

**SATURDAY 23 MAY 2009****SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00kgb4r)**

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

**SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00kk3jr)**

Jean Rhys - The Blue Hour

Episode 5

Pooky Quesnel reads from Lillian Pizzichini's biography of the author Jean Rhys, best known for the 1966 novel *Wide Sargasso Sea*.

It is now the 1930s and Jean has become an established writer, but it will be 30 years before she delivers her best-known work.

**SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00kgb4t)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00kgb4w)**

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

**SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00kgb4y)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00kgb50)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00kgb52)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Ann Holt.

**SAT 05:45 A Wonderful Way to Make a Living (b00d7455) Series 2**

Gondolier

American humourist Joe Queenan travels to Venice in search of entertaining characters in niche careers. There he meets a lawyer who retrained as a gondolier - Giovanni Giudice was tired of profiting from other people's problems and wanted to make them smile instead. The producer is Miles Warde.

**SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00kgczw)**

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

**SAT 06:04 Weather (b00kgczy)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 06:07 Ramblings (b00kgd75)**

Series 12

Suffolk - Aldeburgh

Clare Balding explores walks that are good for the mind, body and soul.

Clare joins The Times' music critic Richard Morrison, who shares with her the inspirational landscape of Benjamin Britten's Suffolk - journeying from the rich sounds of the ocean crashing on the shingle beach at Aldeburgh to the watery reed beds of Snape Maltings, the site of the annual Aldeburgh Festival.

Britten would often walk this land, consuming the sights and sounds and composing great works that were later notated at his piano back at The Red House, the Aldeburgh home that he shared with partner and collaborator Peter Pears. It was at this house that, as a student, Richard first met Britten, shortly before his death in 1976.

Travelling along the historic Sailor's Path, infused with the sounds of Britten's Peter Grimes, Richard recalls this first meeting and discusses the relationship between music, mind and the landscape.

**SAT 06:30 Farming Today (b00kgfbq)**

Farming Today This Week

Charlotte Smith asks who should pay to prevent another foot and mouth outbreak. Three billion pounds was spent eradicating foot and mouth disease in 2001. UK livestock farmers also face the threat of other diseases such as bluetongue, avian flu and swine fever. Now the government wants farmers in England to

pay half of the 44 million-pound bill for guarding against an outbreak. But farmers are outraged, saying the plans miss out many who could pose the highest risk. They argue the government should change a few of its own practices before they pay up.

**SAT 06:57 Weather (b00kgfbs)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 07:00 Today (b00kgfbv)**

Presented by John Humphrys and Evan Davis.

Political correspondent Ross Hawkins and Labour MP John Mann debate whether John Wick could be prosecuted over the revelations about MPs' expenses.

The UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon is in Sri Lanka to meet the president, following the end of the military conflict with Tamil Tiger rebels. Laura Trevelyan reports.

Reporter Sanchia Berg returns to Swindon to see Alison Hindmarsh, who lost her job at the Woolworths warehouse when the stores closed.

Iran's presidential election campaign is to begin. Correspondent Jon Leyne reports from Teheran.

The Church of Scotland is to decide whether gay minister Reverend Scott Rennie will be allowed to take up his post following a petition opposing his appointment from evangelical church members. The Reverends Ewen Gilchrist and David Randall discuss the opposition to gay minister Scott Rennie's appointment.

Emma Jane Kirby reports on the economic sense behind investing in cows in France.

Thought for the day with Canon David Winter.

Historian Dr Peter Mandler and writer Heather Brooke discuss whether the MPs' expenses scandal has generated a general collapse of confidence in our institutions.

Sri Lanka correspondent Charles Haviland and Professor Michael Clarke discuss the extent of support towards the Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka.

Zubeida Malik reports on Conservative MP Andrew Mackay's pledge to stand for re-election.

Media lawyer Magnus Boyd discusses whether the way the internet is used means we have look again at the laws on contempt of court.

Sun columnist Trevor Kavanagh and Independent columnist Steve Richards debate whether politicians can regain their lost credibility.

Owen Bennet-Jones reports from the Swat Valley in Pakistan on the third week of conflict there.

Professor Geoffrey Beattie and Garry Marshall, Manager of Wallsend Boys Club, discuss the psychological impact of relegation.

Music producer Danger Mouse and the film Director David Lynch are releasing an album - the only trouble is you can't buy it. Danger Mouse talked to reporter Nicola Stanbridge.

Professor John Sutherland, of University College London, discusses the connection between fiction and murder.

**SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00kgfbx)**

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. Fi Glover is joined by author Anthony Horowitz. With poetry from Luke Wright.

**SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00kgfbz)**

Sir David Attenborough joins John McCarthy in conversation and tells him of the first journeys he made to film wildlife for the BBC and how travel has changed in the intervening years. They talk about Sir David's reaction on arriving in Freetown, Sierra Leone and his first glimpse of the local fauna - at the airport. There are tales of his encounters with headhunters where no European had gone before, being run aground by an arms smuggler on a coral reef and the appeal of the gamelan orchestra.

**SAT 10:30 R.E.S.P.E.C.T. - The Art of Backing Vocals (b00kgfc1)**

Nick Barraclough pushes aside the lead singer and delves into the world of the backing singer.

With the help of musicians, composers, and vocalists, he draws

a straight line from the medieval canon to 50s doo-wop, celebrating the innovations of The Beatles and the multi-tracked world, inhabited by the likes of Joni Mitchell, along the way.

Producer: John Leonard

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

**SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00kgfc3)**

What a week! The Commons Speaker, Michael Martin, was forced to quit after a public confrontation with backbenchers calling on him to go.

Now there'll be a high-profile election for a new Speaker whose watchword will be reform.

Parliament is reacting to huge public anger after the publication by The Daily Telegraph of MPs' expense claims.

But it's goes much further than Speaker Martin who was ousted after being seen to defend the status quo.

This week, Gordon Brown announced moves towards the regulation of MPs' expenses by an outside body - ending self-regulation.

Some MPs have announced they'll be standing down. And there are further changes to come.

In this programme, the senior Labour MP, Chris Mullin, and the Conservative, Sir Patrick Comack, reflect on the office of Speaker.

Then, three senior MPs look to the future.

Sir Alan Beith has already said he will stand for the vacant Speaker's job. Labour's Frank Field is yet to declare but is working on a package of parliamentary reforms. The Tory's David Davis has ruled himself out but backs reform.

The Lords too are undergoing change. Two peers were suspended this week after newspaper allegations that they had been ready to accept money to try to influence new laws.

Here, the convenor of the crossbench peers, Lady D'Souza, and the Lib Dem, Lord Tyler, differ on the pace of change.

**SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00kgfc5)**

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

**SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00kgfc7)**

A leading credit rating agency revises down its outlook for the UK economy due to concerns about its significant debt. Bob Howard reports on the people who believe they were given forged dollars when they changed their holiday money. And are lenders treating mortgage customers as profit fodder by inflating their Standard Variable Rates?

**SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b00kfygs)**

Series 68

Episode 4

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. Panellists include Jeremy Hardy and Francis Wheen.

**SAT 12:57 Weather (b00kgfc9)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 13:00 News (b00kgfcc)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00kfygv)**

Eddie Mair chairs the topical debate in Sheffield. Panellists include Ed Balls, the secretary of state for children, schools and families; shadow business secretary Kenneth Clarke; Lib Dem spokesperson for Energy and Climate Change, Simon Hughes; and Caroline Lucas, leader of the Green Party.

**SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00kgfcf)**

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

**SAT 14:30 Drama (b00kgfch)**

John le Carré: Call for the Dead

Dramatisation by Robert Forrest of John le Carré's first novel. London, the late 1950s, and a disenchanted George Smiley is engaged in the routine job of security vetting. When a Foreign

Office civil servant commits suicide not long after being cleared of Communist sympathies. Smiley investigates and uncovers a deadly conspiracy with its roots in his own wartime past.

George Smiley ..... Simon Russell Beale  
Inspector Mendel ..... Kenneth Cranham  
Elsa Fennan ..... Eleanor Bron  
Ann Smiley ..... Anna Chancellor  
Peter Guillam ..... Richard Dillane  
Maston ..... James Laurensen  
Dieter Frey ..... Henry Goodman  
Adam Starr/Mundt ..... Sam Dale  
Ludo Oriel ..... Janice Acquah  
Nursing Sister ..... Caroline Guthrie  
With Benjamin Askew and Jonathan Tafler.

Producer Patrick Rayner

**SAT 16:00 Woman's Hour (b00kgz19)**  
Weekend Woman's Hour

With Jane Garvey. Including: life at 90 and beyond with Denis Healey and Diana Athill; the experience of being a foster parent; a return to the debate questioning whether women can have it all; sword-swallower Miss Behave demonstrates her technique; solo rower Sarah Outen on her high seas adventure in the Indian Ocean; the life of Hypatia of Alexandria; and Iceland's Queen of crime-writing on her latest thriller.

**SAT 17:00 PM (b00kgz4v)**  
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Ritula Shah, plus the sports headlines.

**SAT 17:30 iPM (b00kgz4x)**  
The weekly interactive current affairs magazine featuring online conversation and debate.

**SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00kgz4z)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 17:57 Weather (b00kgz51)**  
The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00kgz53)**  
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by Weather.

**SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00kh0cq)**  
An eclectic mix of conversation, music and comedy.

Peter Curran is joined by Neil Oliver, Kevin Sampson and Evan Davis.

Emma Freud talks to the anti-consumer evangelist Reverend Billy.

With comedy from Stephen Carlin and music from The Maccabees and The Handsome Family.

**SAT 19:00 From Fact to Fiction (b00kh0cs)**  
Series 6

Episode 4

As more high-profile politicians lose their jobs because of the Westminster expenses scandal, the comedian Robin Ince tells the story of an ordinary man with no interest in freebies.

With Kevin Eldon, Jeremy Swift and Janice Acquah.

**SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00kh0nf)**  
Little Boots' album Hands, Gillian Anderson and Toby Stephens at the Donmar Warehouse

Tom Sutcliffe is joined by novelist Liz Jensen, writer and comedian Danny Robins and playwright Mark Ravenhill to discuss the cultural highlights of the week - featuring Scandinavian women battling against oppression, fun and games at Tate Modern and electropop from Blackpool with a nod to Caligula.

Ibsen's A Doll's House has been given a makeover by Zinnie Harris who has relocated the play to the milieu of British politics in the Edwardian era. With a cast which includes Gillian Anderson, Toby Stephens and Christopher Eccleston, the setting may have changed from 19th century Norway, but hypocrisy, blackmail and despair are still present.

Meanwhile, in early 20th century Sweden, a woman's life is

changed when she wins a camera in a lottery. Jan Troell's latest film, Everlasting Moments, depicts a hard life with a drunken womaniser for a husband softened round the edges by the pleasure of seeing life through a lens.

Robert Henryson is one of the greatest voices in late medieval Scottish literature and his narrative poem Testament of Cresseid is regarded as his best work. Now Seamus Heaney has translated this piece from Middle Scots into modern English along with seven fables which Henryson took from Aesop. If you enjoyed Beowulf...

Back in 1971, the Tate Gallery played host to a ground-breaking interactive installation by American artist Robert Morris. The public were encouraged to climb over, explore and play with the geometric sculptures, but unfortunately they had so much fun, inflicting damage both on themselves and the work, that the exhibition closed after only five days. Nearly four decades later, Tate Modern is restaging a less hazardous version of the original - Bodyspacemotionthings - where art lovers get to swing, climb and roll to their hearts' content.

Little Boots is the moniker under which Victoria Heskeith plies her trade as a would-be electropop princess. Her debut album Hands could well do the trick of elevating her to that throne. While her label describes her songs as 'crystal-tipped sabres of dance-pop truth', all you really need to know is that they contain plenty of squelchy synths and you can dance to them.

**SAT 20:00 Archive on 4 (b00kh0nh)**  
The Many Lives of Roald Dahl

Sophie Dahl looks at the life, writing and passions of her grandfather, the children's author Roald Dahl.

By turns acerbic, funny, inventive and clever, what made him the writer he became? Sophie guides us through Dahl's Norwegian background but very British education, his early life in Washington and Hollywood and marriage to film star Patricia Neal.

Then the personal tragedies and life at home in Buckinghamshire, looking after his children and writing the stories which would make him one of the most famous authors of the 20th century.

We hear about the many lives of Roald Dahl through the voices of himself, his family and those who knew him throughout his 74 years.

**SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00kc21f)**  
The Siege of Krishnapur

Episode 2

Dramatisation by Shelagh Stephenson of the novel by JG Farrell.

It is 1857 and British rule in India is under siege. A series of attacks has all but destroyed the Residency at Krishnapur. Now swamped with squabbling civilians, the Collector is unsure how much longer his defences can hold out.

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.

**SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00kh0nk)**  
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

**SAT 22:15 Unreliable Evidence (b00kfgez)**  
The Law and Protest

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

Conflict between police and G20 demonstrators raised serious questions about the distinctions in law between our right to peaceful protest and police powers to prevent violence and disorder. What are the legal limits of our right to express dissent? Is it acceptable for police to use powers under the

Terrorism Act to prevent demonstrations and is the police tactic of 'kettling' to control crowds actually legal?

**SAT 23:00 Counterpoint (b00kdp26)**  
Series 23

2009 Semi-final 2

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 second semi-final:

Paul Grayson from Ripon  
Peter Whitehead from Bromley  
Tim Wise from Wallington in Surrey

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

**SAT 23:30 Poetry Please (b00kc264)**

Roger McGough introduces poems by AE Housman and Walt Whitman, including from A Shropshire Lad and O Captain, My Captain. The readers are Kenneth Cranham and Peter Marinker.

**SUNDAY 24 MAY 2009**

**SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00kh0qj)**  
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by Weather.

**SUN 00:30 Afternoon Reading (b007s1bk)**  
Murder She Thought - Series 1

Paint

Compelling crime stories by women writers.

In Joan Smith's atmospheric story, a young woman is hired by a city whizz-kid to redecorate his flat. But might he, or the apartment, be hiding something?

Read by Joanne Whalley.

**SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00kh0ql)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00kh267)**  
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00kh269)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00kh26c)**  
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00kh26f)**  
The sound of bells from St Helen's Church, Sefton in Liverpool.

**SUN 05:45 Letters to Mary (b00kfgd1)**  
Episode 2

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.

Richard Reeves, director of the independent think tank Demos, updates Mary on how her ideas about republicanism have - or have not - advanced in Britain in the 250 years since her birth.

