Mark Whitaker profiles Thomas Staley, who, over the past 20 years, has bought the archives of many of Britain's most important living writers for the University of Texas in Austin. Staley talks about his life in literature and his controversial methods, and Mark reports on efforts to stop the continuing export of Britain's literary heritage.

A Square Dog production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 11:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (b00whw59)

Murder Unprompted

7 Premiere

Can the thespian sleuth prove his friend Alex is not the murderer - and stop himself being made homeless? Stars Bill Nighy.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00k81fc)

Presented by Winifred Robinson.

A Select committee says that pub companies have too much power.

MPs are 'astonished' by the low salaries of major pub landlords. So what should change in British pubs? With Andrew Pring, Editor of the Morning Advertiser, Mark Hastings from the Beer and Pub Association and Simon Clarke from The Eagle in South London.

The collapse of XL Leisure Group last September left around 240,000 people without the holidays they had paid for. So why is the system that safeguards their money taking so long to pay out? With Sheila Sumner (an XL customer waiting for a refund) and David Moesli, Deputy Director of Consumer Protection with the Civil Aviation Authority.

The European Commission has issued its biggest ever fine on a company. Intel, manufacturer of the microchips that are inside many of our computers, has been ordered to pay just under a billion pounds.

Rupert Murdoch has announced he could start charging for online news services by the end of the year. So is the age of free news online coming to an end?

The writer and comedian Steve Armstrong ponders the latest offerings from the world of wine and beer.

On May 11th 2004, nine people were killed and many were injured when a plastics factory in Glasgow exploded. John Waite finds out how those left behind are coping and asks what has happened to the publication of recommendations from a public inquiry into the disaster.

The residents of Green Lane in Southampton have been part of a year-long social experiment by British Gas. Louise Champ goes to see how they're getting on.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00k81h3)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00k823n)

David Cameron accuses Gordon Brown of failing to provide leadership over the reform of MPs' expenses; Prime Minister's Questions is dominated by the issue

Health minister Phil Hope, who says he is paying back over 41 thousand pounds, talks to the programme.

WED 13:30 The Media Show (b00k9d7r)

Steve Hewlett speaks to Andrew Neil about the MPs expenses scandal, Samir Shah on the BBC's new head of religion and we find out about Eurovision's new voting system.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00k824c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b00k9d7t)

In a Land Far Away

By Andy Macdonald. Jamie, a British soldier in Afghanistan, struggles to show his emotions when a friend is killed on patrol and to communicate with his young son back home in Scotland. But thanks to the help of Wali, the company's Afghan interpreter, he begins to open up and talk about his feelings.

Jamie 'Bullett' McQueen Sean Biggerstaff
Wali Khalid Laith
Gavin Yates Steven McNicoll
Kay Molly Innes
Kyle Hugo Homer
Steve/Corporal Robert Jack
Officer/Padre Kenny Blyth

Directed by Gaynor Macfarlane.

WED 15:00 Money Box Live (b00k9d7w)

Vincent Duggleby and guests answer calls on financial issues.

WED 15:30 I Was There Too! (b00kbj2y)

Nothing But Blue Skies

By Dominic Power. Katherine Rudd, now 97, recalls events on the night of the Roswell incident in New Mexico, 1947. Read by Elizabeth Mastrantonio.

WED 15:45 Bad Habits (b00f105d)

Time-keeping

Comedian and writer Richard Herring explores some of the bad habits and personal failings which directly or indirectly affect all of us in our daily working lives.

Richard explores the problem of time-keeping. He visits a call centre that had problems with punctuality, meets a factory worker from Scotland who blew the whistle on draconian time-management practices and hears from Diana DeLonzor, author of *How to Never Be Late Again*, who explains why lateness is a pathology that deserves our sympathy.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00k9d7y)

Segregation - Mizrahi Jews

Are walls going up around Britain's communities? Are we sleepwalking to racial segregation? Laurie hears of new research which counters some contemporary fears about immigration in Britain.

In 2005, Trevor Phillips, then Chair of the Commission for Racial Equality warned, 'The walls are going up around many of our communities and the bridges are crumbling ... we are sleepwalking our way to segregation'. Are there really ghettos growing in Britain's cities? Laurie talks to Ludi Simpson about his new research into the state of segregation in Britain and hears from Tariq Modood about how and why Muslim communities are feared.

Also in the programme, Laurie hears from Rachel Shabi about the Mizrahis, Israel's Jews from Arab lands. Many talk Arabic and their customs are rooted in the Middle East, but despite constituting almost half of the Israeli population she claims they are sidelined and discriminated against in their own country.