Although generally thought of as a feminist, Wollstonecraft's A Vindication of the Rights of Men is a political pamphlet attacking aristocracy and advocating republicanism. It proved to be the first salvo in a pamphlet war, responding to Burke's defence of constitutional monarchy, aristocracy and the Church of England. In the pamphlet she attacked not only hereditary privilege but also the language used by Burke to defend it. Perhaps most significantly and originally, she criticised Burke's justification of an unequal society founded on the passivity of women.

**SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00kh26h)**

The latest national and international news.

**SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00kh26k)**

Homesickness

Mark Tully explores homesickness, a yearning more complex than nostalgia for homeland. How true is it that all older people are homesick for the culture of their childhood? With Rabbi Lionel Blue.

**SUN 06:35 Living World (b00kh4dm)**

Marsh Harriers

Lionel Kelleway gets very close to the marsh harrier, an icon of the East Anglia marshland. It is quite a sight to see it rise, effortlessly, when looking across the seed head tops of a large yellow reedbed. The marsh harrier has characteristically large and broad wings and the male is stunningly beige.

**SUN 06:57 Weather (b00kh4dp)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00kh4dr)**

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

**SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00khhp0)**

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

**SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00khhpx)**

Save the Rhino

Clive Anderson appeals on behalf of Save the Rhino. Save the Rhino works to conserve viable populations of critically endangered rhinos in Africa and Asia.

Donations to Save the Rhino should be sent to Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal, please mark the back of your envelope Save the Rhino. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144. If you are a UK tax payer, please provide Save the Rhino 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 (b00khhxm)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00khhxp)**

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

**SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00khhxr)**

A service from Down Cathedral, Downpatrick, conducted by the Very Rev Henry Hull. The Preacher is Dom Mark-Ephrem Nolan, OSB.

**SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00kfvqx)**

Feminism and Democracy

A weekly reflection on a topical issue from Clive James.

**SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00khhxt)**

News and conversation about the big stories of the week.

This week BH explores the world of self regulation. The Prime Minister wants to put an end to the Gentlemen's club atmosphere in Parliament - Kevin Connolly seeks one out in Mayfair. Tanya Beckett reports from the Black Forest and Kevin Connolly meets Kevin Connolly - the Dead Ringer's impressionist with a view from the North East.

Also, what is it like to "take the call"? And Oxford professor & poet Ruth Padel finds herself under pressure to resign.

The Sunday newspapers were reviewed by people linked by Independence - Margo Macdonald, the Independent Scottish MP; Roger Alton, the Editor of the Independent newspaper and Brian Hayes, one of the most distinguished voices of Independent radio in this country.

**SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00khhxw)**

The week's events in Ambridge.

**SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00khhxy)**

Barry Humphries

Kirsty Young's castaway is the comedian and performer Barry Humphries. For decades he has enjoyed global fame with his grotesque comic creations, the Melbourne housewife Dame Edna Everage and the drunken cultural attache Sir Les Patterson. Off stage, though, his life has been spent immersed in literature, music and the arts, and he says that his time spent on the desert island would allow him to devote himself to painting.

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

Favourite track: Songs of Sunset: They are not long, the weeping & the laughter by Frederick Delius

Book: The Melbourne Street Directory

Luxury: My paints.

**SUN 12:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b00kdr57)**

Series 2

Episode 3

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

Chris Addison, Rupert Sheldrake and Bettany Hughes donate objects of extreme interest to the world's most eclectic museum.

**SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00khhky0)**

Wine in the Recession

Sheila Dillon finds out how the wine market is coping in the recession. Who is raising a glass and who are drowning their sorrows?

Simon Parkes reports from the 2009 London International Wine Fair, which has been overshadowed by concerns over the credit crunch, currency collapse and excise duties. He speaks to producers and retailers, samples some of the new east European wines currently enjoying a mini 'renaissance', and finds out if Georgia really is the cradle of wine making.

In the studio, Sheila Dillon discusses some of the issues raised with Peter Richards, one of the UK's youngest award-winning wine writers and broadcasters.

**SUN 12:57 Weather (b00khhky2)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00khhky4)**

A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

**SUN 13:30 Britain in Their Sites (b00khhky6)**

Episode 1

Tristram Hunt tells the story of architectural change in Britain over 60 years, tracing the country's changing idea of itself through three controversial public building projects.

In 1948, Peterlee was the future, an exciting New Town planned by architect Berthold Lubetkin for the Durham miners he idolised. Tristram asks why Lubetkin, most famous for London Zoo's Penguin Pool, left Peterlee before a single house was built.

As he looks back at Peterlee's troubled birth, Tristram dissects the furious debates which Lubetkin's failure sparked, and which marked the beginning of Britain's post-war architecture wars.

**SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00kfvgl)**

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Anne Swithinbank, Bob Flowerdew and Matthew Biggs are guests of Binfield Garden Club near Reading.

The third instalment in the sustainable gardening series looks at why a 'green' roof works so effectively.

Including Gardening weather forecast.

**SUN 14:45 Lights, Camera, Landmark (b00fgblx)**

Greenwich Old Royal Naval College

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

How films such as The Duchess, The Young Victoria and The

Golden Compass ensure that this early-18th century Christopher Wren-designed building remains one of London's busiest film locations.

**SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00khhky8)**

Mugsborough

1917

Dramatisation by Andrew Lynch featuring the characters of Robert Tressell's novel The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists, picking up the story 10 years on.

The residents of Mugsborough hold wildly differing views of the Great War. The politically aware favour peaceful solutions, others are determined to avoid being sent to the Western Front. One returns from Flanders terribly injured and cannot find work and one child is still unaware of the tragic circumstances of her parentage.

Easton ..... Johnny Vegas  
Old Misery/Hunter ..... Paul Whitehouse  
Ruth ..... Shirley Henderson  
Nora ..... Raquel Cassidy  
Frankie ..... Iain McKee  
Bert White ..... Des O'Malley  
Bundy ..... Tom Pitts  
Barrington ..... Tom Goodman-Hill  
Charlie Linden ..... Carl Rice  
Elsie ..... Nicola Stephenson  
Sweater ..... Rupert Degas  
Slyme ..... Kevin Eldon  
Crass ..... Arthur Smith  
Rushton ..... Bill Bailey  
Young Elizabeth ..... Yasmin Gerrard  
Freddie ..... Jody Latham  
Older Elizabeth ..... Joanna Neary  
Mrs Meadows ..... Anne Waggott

Directed by Dirk Maggs.

**SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00khhm8y)**

Jake Arnott, and Michael Parkinson

Mariella Frostrup talks to author of The Long Firm, Jake Arnott. He discusses the subject of his latest novel, The Devil's Paintbrush, which centres on Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald, a distinguished officer in the British army who committed suicide in 1903 after being accused of homosexuality.

**SUN 16:30 Poetry Please (b00khhm90)**

Roger McGough introduces a reading of Samuel Taylor Coleridge's classic poem, The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, read by Finbar Lynch.

**SUN 17:00 World Heritage: Curse or Blessing? (b00kgzwm)**

While Britain's heritage officials decide whether to nominate more sights for World Heritage status, Emily Maitlis asks if the UN's heritage police is a force for good, protecting our cities against greedy developers, or if it is stopping the flow of modern life?

Should the notion of a global heritage be allowed to override local democracy? What can this organisation do for sites that have been shattered by conflict or decimated by industry? Has heritage's equivalent to a Michelin star lost its integrity on the world stage?