WED 16:30 Case Notes (b00k8v7h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b00k83p1)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00k83q6)

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

WED 18:30 Elvenquest (b00kjyjj)

Series 1

Episode 3

The Quest continues. Sam has his death foretold by the Oracle of Fenrog. Lord Darkness books himself in for a retox and Kreech unwittingly releases the dreaded Night Demon, whose intentions for the future of the universe, as his name suggests, aren't good.

More comic adventures set in lower Earth where fantasy writer Sam has been coerced into joining a band of intrepid heroes as they battle the dread forces of evil in search of the legendary sword of Asnagar!

Fantasy sitcom written by Anil Gupta and Richard Pinto.

Amis, The Chosen One Dave Lamb
Elf Lord, Vidar Darren Boyd
Dean The Dwarf Kevin Eldon
Sam Stephen Mangan
Lord Darkness Alistair McGowan
Amazon Princess, Penthiselca Sophie Winkleman

Producers: Anil Gupta & Paul Schlesinger

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00k824f)

Eddie and Joe are staking out Grange Farm, waiting for Oliver and Caroline to leave. Sid finds them hiding in the hedge and tells them Caroline and Oliver are off to France.

Alistair's been checking the game birds with Will. Will tells him the Borchester Land board will be touring the shoot on Friday. Alistair asks Nic if she's entering the single wicket competition, but she's not keen. Nervous Will rehearses his talk with reassuring Nic.

In the Bull. Alistair worries to Sid about the single wicket. He and Shula can't organise an exciting whole-village event on their own. Sid says he only had to ask - he and Jolene will help.

Eddie and Joe are in a Grange Farm field with their metal detector. Ed finds them and isn't happy - they haven't asked Oliver's permission. He tells them to leave but at that moment the detector starts beeping.

Eddie and Joe find buttons and a belt buckle. Ed isn't impressed, agreeing there's no need to tell Oliver. He leaves. Joe tells Eddie he thinks they might be valuable. Eddie tells Joe to look them up on the computer. He might as well; they won't be allowed back there in a hurry.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00k8315)

As electro-punk group Gossip prepare to release their fourth studio album, *Music for Men*, singer Beth Ditto talks about the band's rapid rise to fame since the 2006 album *Standing in the Way of Control*, and discusses her role as a modern feminist icon.

Philip Seymour Hoffman stars in *Synecdoche, New York*, the directorial debut from Charlie Kaufman, screenwriter of *Adaptation*, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* and *Being John Malkovich*.

How are so-called Factual Entertainment programmes, such as Britain's *Got Talent* and *Top Gear* made? Are scenes ever created for entertainment purposes? How much do audiences know or care?

Political expenses are in the news at the moment, but what financial costs can performers claim? Mark Lawson discusses this with actor and writer Michael Simkins.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00kc7qj)

The Girl at the Lion D'Or

Episode 3

Rachel Wagstaff's dramatisation of the novel by Sebastian Faulks, set in pre-Second World War France.

Charles has rented rooms for the young waitress he has befriended at the Hotel Lion d'Or. She has agreed to go with him to a country house party. He tells himself that the trip is entirely innocent, but lets his wife think that he is away working for the government in Paris.

Charles Hartmann Julian Rhind-Tutt
Anne Louvet Jessica Raine
Christine Hartmann Catherine Cusack
Andre Mattlin David Westhead
Etienne Toby Jones
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WED 20:00 Unreliable Evidence (b00k9d82)

The Law and Death

Clive Anderson presents the series analysing the legal issues of the day.

Medical science has given us increasing control over when, where and how we die, but the law is struggling to keep pace. Clive and his guests explore the ongoing legal arguments about assisted suicide, mercy killing and even the precise definition of death.

WED 20:45 Letters to Mary (b00k9d84)

Episode 1

Series in which three writers send an informal letter to the influential British feminist Mary Wollstonecraft, 250 years after her birth, updating her on the progress of her often radical ideas.

Professor Janet Todd, President of Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, addresses a letter to Mary about her first book, a self-help manual called *Thoughts on the Education of Daughters*.

Some readers argue that this work is no different from any other 18th century Conduct Book, with its rather modest ideas about how girls should live their lives, but Janet Todd believes that it shows real sparks that would flare up fully in her incendiary work, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, four years later. She goes on to wonder how Mary might feel about the education and aspirations of girls today.

Read by Sian Thomas.

WED 21:00 Anuta - An Island Governed By Love (b00k8lfz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 21:30 Midweek (b00k8w6j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00k8700)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00k871m)

President Obama opposes the release of prisoner abuse photos.

Thousands of refugees flee the Taliban-controlled regions in Pakistan.