**SUN 17:40 From Fact to Fiction (b00kh0cs)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00khhmdj)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SUN 17:57 Weather (b00khhmdl)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00khhmdn)**

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

**SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00khhmdq)**

Sheila McClenon introduces her selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

**SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00khhmdl)**

Marshall comments that it's been tricky for Debbie turning down Matt's business proposition. Adam agrees; he's glad he's

not in that position. At their meeting Debbie tells Adam she thinks that if they put in competitive figures for next year they'll stand a pretty good chance of keeping the contract with Borchester Land. She confides that she feels guilty about her decision over Matt. She and Adam agree it's a sad situation, not just for Matt but for Lilian as well. Adam assures Debbie that he'll watch out for Lilian after Debbie leaves.

Over a cosy breakfast with Tom, Brenda asserts that Mike's too besotted with his new lady friend to miss her. She thinks she moved out just in time.

Tony tells Tom he likes Marshall; he seems to know his farming and is a hit with Jennifer. He's not so sure Marshall's finding Brian so easy, and there's the big lunch party on Tuesday. Tony confesses he's trying to stay out of the feud between Lilian and Jennifer.

Later Tony's delighted to find that Tom and Brenda are back together. Tom assures him it's fine for Tony to tell whoever he likes.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

#### SUN 19:15 Go4it (b00khmlg)

Barney Harwood is joined by Michael Rosen, Jacqueline Wilson, Philip Ardagh and Kaye Umansky for the final edition of the children's magazine. They answer questions from an audience of school children, and Barney looks back on some of his favourite moments from past programmes.

#### SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b00cm7hd)

Stories with Latitude

Episode 5

Readings recorded on stage at the Latitude Festival in Suffolk. John Hegley eavesdrops on a conversation between two friends over a bowl of rancid fish soup in Imperial Rome.

#### SUN 20:00 More or Less (b00kfsgg)

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 (b00kfvgn)

Matthew Bannister talks to Sir Max Hastings and Katherine Whitehorn about the life of journalist Anne Scott-James; Sir Simon Rattle, Sir Trevor Nunn and Sally Cavender on composer Nicholas Maw; Lord Owen and Thoby Young about the life of Lord Kennet; Michael Winner and Michael Hackney talk about writer Alan Hackney.

#### SUN 21:00 Money Box (b00kgfc7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

#### SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00khpx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

#### SUN 21:30 In Business (b00khmn1)

Craig Barrett interview

Peter Day talks to the outgoing chairman of Intel, Craig Barrett, about receiving the largest fine ever imposed by the European Union and the other challenges of running a company on the cutting edge of modern technology.

#### SUN 21:58 Weather (b00khmn3)

The latest weather forecast.

#### SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00khmn5)

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

#### SUN 23:00 The Film Programme (b00kfvqg)

Willem Dafoe talks about Antichrist, the new Lars Von Trier film in which he stars and which was booted by the audience at its premiere at the Cannes Film Festival. The star of Martin Scorsese's The Last Temptation of Christ and David Lynch's Wild at Heart reveals why he likes to get into a director's head.

The work of Claude Chabrol is discussed by two of his stars, Ludivine Sagnier and Sandrine Bonnaire.

Mike Hodges, the director of Get Carter and Croupier, discusses one of his favourite films, Max Ophuls's Lola Montes.

#### SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00kh26k)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

#### MONDAY 25 MAY 2009

#### MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00khrz)

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

#### MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00kfgvc)

Slumming

'Slumming' was the name given to the thousands of white middle class voyeurs crossing boundaries of race, class and sexual orientation to trip into the worlds of the poor on their doorstep. There they learnt to drop the restraints of respectability and savoured an often salacious sense of sex and discovery in the period of prohibition. The jazz raged, the 'pansies' preened, but after the party what was the effect on the communities they visited? Laurie talks to the author of Slumming, Chad Heap, and the writer Bonnie Greer about the impact that the wild white adventuring in urban areas had on sexual and racial politics in America.

#### MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00kh26f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

#### MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00khnf1)

The latest shipping forecast.

#### MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00khmkr)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

#### MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00khngx)

The latest shipping forecast.

#### MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00khmkm)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

#### MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00khskg)

Daily prayer and reflection with Ann Holt.

#### MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00khszc)

Sarah Falkingham investigates why increased UK veg production means that more fields become 'lakes of plastic'. She visits a grower in West Yorkshire with over 1,000 acres of carrots who uses plastic covering to produce a crop every week of the year. But with only a handful of cleaning and recycling sites in the UK, the plastic is dumped in landfill after a few months of use.

#### MON 05:57 Weather (b00kj2dt)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

#### MON 06:00 Today (b00khszr)

Presented by James Naughtie and Edward Stourton.

Reporter Richard Bilton discusses what the loss of confidential RAF records means for the Ministry of Defence.

Expert Aidan Foster-Carter discusses the significance of the nuclear tests in North Korea.

Electoral Reform Society chief executive Dr Ken Ritchie discusses why a change in politics can only come through a fundamental re-think of the electoral system.

Ecologist Professor Marc Bekoff explains why our long-standing assumptions on animal morality may have been flawed.

The Mayor of Oldham, Jim McArdle, and Mark Hastings from the British Beer and Pub Association, discuss whether tough rules on promotions can prevent binge drinking.

Jonny Dymond reports from Poland to gauge how the country has changed since joining the EU.

Environment correspondent Sarah Mukherjee reports on the new bird research helped by a Today listener survey.

Thought for the day with the religious commentator Clifford Longley.

Pakistan expert Dr Farzana Shaikh and correspondent David Loyn discuss Pakistan's current strategies for dealing with the Taliban in the Swat Valley.

Foreign office minister Bill Rammell discusses how the international community should react to the second underground nuclear test in North Korea.

Economist Professor Robert Shiller discusses his predictions for the future of the economy.

The Italian art world is debating whether a small wooden statue of Christ is a true Michelangelo. Reporter Duncan Kennedy examines the evidence from Naples.

Religious commentator Reverend Giles Fraser, Conservative MP Anne Widdecombe and Constitution Professor Vernon Bogdanor discuss whether the Church should have a place in political debate.

Andrew Oswald, Professor of Economics at Warwick University, discusses whether daughters soften their father's politics.

Sports writer Will Buckley and expert Mike Warburton discuss whether the top tax rate could drive away foreign players from the premier league.

Columnist Anatole Kaletsky and Mark Swift from manufacturers' association EEF discuss their own economic forecasts.

#### MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00kj2dw)

Andrew Marr sets the cultural agenda for the week. His guests include Harvard politics professor Michael Sandel, who gives this year's Reith Lectures on A New Citizenship, addressing the 'prospect for a new politics of the common good'.

Plus novelist Giles Foden on his new book Turbulence, the developmental psychologist Bruce Hood on why he thinks we all have a 'supersense', the propensity to believe in the supernatural, and astronomer Carolin Crawford on the science and beauty of nebulae.

#### MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00khw3z)

John Osborne - Radio Head

Episode 1

Lee Ingleby reads from John Osborne's exploration of the radio stations of Britain.

Partly to relieve the boredom of a series of temping jobs, and partly to feed his curiosity about our national airwaves, John decides to listen to a different radio station everyday. His first tuning stops include Virgin Radio and the BBC Asian Network.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

#### MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00khy3w)

Marguerite Patten - a celebration

A celebration of Marguerite Patten who became one of the earliest TV 'celebrity chefs' and the doyenne of British cookery.