Recession brings good news to internet dating.

Politicians meet to discuss way to sort out the MPs expenses system.

The UN says that the fighting in Somalia is a coup against the legitimate government.

The UN Security Council talks about reform but cannot agree on it.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00k89k4)

Colm Toibin - Brooklyn

Letters from Home

Niamh Cusack reads Colm Toibin's story of duty, love and a girl who moved from the south of Ireland to seek a new life in New York in the 1950s.

Eilis has lodgings with an Irish landlady and a job on the shop floor of a department store. Every day a whole world of things are new, but letters from home remind her of just what she is missing.

WED 23:00 Elvis By Bono (b00k9dtp)

U2's singer Bono reads his own poem, *Elvis*, and weaves it into an atmospheric sound-scape.

The poem, which sounds like the beat poetry of Adrian Henri, contains images from Elvis' life and his legacy, American history, and popular culture of the last 50 years from crooning to rap via rock and roll, from Valentino to television via Nixon and Lisa Marie. It is blended with archive material and recorded, specially-composed music.

WED 23:15 Peacefully in their Sleeps (b007wj0y)
Douggie 'The Shins' Wild

Spoof obituary series by Chris Chantler and Howard Read.

Renowned broadcaster Roydon Postlethwaite gazes back admiringly at the life of the hottest hunk of footballing manhood Britain ever produced.

Roydon Postlethwaite Geoff McGivern
Doggie Wild Jeffrey Holland
Juanita World Laura Solon
Peter Pundit/Jerry Panther Nitin Ganatra
Aunt Nancy Rita May
Harry Trubshaw Bill Maynard
Joe Gorston Howard Read
Les Dynham Chris Chantler.

WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00k890k)

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

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2009

THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00k7sxx)

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

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00k9qdk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00k7vk4)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00k7vnp)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00k7vmg)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00k7vr3)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00k7wk3)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Maggie Dawn.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00k7wn6)

Charlotte Smith finds out whether farmers are to blame for declining numbers of farmland birds in the south of England.

And, as farmers struggle sell the fleeces from their sheep's back, Charlotte finds out how the decline of wool carpets and coats has led to a diverse range of new uses for wool.

THU 06:00 Today (b00k7wqs)

Presented by John Humphrys and Evan Davis.

A former minister has admitted he claimed 16,000 pounds on expenses for a mortgage that had been paid off.

Burmese pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi is to be charged in connection with an uninvited visit by a US national, her party has said.

Head of Network Rail, Iain Coucher, says he believes in paying people for success but will forego his annual bonus for this year.

Following the expenses row, correspondent Nick Ravenscroft considers if the BNP could win enough votes to gain a seat in European parliament.

MPs have made the argument that 24,000 pounds - the allowance given to them for second homes - is not that much to live in London. Ed Mitchell, of Pinnacle Property, explains how much renting a house near Westminster should cost.

Ian Pannell enters Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division of the US Army.

Burma campaigner Dr Maung Zarni says the arrest of Aung San Suu Kyi is a 'set up'.

Science correspondent Tom Feilden reports on the launch of the largest telescope anyone has yet tried to put in space.

US President Barack Obama has said the release of more photos of prisoner abuse by US soldiers is 'of no benefit' and may inflame opinion against the US. Mel Goodman, a fellow at the Centre for International Policy, discusses if Mr Obama is, as US civil liberties activists accuse, adopting Bush-era politics.

It has been revealed that a former minister claimed 16,000 pounds on expenses for a mortgage that had already been paid off. Crime and fraud lawyer Steven Barker, of Barker Gillette, discusses what would happen if this mistake took place in the private sector. Political editor Nick Robinson reports on more than twenty MPs who have said they will pay back claims totalling nearly 130,000 pounds.

Despite some optimistic talk of signs of economic recovery - optimism not shared by the Bank of England in its latest assessment - unemployment is continuing to rise. Lord Layard, director of the London School of Economics' Centre for Economic Performance, discusses if there is a dramatic deterioration in job prospects for young people.

Pet owners should be allowed to take their animals onto the Eurostar, the pressure group Passport for Pets says. Lady Fretwell, head of the organisation, explains why she wants the rules to change.

Climate change is the biggest global health threat of the 21st century, a new report says. Report author Professor Anthony Costello, of UCL's Institute for Global Health, discusses if patterns of diseases are already changing because of the climate.

Specialist investigators should look into fatal road crashes in a similar way to when there is an air crash, the RAC Foundation says. Engineer Dr Chris Elliot, the author of the report, discusses why he believes further investigation could reduce road casualties.

The true, untold story of Bonnie and Clyde - the well known outlaws of the early 20th Century - is that they were in fact desperately poor and incompetent criminals, a new book alleges. Author Jeff Guinn discusses the contrast between the picture most of us have and the real Bonnie and Clyde.

What have other countries made of the expenses scandal? Patrizio Nissirio, of the Italian news agency Ansa, and Sebastian Berger, of the German newspaper Rheinischer Merkur, discuss if politicians in other countries face similar scrutiny.

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b00k9h9g)

The Siege of Vienna

Melvyn Bragg and guests Andrew Wheatcroft, Claire Norton and Jeremy Black discuss the Ottoman siege of Vienna in 1683, when the Ottoman Empire tried to capture the capital city of the Hapsburg monarchs. The ensuing tale of blood and drama helped define the boundaries of Europe. In June 1683, a man called Kara Mustafa made a journey to Vienna. That a Muslim Turk should come to a Catholic city was not unusual, but Kara Mustafa did so at the head of the Ottoman Army. Vienna was the capital of the Hapsburg Empire and he intended to take it. The ensuing siege has been held responsible for many things, from the invention of the croissant to the creation of Viennese coffee. But most importantly, it has come to be seen as a clash of civilisations, one that helped to define a series of boundaries, between Europe and Asia, Christian and Muslim, Hapsburg and Ottoman, that influence the view between Vienna and Istanbul to this day. But to see the siege as a defining moment in east/west relations may be to read back into history an idea that was not true at the time. Claire Norton is Lecturer in History at St Mary's University College, London; Andrew Wheatcroft is Professor of International Publishing at Stirling University; Jeremy Black is Professor of History at the University of Exeter.

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00k9qdm)

My Name is Daphne Fairfax

Episode 4

Comedian Arthur Smith reads from his autobiography, which reflects on the nature of comedy and his days as a scruffy kid on the bombsites of Bermondsey, a wild-haired undergraduate, a road sweeper, an English teacher, a failed rock star, a boozed-up sexual adventurer and an intensive care patient who has been told never to drink again.

Arthur confronts a near-death experience and learns what freedom really means.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00k81cm)

Susan Bullock; Sexism in the criminal justice system

Elaine Showalter on America's great women writers. Plus, conductor Jane Glover on how she was inspired by Benjamin Britten; and what dying intestate can mean for those left behind.

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b00k8kft)

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

THU 11:30 Jean (b00k9h9m)

Mary Stephenson, who worked for the novelist Jean Rhys in the final months of her life before her death in 1979, remembers the time she spent with her as she took dictation of her autobiography.

At the time she answered Jean's advertisement for a typist, Mary was in her early 30s and she found the 87-year-old Rhys to be, by turns, charming, infuriating and embittered; sometimes her memories would light her up, sometimes they would fire her anger.

Now a writer herself, Mary's recollections draw on extracts from the book she typed - Jean's autobiography *Smile Please*. Two other women in Jean's life, her editor Diana Athill and her friend Diana Melly, also add their own memories of the author at this final, troubled stage of her life.

Jean Rhys is played by Merelina Kendall.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00k81ff)

Presented by Winifred Robinson.

A European crackdown on airlines is forcing them to spell out all the charges for bookings online. Ryanair is defending a new charge of 40 pounds for passengers who turn up at airports without boarding passes. With Stephen McNamara of Ryanair and Antonia Mochan from the European Commission.

Following hundreds of complaints, the Government has changed the way the Warmfront scheme is run and increased the grants. But will it solve all the problems? With Shadow Energy Minister Charles Hendry.

Liz Barclay looks into how unwanted telephone calls and junk mail can be avoided.

BT is cutting 15,000 jobs - around 10 per cent of the workforce and 5,000 more than expected - and has reported an annual loss of 134 million pounds. With BBC business editor Robert Peston and telecoms analyst Nigel Hawkins.

Thousands of learning disabled athletes are limbering up for the Special Olympics in Leicester. We hear from basketball player Lee Penfold who keeps us up to date with preparations for the July games.

Last year a Government scheme, MyChoice Homebuy, was launched to help homebuyers who couldn't otherwise afford to get on the housing ladder. But agents who hand out the money say funds have dried up.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00k81h5)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00k823q)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Costing the Earth (b00k8fdz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Monday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00k824f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b0084kdc)

The Woman from the North

By Bernard MacLaverty.

Cassie has never sat an exam in her life but now finds herself facing a life-changing assessment and the prospect of residential care. What must she do to pass and return to her own home?