She has been teaching us how to cook since the 1930s but her career began in the war years when she broadcast to the nation on the BBC giving helpful tips on how to make the most of limited rations. She has had countless TV and radio shows, been awarded an OBE for services to the 'art of cookery' and written 170 cookery books.

Jane Garvey visited her Brighton home to hear about her life, work and to sample some of Marguerite's favourite recipes.

#### MON 11:00 The Six Faces of Henry VIII (b00kj2dy)

With the help of writers, historians, musicologists, film buffs and Alan Bennett, Ian Hislop sets out to analyse six images of Henry VIII which turn out to be rather better portraits of the periods in which they were created than they are historical insights into the King himself. However, given that his most famous portrait, by Hans Holbein, is itself an artfully drawn propaganda tool we shouldn't be all that surprised.

Henry has always been associated with numeric scale. The eighth Henry with six wives; nothing associated with him comes in ones and twos. And so it is with the images of our glowering, beefy, puffy-cheeked monarch. The range is enormous, from Hans Holbein's splay-footed heavyweight to the surly athleticism of Jonathan Rhys Meyers in BBC One's The Tudors.

Shakespeare produced an understandably careful dramatic portrait, but the Director Alexander Korda used his 1930's film The Private Life of Henry VIII to show us Charles Laughton as the consummate spoilt brat, a glutton with the heart of a valiant schoolboy and the stomach of several kings. This was the first time we saw a Henry who chucked chicken bones over his shoulder, slapped his thigh and laughed loudly, sure in the knowledge that the world would laugh with him.

And then there are the Operatic versions supplied in the 19th century by Saint Saens and Donizetti respectively. Here Henry is more monster than man alongside the sad heroines Katherine of Aragon and Anne Boleyn. They were, of course, coming from a rather more Catholic perspective. Meanwhile in Restoration History books he's a seventeenth century Hercules.

So who gets closest to the real King?

Ian Hislop enjoys nothing better than debunking myth, and there's plenty of myth that has accrued around Henry, or as the music-hall song had him 'our 'Enery'. But there's quite a lot of truth as well, not about the King but about the ages in which he was re-created. It seems that he and his doings are a perennial story for 'our' times, whenever those times might be.

But if the various images of Henry only serve to enlighten us about other periods long after the Tudors should we resort to the simple shock tactics of Alan Bennett's savvy teacher in The History Boys and say 'for Henry VIII think Stalin?' Who better to answer that than Alan Bennett himself who joins Ian to create a sixth and, for our age, a final image of Henry VIII.

Producer: Tom Alban.

#### **MON 11:30 Noel Coward - The Better Half (b00kj2f0)**

Broadcast premiere of this comedy of marital manners, written by the young Noel Coward. Recently rediscovered, it was considered too racy for public performance in 1922.

Unhappy Alice encourages husband David and best friend Marion to form a liaison. But Alice may have a hidden agenda.

Alice ..... Federay Holmes  
Marion ..... Lisa Dillon  
David ..... Samuel West

Directed by Martin Jarvis.

#### **MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00khzvp)**

Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.

Could developing new versions of sports inspire more people to take part in physical activity? Sport England is planning to spend 5 million pounds a year in adapting existing sports and is looking for up to 20 ideas to support. But is this the best way to get more people interested in sport? Phil Smith, director of sport at Sport England, and Michael Henderson, sports writer with the Daily Telegraph, discuss. Also, comedian Steve Punt offers some suggestions for new sporting formats.

HMV is one of the few companies that could be said to have benefited from the recession. The chief executive of the HMV Group, Simon Fox, reflects on the wider implications of the current downturn on Britain's retail sector and talks about the changing face of HMV. No longer a traditional record store, it now sells mobile phones and MP3 players, has a stake in live music venues around the UK and plans to open cinemas above some of its stores. Simon discusses the future of the company.

The Yorkshire Dales and Lake District National Parks could be about to get bigger. Reporter Mark Holdstock visits the area under consideration and finds that rather than worrying about the red tape that National Park designation can bring, many local people and businesses are welcoming the plan.

Some people in the antiques industry are complaining about BBC antiques programmes. As antique businesses suffer from the recession, dealers say that television programmes like Cash in the Attic and Flog it give a misleading impression of their industry.

What links a Norfolk football team with a Norwegian king? Cromer Town Football Club is facing the loss of its current ground because of a strange clause in its deeds. We hear from Steve Downes, senior reporter for the Eastern Daily Press.

#### **MON 12:57 Weather (b00khzw4)**

The latest weather forecast.

#### **MON 13:00 World at One (b00khzxf)**

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

#### **MON 13:30 Counterpoint (b00kj2f2)**

Series 23

2009 Semi-final 3

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 third and last semi-final of the contest:

Andrew Feltham from Kent  
Richard Grothusen from Blackpool, Lancashire  
David Roy from Hertfordshire

Producer: Paul Bajoria

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in May 2009.

#### **MON 14:00 The Archers (b00khmld)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

#### **MON 14:15 Drama (b008cnt2)**

Horst Buchholz and Other Stories

By Matthew Wilkie.

George is desperate for his team to win the pub quiz. He has bet a large sum of money, which he doesn't have, that they will do so. But the rest of the team have more pressing problems.

George ..... Sean Baker  
Tim ..... Carl Prekopp  
Jules ..... Samantha Spiro  
Rich ..... Nicholas Boulton  
Quizmaster ..... Philip Jackson.

#### **MON 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00kh0nh)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Saturday]

#### **MON 15:45 The Hidden Henry (b00kj039)**

Henry, Medicine and Health

The first of five programmes marking the 500th anniversary next month of the coronation of Henry VIII that explore lesser known aspect of the man. Henry was a hypochondriac before the word was invented, with some good reason. He was, though, the first monarch to recognise the need for a qualified medical profession. He gave the first royal charter to the Barber Surgeons and ordered an astronomical clock for Hampton Court so that he could measure his well-being by the stars. The historian Dr Elizabeth Hurren explores parts of the palace that reveal his preoccupation with health - his own and the public's - the herb garden, the astronomical clock and an area even the king could not enter, the birthing suite where his pregnant wives were confined. She considers, too, the famous after Holbein portrait of the king which portrays a man in the peak of health and at the height of his powers, but, reveals too some of the health troubles that were to plague him.

#### **MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00khky0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

#### **MON 16:30 Traveller's Tree (b00kj9ys)**

Series 5

The British Seaside

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

With recession and the high cost of the Euro, British seaside resorts are optimistically preparing for what could be a bumper season. Katie finds out about how Margate is reinventing itself as 'the Bilbao of the Kent coast' by embracing its links with the 19th century Romantic painter, Turner.

Plus writer Josie Barnard sees how self-catering in the far west of Cornwall is bucking the credit crunch by offering a touch of high-end glamour.

#### **MON 17:00 PM (b00kj0dv)**

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

#### **MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00kj0gx)**

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

#### **MON 18:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b00kj9yv)**

Series 2

Episode 4

John Lloyd invites Oliver James, John Hodgman and Charlotte Uhlenbroek to submit exhibits. With Sean Lock. From May 2009.

#### **MON 19:00 The Archers (b00kj000)**

Adam invites downcast Lillian to the cricket. He's worried about her. She declines but is grateful for his kindness. Adam coaxes her; if she changes her mind he'll stand her a bun and a cup of tea.