Cassie Doreen Keogh
Gerard Kieran Lagan
Christopher Sean Campion
Hairdresser/Doctor Miche Doherty
Nurse/Dinner Lady Jo Donnelly

Directed by Heather Larmour.

THU 15:02 Open Country (b00k7b8v)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00k7qy8)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 I Was There Too! (b00kbj2r)
Permanent Wave

By Ian Sansom. What might Margaret Thatcher's hairdresser have witnessed in the lead-up to her exit from Downing Street? Read by Maggie Stead.

THU 15:45 Bad Habits (b00fpxkg)
Perfectionism

Comedian and writer Richard Herring explores some of the bad habits and personal failings which directly or indirectly affect all of us in our daily working lives.

Richard examines the impact of perfectionism and goes inside a double Michelin-starred restaurant to see how chef Marcus Wareing strives for food utopia.

Douglas Broadley, CEO of global design agency Imagination, talks frankly about how his perfectionism affects the company and an ex-employee gives his perspective on working for a perfectionist boss.

Also featuring psychologist and perfectionism expert Cary Cooper.

THU 16:00 Open Book (b00k7snx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00k9hlz)
Quentin Cooper reports on the final Hubble Space Telescope Servicing Mission. Astronaut Jeff Hoffman shares his experience of installing the camera that is being replaced and Steve Beckwith, former director of the Space Telescope Science Institute, explains the long struggle to get the mission approved.

Some 50 years after thalidomide caused so many deformed births, scientists in Aberdeen describe their work which purports to explain, for the first time, exactly why it does what it does.

Quentin speaks to the CERN scientist who is thought to be the inspiration behind the film and novel Angels and Demons.

THU 17:00 PM (b00k83p3)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00k83q8)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

THU 18:30 Hut 33 (b00vs38k)
Series 2

Royal Visit

It's panic stations at Hut 33.

A member of the royal family is paying a visit but the top brass suspect that he might be a Nazi sympathiser. The team has to delay him and make sure he doesn't see any of the codebreaking machines.

James Cary's sitcom set at Bletchley Park - the top-secret home of the Second World War codebreakers.

Archie Tom Goodman-Hill
Charles Robert Bathurst
Gordon Fergus Craig
Joshua ... Alex McQueen
Minka Olivia Colman
Mrs Best Lill Roughley
Duke of Kent Michael Fenton Stevens

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2008.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00k824h)

Hayley's running late and Abbie's not eating her breakfast. Hayley needs to drop Phoebe off to school and get to Lower Loxley, but Roy's needed at work urgently as there's been a crisis with one of the guests. Luckily Brenda arrives in the nick of time and takes Phoebe to school. Meanwhile Hayley's desperate to get off to work, but will have to wait for Roy to return home - whenever that will be.

Helen's been let down and needs help promoting Bridge Farm ice-cream at Underwoods. Annette, with has time on her hands, offers to help. Helen is unsure.

Underwoods is unusually quiet and business is slow. Annette has a plan. Despite Helen's caution, suddenly sales are booming and ice-cream is soon flying out of the freezer.

Tom bumps into Brenda after seeing her coming out of the travel agents. Brenda tells Tom what an adventure it's going to be, travelling with her friends. Tom says he wishes he was going to visit all those places, when Annette calls out to Tom promoting ice-cream outside Underwoods. Brenda's not happy to see Annette and is desperate to get away. Tom's really annoyed that Annette has ruined his moment with Brenda.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00k8317)
Arts news and reviews with Kirsty Lang.

Rick Wakeman, keyboard player for the 1970s band Yes and titan of progressive rock, discusses his new book, a collection of incredible tales from his colourful career in music, spanning forty years.

Critic Muriel Zagha gives her verdict on cross-Channel romantic comedy French Film, which stars Eric Cantona as an auteur prone to pondering the mysteries of love opposite Hugh Bonneville as the archetypal British bloke.

Soprano Juliana Snapper explains how to sing underwater.

Museums all over the country are opening their doors late as part of the European-wide Nuits Des Musees celebrations. Kirsty Lang discovers some of the highlights: torch-lit tours of a Cornish tin mine, night flights at The Helicopter Museum and a 'culture crawl' in Newcastle and Gateshead that includes the chance to get on the pitch at St James' Park and a sneak preview of the brand-new City Library.

Plus: Front Row announces the winner of the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize. Kirsty talks to chairman of the judges Boyd Tonkin and to translator Anne McLean, who had two books on the shortlist - including the winning novel.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00kc7ql)
The Girl at the Lion D'Or

Episode 4

Rachel Wagstaff's dramatisation of the novel by Sebastian Faulks, set in pre-Second World War France.

The love affair between Charles and Anne begins to look precarious as a political crisis erupts in Paris and, back home, Charles' wife becomes suspicious.

Charles Hartmann Julian Rhind-Tutt
Anne Louvet Jessica Raine
Christine Hartmann Catherine Cusack
Andre Mattlin David Westhead
Etienne Toby Jones
Madame Bouin Jane Whittenshaw
Monsieur le Patron Jonathan Oliver
Mireille Avril Clark

Directed by Frank Stirling

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 20:00 The Report (b00k9hm1)
Domestic Violence

With the Home Office consulting on a new strategy to deal with violence against women, Sue Littlemore examines a string of cases in which women were killed by their partners, despite having gone to the police for protection.

Is this an unconnected series of mistakes or evidence that the criminal justice system still does not take domestic violence as seriously as it should?

THU 20:30 In Business (b00k4g5b)
Location, Location

Mobile phones and other devices are helping all sorts of useful

objects 'know' where they are - and tell everybody else about it. Peter Day hears from the people building companies out of this dramatic new sensing ability.

THU 21:00 The Landfill Designers (b00k9hn9)
Journalist and designer John Thackara investigates why scientists and designers are deliberately planning for failure. Many products and scientific advancements are now deliberately given a short shelf life. John asks what impact the 'landfill designers' are having on scientific progress, the environment and our expectations of the technology we use every day.

The term 'planned obsolescence' was coined in the 1950s but has never been more relevant. John explores how, paradoxically, this focus on a throw-away society is helping science to advance in unexpected ways. Our desire to have the latest style can mean more in landfill, more children in China and India sifting through toxic waste, but it can also mean an innovative approach to new technologies and reusable materials.

An All Out production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00k9hg)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00k8702)
The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00k871p)
The latest on MPs expenses: what are the long-term implications of the controversy?

The global economy: reporting from the City of London, China and New York

Burma and Aung San Suu Kyi

The origins of life on earth.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00kb9kj)
Colm Toibin - Brooklyn

Christmas Comfort

Niamh Cusack reads Colm Toibin's story of duty, love and a girl who moved from the south of Ireland to seek a new life in New York in the 1950s.

Christmas looms, as Eilis struggles to adapt to her new life in a city far from home. But she is not the only member of the Irish diaspora feeling homesick - helping Father Flood tend to his flock brings comfort and cheer.

THU 23:00 Down the Line (b012f9j0)
Series 3

Communications and Technology

The problems of technology and communication on Gary Bellamy's phone-in. Stars Rhys Thomas and Felix Dexter. From January 2008.

THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00k890p)
News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with David Wilby.

FRIDAY 15 MAY 2009

FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00k7sy0)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by Weather.

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00k9qdm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00k7vk6)
The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00k7vnr)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00k7vmj)
The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00k7vr6)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00k7wk5)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Maggie Dawn.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00k7wn8)

Charlotte Smith hears about new research on the effects of sheep dip on farmers, as the latest study suggests that even low levels of exposure may have an impact on health.

Also as carpets are increasingly replaced by wood and laminate floors, Charlotte finds out the impact this is having on the wool industry.

And the latest installment at the Farming Today beehive, as the bees start to make honey.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00k7wqy)

With John Humphrys and Evan Davis. Including Sports Desk, Yesterday in Parliament, Weather, Thought for the Day.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00k7qyn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00k9qdq)

My Name is Daphne Fairfax

Episode 5

Comedian Arthur Smith reads from his autobiography, which reflects on the nature of comedy and his days as a scruffy kid on the bomb sites of Bermondsey, a wild-haired undergraduate, a road sweeper, an English teacher, a failed rock star, a boozed-up sexual adventurer and an intensive care patient who has been told never to drink again.

Arthur becomes an institution, meets Bill Clinton and becomes a grumpy old man, and the path of true love takes an unlikely course.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00k81cp)

Bio-identical hormones; Parents in soaps

The characterisation of mothers and fathers in soaps discussed. Plus, are bio-identical hormones a new wonder treatment for symptoms of the menopause or potentially dangerous?

FRI 11:00 Ted Hughes: Eco Warrior (b00k9p0r)

Poet Simon Armitage examines how Ted Hughes became a committed campaigner for the environment.

Hughes' private life is as well documented as his literary output, but his active campaigning for the environment was largely unknown. His passion for fishing led him to see at first hand the extent of the damage that pollution was doing to the rivers he loved and their animal populations. He took up the cause with a vengeance, using his position as Poet Laureate to petition politicians including the Prime Minister of the day, Margaret Thatcher.