The new-look single wicket competition gets under way. Eddie's impatient to stop moving the Bridge Farm topsoil and get to the pitch. Tony's unimpressed until he realises his opponent is Fallon. Then he too is keen to get straight up there.

When they arrive Eddie notices Oliver hasn't entered. He fishes to see if Oliver's away for the holiday. But Tom points out Oliver and Caroline over by the covers. Eddie's disappointment is compounded when he and Tony are knocked out in the first round.

Lillian unexpectedly turns up, just in time to see Brenda knock Fallon out in an all female semi-final, making the final a battle between Tom and Brenda. When Tom's skied ball is caught, Eddie accuses him of throwing the match for the sake of love and thinks it's a farce. Tony tries to persuade Lillian to join them all at the Bull afterwards, but she says she thinks she'll just get on home.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

#### **MON 19:15 Front Row (b00kj137)**

John Wilson meets Chris Blackwell, who founded the Island Records label 50 years ago.

Blackwell is an unlikely music mogul. Born into a wealthy white family in Jamaica, he started out recording local musicians on the island. In the early 1960s he moved to London, selling discs to the Caribbean communities from the back of his car.

An international hit record - My Boy Lollipop by Millie Small - transformed his fortunes. The Island label expanded, signing a wide range of rock and acoustic artists, including John Martyn, Free and Cat Stevens, and turning performers such as Bob Marley into global stars.

Chris talks to John about his childhood in Jamaica and his rebellious years at an English boarding school. He remembers the moment when a group of Rastafarians saved his life, and recalls his very first meeting with Bob Marley - an encounter which would transform the status of Jamaican music around the world.

#### **MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00kj1g3)**

Falco: Poseidons Gold

Episode 6

Dramatisation by Mary Cutler of the novel by Lindsey Davis, featuring her Roman detective, Falco.

Falco visits Varga, a drunken fresco artist, who seems to know more than he is letting on.

Falco ..... Anton Lesser  
Helena ..... Anna Madeley  
Petronius ..... Ben Crowe  
Varga ..... John Flitcroft

Directed by Peter Leslie Wild.

#### **MON 20:00 Hearts and Minds (b00kj9yx)**

Episode 1

Nick Fraser considers the proper role of intellectuals in relation to world events and world conflict.

The Cold War was fought on intellectual as well as strategic grounds, but did intellectuals abandon their own standards in the battle for 'hearts and minds'? Nick considers the matter in the run-up to the centenary of the birth of Isaiah Berlin, one of Britain's foremost political philosophers and opponents of Soviet communism, and takes the figures known as 'liberal anti-communists' during the Cold War as an historic peak of the Western intellectual's power and influence.

A Brook Lapping production for BBC Radio 4.

#### **MON 20:30 Wall: An Essay by David Hare (b00kj973)**

David Hare, one of Britain's foremost playwrights, provides a personal view of the physical, political and psychological impact of the combination of trenches, ditches, watchtowers, checkpoints, concrete and razor coil that may one day form a border between Israel and Palestine.

#### **MON 21:00 Costing the Earth (b00kj9z1)**

Carteret Island

Tom Heap witnesses the first large scale human evacuation due to climate change. The Carteret Islands are slowly being submerged by the rising sea, forcing the removal of hundreds of islanders to nearby Papua New Guinea.

**MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00kj2dw)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 21:58 Weather (b00kj1js)**  
The latest weather forecast.

**MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00kj1nb)**  
News from a global perspective with Felicity Evans.

The UN meets to decide response to North Korea nuclear test.

Could a system of proportional representation revive interest in politics?

Ruth Padel, the first female Professor of Poetry at Oxford, resigns.

Israel's separation barrier - the view from Israel.

**MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00kj1z2)**  
The Outlander

Episode 1

Denica Fairman reads from the novel by Gil Adamson, set in Canada in 1903. Pursued by armed men with dogs, a strange young woman tears across the moonlit wilderness.

**MON 23:00 Off the Page (b00cb5x6)**  
Nanny Wouldn't Like It

Dominic Arkwright presents a discussion on nannies, with columnist Guy Browning; author of *The Victorian Governess*, Kathryn Hughes; and Anna Raeburn. Browning considers the nanny as the queen of arrested development, while Hughes volunteers a long list of men who have fallen for the nanny's charms.

Produced by Miles Warde

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2008.

**MON 23:30 Reasons to be Cheerful (b00jq0kt)**  
Series 1

Episode 1

Series which seeks to challenge the prevailing atmosphere of doom and gloom and dares to be optimistic.

Disability affairs correspondent Peter White, who is blind, shares some of his reasons to be cheerful - technology which has set him free to scan and read whatever books he wants, the disappearance of the British Sunday which was the bane of his 1950s childhood, and the train announcements which annoy so many people, but are a boon to him.

Peter talks to grumpy comedian Arthur Smith and challenges him with his optimism.

A Loftus Audio production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUESDAY 26 MAY 2009**

**TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00khhm1)**  
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by Weather.

**TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00khw3z)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

**TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00khms1)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00khhb0)**  
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00khmf3)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00khnkt)**  
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00khsb5)**  
Daily prayer and reflection with Ann Holt.

**TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00khskj)**  
Charlotte Smith reports that polytunnels are proving popular not only with farmers but also with smallholders. Some companies are reporting that sales are up a hundred per cent on last year.

**TUE 06:00 Today (b00khszf)**  
Presented by James Naughtie and Edward Stourton.

Dr Euan Dunne of the RSPB discusses the unprecedented decision to scrap the current system of EU fishing quotas.

Church of Scotland leaders have voted to uphold the decision to appoint a gay minister to a church in Aberdeen. Rev Ewen Gilchrist discusses if the issue could divide the Church.

Phil Mercer reports on Brian Eno's plan for projecting moving art onto the sails of the Sydney Opera House.

Political research editor David Cowling and Lib Dem Ed Davey discuss how recent events will affect results in the European elections.

Chris Dearden reports on the discovery of a wreck that may contain gold bound for Bonnie Prince Charlie.

Rob Booth, chief instructor of the Academy of Safe Motorcycling, discusses the manoeuvre known as 'the swerve test'.

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

Poet Michael Horowitz discusses the resignation of Ruth Padel, the first woman to become the Oxford Professor of Poetry.

UK Ambassador Sir John Sawers and US foreign policy expert Mark Fitzpatrick discuss North Korea's nuclear testing.

Shadow foreign secretary William Hague discusses David Cameron's proposals to address voter disgust over MPs' expenses - which include fixed-term Parliaments and free votes for MPs.

Kevin Connolly investigates the craze for fixed wheel bikes in urban America.

The Taliban is recruiting children and teenagers as suicide bombers to carry out attacks across Pakistan, authorities say. Owen Bennett-Jones reports.

James Barratt, of Cambridge University, discusses if overfishing in fresh water that reportedly occurred in around 1000 AD is similar to the current problems with open sea fishing.

Correspondent John Sudworth says North Korea has now, at least in theory, the potential to develop an atomic bomb.

Academics Lisa Jardine and Mary Beard discuss if academic careers can be destroyed by gossip.

Former Tory MP Michael Brown and Matthew Taylor, chief executive of the RSA, discuss if political reform can be implemented easily.