Simon visits Devon to speak with fellow campaigners about the rivers trust that Hughes helped to form, and also about the day he brought down the house as chief witness at a public inquiry. It reveals a new side to a man that so many people thought they already knew.

FRI 11:30 Chain Reaction (b00mj5rt)

Series 3

Phill Jupitus Interviews John Hegley

The comedian and comic poet get chatting in the tag talk show, where one week's guest is the following week's interviewer.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00k81fh)

Presented by Peter White.

In the first conference of its kind, organisers of the UK Music Festivals, police and security have joined together to work out ways of combating a huge rise in fraud and other crimes affecting live music lovers. Last year thousands of people lost money to ticket touts who never supplied the tickets they had promised.

Last autumn Culture Secretary Andy Burnham posed seven questions to the football authorities to get them thinking about how to make the financing of the game more transparent. The

Premier League has now responded. What did they say and how will it affect fans? With BBC Sports Correspondent Gordon Farquhar and Sue Bridgewater, Associate Professor of Marketing and Strategy, Warwick Business School.

It is rumoured that National Express wants to give up its contract to operate the East Coast route from London to Edinburgh. Will the Government let it, and what kind of precedent would it set if it did?

For one weekend, around 130 museums and galleries throughout the UK will be open far into the night and making the most of darkness to showcase their attractions. From sleepovers in haunted castles to moths at midnight there is something for everyone.

Dining cars are fast disappearing from our trains - but are the operators missing the opportunity to promote a unique travelling experience? Simon Parkes investigates.

It is over 25 years since Guinness launched its non-alcoholic Kaliber beer. It failed to take off - until now. Figures out this week show while beer sales are falling sales of low and non-alcoholic beer are rising. Spiros Malandrakis of Euromonitor International and Jeff Evans, former editor of the Good Beer Guide, discuss.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00k81h7)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00k823s)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

FRI 13:30 More or Less (b00k9p0t)

Tim Harford takes apart a rogue statistic on domestic violence which has been circulating since the 1990s, questions news reports which suggest that the recession is hitting white collar workers hardest and reveals a new mathematical riddle - the Kate Bush conjecture.

An Open University co production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00k824h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b00k9p0w)

The Great Hargeisa Goat Bubble

The Great Hargeisa Goat Bubble was the first short story to be published in The Financial Times. Written by the Irish comic writer and blogger on economics, Julian Gough, winner of the BBC National Short Story Prize in 2007, it is that rare thing - fiction which delves into the world of derivatives, arbitrage and futures.

Set in Somaliland, at a moment unspecified, when markets were fully de-regulated, it follows the fortunes of one Dr Ibrahim Bih, a leading economist and the man who woke up the sleepy goat market of Hargeisa with his 'glorious notion'. Now marooned on a snowy station platform in England, Dr Bih relates his tale of triumph and tragedy to a young Irish orphan named Jude, and along the way illuminates ideas of profit and loss, boom and bust, securitisation and futures. With the help of the BBC's Economics Editor, Stephanie Flanders, Dr Bih interprets the mysteries of modern economics and follows the follies of the market to their logical conclusion!

Hugh Quarshie, star of the RSC and famously Ric Griffen in Holby City, plays Dr Bih and Sam O'Mahony-Adams plays Jude. With Stephanie Flanders as herself.

Adapted by Julian Gough from his story of the same name. The director is Di Speirs.

FRI 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00k9pb2)

Peter Gibbs chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Anne Swithinbank, John Cushnie and Matthew Wilson are guests of Groombridge Horticultural Society and Garden Club near Tunbridge Wells.

In the second of a series on how to carry out sustainable gardening, the panel look at managing without chemicals by gardening organically.

Including Gardening weather forecast.

FRI 15:45 Bad Habits (b00f11tv)

Procrastination

Comedian and writer Richard Herring explores some of the bad habits and personal failings which directly or indirectly affect all of us in our daily working lives.

Richard investigates how much time British workers spend on personal emails and what managers do to crack down on it. He also speaks to writer Charlie Brooker, who blames the internet for his tendency to continually put things off.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00k9pb4)

Matthew Bannister talks to Professor John Q Barrett and Whitney Harris about the life of Nuremberg war crimes prosecutor Henry T King; Richard Adams and Jason Goodwin about the life of New Age writer John Michell; Rodric Braithwaite on Soviet General Valentin Varennikov; Tony Bailey and Roger Mansfield discuss the father of British surfing, Bill Bailey.

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00k9pb7)

Charlie Kaufman on his vision for his new film, Synecdoche, New York, a mind-bending nightmarish mixture of dream and reality starring Philip Seymour Hoffman and Samantha Morton. Counterculture film maker Kenneth Anger talks about his career and his association with other cultural provocateurs The Rolling Stones. And film historian Matthew Sweet reviews the classic film The Seventh Veil, starring James Mason, as it is released on DVD.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00k83p5)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00k83qb)

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

FRI 18:30 The News Quiz (b00k9pb9)

Series 68

Episode 3

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. Panellists are Andy Hamilton, Fred MacAulay, Sue Perkins and Jeremy Hardy.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00k824k)

Will is showing the Borchester Land board members his plans for the shoot. Fortunately Matt's not around so he breathes a sigh of relief. However Adam's not happy about Will's plans and feels the land would be better used for cultivation rather than set-aside.

Brian and Jennifer are glad to get away from the boardroom politics and congratulate Will on an excellent day, rewarding him with a nice big tip. Jennifer decides that they deserve a night out at Grey Gables.

Matt is drowning his sorrows at Grey Gables, claiming he's onto his next big deal when Brian and Jennifer arrive for dinner. Brian tells Matt to go home and not to let himself down.

Tom and Jazzer are loading up the first load of organic pigs for slaughter. Tom is again down in the dumps and not his usual cheery self. Tom says that Brenda has finally made up her mind to go travelling and it's over between them. He really wants to get back together but doesn't know what to do. Jazzer tells Tom to stop beating himself up. He should take a risk and find out what she really wants.

Episode written by Tim Stimpson.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00k8319)

Arts news and reviews with Kirsty Lang.

Critic Michael Coveney and Kirsty Lang consider the new production of Cyrano de Bergerac at Chichester Festival Theatre. It is directed by Trevor Nunn - making his Chichester debut - and stars Joseph Fiennes as the eponymous soldier-poet, with Alice Eve as the love of his life, Roxanne.

Straight from having received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Classical BRITS, tenor Jose Carreras discusses his life and music with Kirsty Lang. The son of a republican in Franco's Spain, he made his singing debut on national radio aged 8. Carreras went on to become a world-famous operatic star and one of The Three Tenors - but in 1987, he was diagnosed with acute leukaemia. Now 62, and still singing, how has his approach to his art changed?

As crime writer John Harvey publishes his 100th book, we speak to him and two other authors who have also surpassed the 100-book mark: former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo and the prolific romance author Nora Roberts.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00kc7qn)

The Girl at the Lion D'Or

Episode 5

Rachel Wagstaff's dramatisation of the novel by Sebastian Faulks, set in pre-Second World War France.

Christine Hartmann sacks Anne after suspecting that she is having an affair with her husband, and Charles returns from Paris to profess his love to Anne.

Charles Hartmann Julian Rhind-Tutt
 Anne Louvet Jessica Raine
 Christine Hartmann Catherine Cusack
 Andre Mattlin David Westhead
 Etienne Toby Jones
 Madame Bouin Jane Whittenshaw
 Monsieur le Patron Jonathan Oliver
 Mireille Avril Clark

Directed by Frank Stirling

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00k9pbc)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Chichester. Panellists are UKIP leader Nigel Farage, Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport Jeremy Hunt, former Lord Chancellor Lord Falconer and Susan Kramer MP, the leader of the Liberal Democrats' campaign against the third runway at Heathrow.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00k9pbf)

Expensive Mistakes

Clive James reflects on democracy, MPs' expenses and the furore over the Oxford Poetry Professorship.

FRI 21:00 Friday Drama (b00777bk)

Buried

Steve Jacobi's play tells the story of his friend Mark Higson, a civil servant who blew the whistle on the Iraqi arms scandal in 1989. A backdrop of news extracts from the period accompanies this study of a brilliant but troubled man who lost everything when he acted on his conscience.

Mark John Lloyd Fillingham
 Steve Michael Begley
 Man from FO/Journalist Malcolm Raeburn
 Lord Justice Scott Rob Pickavance
 Teddy Wilson
 Presley Baxendale/Cheryl Deborah McAndrew

Directed by Melanie Harris.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00k8704)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00k871r)

Time to reselect Parliamentary candidates as resignations continue

Obama's U-turn on Guantanamo Bay's military tribunals

Springtime for Hitler in Berlin.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00kb9kv)

Colm Toibin - Brooklyn

The Melting Pot

Niamh Cusack reads Colm Toibin's story of duty, love and a girl who moved from the south of Ireland to seek a new life in New York in the 1950s.

As Bartocci's opens its doors to all customers, whatever their colour, Ellis fights the prejudice of her fellow lodgers. Even at Father Flood's Irish dance night, not everyone is Irish.

FRI 23:00 Great Lives (b00k813z)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00k890r)

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