**TUE 09:00 What's the Point of...? (b00kjb68)**  
Series 2

Gibraltar

Quentin Letts takes a witty but thought provoking look at Gibraltar.

**TUE 09:30 The Flight from Tehran: British-Iranians 30 Years On (b00gkrw)**  
An Ordinary Life

Exiles from the Iranian revolution talk to British-Iranian writer David Mattin about leaving their homeland and family behind to make a new life in Britain.

David meets middle-class Iranians for whom a new life in the UK often meant limited job prospects, financial insecurity, and a sudden loss of social status. One, a successful builder, left his wife and daughter in Tehran and ended up in Manchester. Lonely and with little English, he had to work nights, selling pizza and kebabs.

**TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00kllbsn)**

John Osborne - Radio Head

Episode 2

Lee Ingleby reads from John Osborne's exploration of the radio stations of Britain.

The mellow tones of Wogan are contrasted with the testosterone of talkSPORT.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00khy3m)**

MP qualities; Claire Tomalin; Supporting a wife with breast cancer

What characteristics are needed to survive as an MP? Plus, biographer Claire Tomalin on her composer mother; and supporting a wife with breast cancer.

**TUE 11:00 Nature (b00kjl12)**

Series 2

Decline In Migrants

Brett Westwood searches for the reasons behind the declining numbers of many of our migrant songbirds - including the cuckoo, turtle dove and spotted flycatcher - and where the birds are most vulnerable.

Speaking to researchers from the RSPB and British Trust for Ornithology, he explores the dual world of our migrants, like the pied flycatcher which spends its summers in the lush oak woods in the British Isles but winters in west African savannah woods. For some species, such as the cuckoo which evolved in Africa, northern Europe is a treasure trove of habitats and food supplies to be exploited, and many of our successful migrants are birds which originated in Africa but then moved north to cooler areas to breed.

Do the reasons for them now being under threat lie here in the UK or south of the Sahara in their winter homes, and will they be able to evolve new wintering or summering areas to compensate for losses?

**TUE 11:30 The Deighton File (b00kjh8g)**

From the start of his writing career in 1962, Len Deighton has gifted his readers the Harry Palmer spy stories, including *The Ipress File*, his compelling accounts of Second World War combat in *Fighter and Blitzkrieg*, and his experience in the kitchen with the *Action Cook Book*. Now 80, in this rare interview from 2009, he talks to Patrick Humphries about his life and work.

**TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00khztd)**

Call You and Yours

Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.

Mental Health and Employment

Are you comfortable disclosing your mental health problems? Only ten per cent of people with mental health conditions are in employment, and with the job market contracting would you tell a prospective employer about your condition?

**TUE 12:57 Weather (b00khzvr)**

The latest weather forecast.

**TUE 13:00 World at One (b00khzx1)**

David Cameron says he wants a radical redistribution of power, from the political elite to the man and woman in the street. As politicians on all sides champion their ideas on constitutional reform, the Justice Secretary, Jack Straw, gives his thoughts.

The International Committee of the Red Cross says it has been unable to enter the main refugee camp in the north of Sri Lanka. We hear from the head of humanitarian affairs for the United Nations, Sir John Holmes, who has just returned from Sri Lanka.

And Ruth Padel, the first woman to become Oxford University Professor of Poetry, talks about why she has stood down from the post.

**TUE 13:30 Mr Haydn's London Experience (b00kjh8j)**

Composer Matthew King looks at Joseph Haydn's two visits to London between 1791 and 1795, during which he wrote his last 12 symphonies.

In 1791, the 58-year-old composer took a sabbatical from his

post as master of music at the Vienna court of Prince Esterhazy and travelled to England. Having spent a life time in servitude, this son of a wheelwright suddenly found himself feted by the highest echelons of British society, including King George III and the Prince of Wales, and lauded by public and press alike.

As well as composing his 12 London Symphonies, Haydn found the visits creatively and emotionally liberating, and he was rewarded for his work with wealth beyond his dreams.

**TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00kj000)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

**TUE 14:15 Drama (b00kjhgj)**

Rumpole and the Penge Bungalow Murders

Alone and Without a Leader

By John Mortimer

Young Horace Rumpole defends a young man, accused of murder, maintaining that he is innocent until proved guilty. He faces opposition from the establishment and support from unexpected quarters.

Adapted by Richard Stoneman

Producer/Director ..... Marilyn Imrie

A Catherine Bailey production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 15:00 Making History (b00kjhgl)**

Vanessa Collingridge presents the series exploring ordinary people's links with the past.

**TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00ksh3)**

Winnie the Pooh

Episode 1

Read by Alan Bennett. Pooh's predilection for honey is first revealed and he gets stuck at Rabbit's place.

**TUE 15:45 The Hidden Henry (b00kntht)**

Henry The Scholar

At the British Library Steven Gunn and Andre Clarke pore over his books, maps and letters which reveal a man of keen, curious and disputatious intellect.

The second of five programmes marking the 500th anniversary of the coronation of Henry VIII. Speaking fluent Latin and the author of four books, Henry wasn't a boorish, uncultured tyrant. He was one of the most educated of our monarchs, a Renaissance Man. The historian Dr Steven Gunn from Merton College, Oxford and Dr Andrea Clarke, Curator of the 'Henry VIII: Man and Monarch' exhibition at the British Library, present us with the unexpectedly studious side of Henry. There is in his psalter, a portrait of him reading, and the young Henry was well versed in poetry, music and religious discourse. He was keen to be seen as a philosopher king, and the notes in the margins of his books reveal how closely he read, and his intellectual striving. His love letters to Anne Boleyn, show a man with a vast vocabulary and a keen sense of amour courtois. We hear too from Prof James Carley, who has catalogued Henry VIII's books - and he had several thousand. And it was his collection of books which is at the centre of what became the British Library.

**TUE 16:00 The Eureka Years (b00cqj26)**

Series 4

1879

Adam Hart-Davis explores spectacular years in the history of science.

The light bulb and the first moving pictures appeared, and a scientist did a great service to dieters when he forgot to wash his hands before eating his sandwiches.

**TUE 16:30 Great Lives (b00kjhv3)**

Series 18

Giovanni Falcone

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

Journalist Misha Glenn remembers the life of anti-Mafia campaigner Giovanni Falcone, whose work on the 1986 Maxi trial contributed to over 3,000 convictions. Falcone was blown up by the Mafia near Palermo airport in May 1992.

Matthew and Misha are joined by Diego Gambetta, who offers expert comment.

**TUE 17:00 PM (b00kj05p)**

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

**TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00kj0dx)**

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

**TUE 18:30 Clement Freud on Just a Minute: A Celebration (b00kjxsb)**

When Clement Freud died in April 2009, Just A Minute suffered the loss of its longest-serving panellist. For over 20 years, Paul Merton shared a stage with Clement at recordings of the show, and in this special programme he shares his memories of the veteran player and introduces a selection of clips of him in action.

**TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00khzzr)**

Matt's still distant and distracted and Lilian's trying to encourage him to spend more time with her. She suggests lunch but he's worried about bumping into members of her family. He's still smarting over Debbie's rebuff. Lilian assures him it's not personal but he disagrees and retreats back to work. Later Lilian tentatively suggests the theatre on Friday, and to her relief he agrees to go: it's a nice idea.

Brian finds Marshall in the Home Farm kitchen happily helping Jennifer with the lunch. While Brian does his best to be warm and friendly, Debbie's not fooled. But later Marshall scores a few points with his choice of dessert wine. He remarks drily that it will make up for his lack of fly fishing experience.

Debbie persuades Peggy to join them after lunch, and Marshall's introduction to Jack goes off without a hitch. Debbie jokes that she hopes Marshall hasn't been put off by her dysfunctional family. He assures her it's fine, but he's looking forward to having her to himself again.

Brian admits Marshall has improved the more he's got to know him, but wonders to Jennifer that given Debbie's past form, who knows how long it will last?

Episode written by Simon Frith.

**TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00kj12w)**

Tracey Emin discusses her new exhibition of drawings, neon, sewn work and sculpture as well as an animation made up of drawings of a woman masturbating.

Lebanese Canadian writer Rawi Hage won the IMPAC award for his debut novel *De Niro's Game*. He discusses his new book, *Cockroach*, which tells the story of a Middle Eastern immigrant to Canada: a misanthropic thief rescued from a suicide attempt who believes he is half-human, half-insect.

Horatio Clare reviews *Sleep Furiously*, the debut feature of Gideon Koppel. Set in a small farming community in mid-Wales, the film observes the rhythms of country life, with a soundtrack by Aphex Twin.

Performance artist Ansuman Biswas explains what he will be doing as Manchester Museum's first hermit in residence.

**TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00kj1g6)**

Falco: Poseidons Gold

Episode 7

Dramatisation by Mary Cutler of the novel by Lindsey Davis, featuring her Roman detective, Falco.

Varga, the drunken fresco painter, finds himself getting plastered in a different way when he receives a visit from Falco and his dad - now known as The Didius Boys. With Carus and Servia turning the screw, they need to work quickly to discover the truth.

Falco ..... Anton Lesser  
Geminus ..... Trevor Peacock  
Varga ..... John Flitcroft  
Carus ..... Joseph Mydell  
Servia ..... Jilly Bond

Directed by Peter Leslie Wild.

**TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b00kjjpf)**

Badly Behaving Bankers

Allan Urry investigates more claims of bad behaviour on the

part of bankers, and follows the David and Goliath struggle of a group of small business owners who are battling to force one of the high street giants to take responsibility for the decisions that they claim left them in ruins.

**TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00kjjph)**

Peter White hears fears about the effects on blind and visually impaired children of the abolition of the Learning and Skills Council. If local authorities play a bigger part in funding decisions, could children in different regions receive a different quality of schooling?

Also, Richard de Costobadie discusses how his long-delayed decision to carry a white cane has changed his life.

**TUE 21:00 All in the Mind (b00kjjpk)**

'Treating' Homosexuality - Witnessing Rudeness - Geo-Magnetic Fields

Claudia Hammond hears from scientists who built their own 'haunted room' in an attempt to show that they could induce a haunting by manipulating energy fields and sound.

**TUE 21:30 What's the Point of...? (b00kjb68)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 21:58 Weather (b00k1j1j)**

The latest weather forecast.

**TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00k1j1y)**

News from a global perspective with Felicity Evans.

Warning of humanitarian catastrophe in Pakistan's Swat Valley.

David Cameron calls for 'power to the people', but what does he mean?

The journalists who missed the Watergate story.

A report from Sri Lanka's war zone refugee camps.

The Spanish expats fighting the bulldozers.

**TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00kmywh)**

The Outlander

Episode 2

Denica Fairman reads from the novel by Gil Adamson, set in Canada in 1903.

Mary Boulton, widowed by her own hand, is on the run. She finds refuge with Mrs Cawthra-Elliot, but for how long?

**TUE 23:00 Mark Watson Makes the World Substantially Better (b00cxr1s)**

Series 2

Courage

The comedian promotes the virtue of courage, with Tim Key and Tom Basden providing feats of cowardice. From August 2008.

**TUE 23:30 Reasons to be Cheerful (b00jwq6f)**

Series 1

Episode 2

Series which seeks to challenge the prevailing atmosphere of doom and gloom and dare to be optimistic.

Actress Diana Quick attempts to challenge the culture of nostalgia which threatens to overtake us. She is cheerful about the fact that women have more opportunities than they did in the 1960s and that we live longer, healthier lives. She takes on actress Annette Crosbie who thinks that there is nothing to be said for getting older and that the world really is going to hell in a handcart.

A Loftus Audio production for BBC Radio 4.

**WEDNESDAY 27 MAY 2009**

**WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00khhm3)**

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

**WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00klbsa)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00khms3)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00khh3)**  
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00khmf5)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00khmkw)**  
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00ksh7)**  
Daily prayer and reflection with Ann Holt.

**WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00khskl)**  
News and issues in rural Britain with Caz Graham. Supermarkets are due to give a formal indication of whether they are going to sign up for a new ombudsman proposed by the Competition Commission to clamp down on unacceptable trading practices. And the Health and Safety Executive is warning pig-farmers they are being faced with dangerously high levels of noise.

**WED 06:00 Today (b00khszh)**  
Presented by John Humphrys and James Naughtie.

Dr Sue Ibbotson of the Health Protection Agency says that new cases of swine flu in Birmingham are relatively mild.

David Gardner, a former assistant general secretary of the Labour Party, discusses a Labour committee set up to look into the MPs' expenses scandal.

Former UK ambassador to North Korea John Everard discusses the future of North Korea's leadership.

Report co-author Malin Bergstrom and Belinda Phipps, of the Natural Childbirth Trust, discuss the best ways of coping with pain during childbirth.

Technology correspondent Rory Cellan-Jones and Anthony Walker, of the Broadband Stakeholder Group, discuss UK broadband speed targets.

Scottish political editor Brian Taylor examines how the structure of the Scottish Parliament compares with Westminster.

Reporter Sanchia Berg visits Bristol to meet Derek Paravicini, a blind pianist who can play any music he has ever heard and can improvise brilliantly.

Thought for the day with Akhandadhi Vas, a Vaishnav Hindu teacher and theologian.

Genomics expert Dr Leo Goodstadt discusses the mouse genome, which has been sequenced in full.

Former Ford president Sir Nicholas Scheele and Derek Simpson, of Unite, discuss if the UK government will help to secure the future of the carmaker Vauxhall.

At least 23 people have been killed after a car bomb destroyed a police station in Lahore, authorities in Pakistan say. Barbara Plett reports from Islamabad.

Author Don McRae and lawyer John Cooper discuss US trial lawyer Clarence Darrow, who was at his height in the 1920s.

North Korea says it no longer feels bound by the terms of the 1953 ceasefire which ended the Korean war. Correspondent John Sudworth reports from the South Korean capital Seoul.

Author Max Hastings discusses the background of relations between North and South Korea.

Reporter Nicola Stanbridge visits a club in Newbury to discover how people feel about losing their jobs late in their careers.

SNP leader and First Minister of Scotland Alex Salmond discusses his party's campaign in the European elections.

Dr Mike Taylor, of Portsmouth University, discusses how he believes a dino-skeleton should be assembled.

The British and Irish Lions are in South Africa at the start of a Rugby Union tour with a long and legendary history. Willie

John McBride, who captained the team in South Africa in 1974, discusses the task facing the side.

**WED 09:00 Midweek (b00kjjq8)**  
Libby Purves is joined by David Pritchard, Philip Holmes and Martin Cheek, Roger Allam and Claire Chambers.

David Pritchard is the television producer who discovered Keith Floyd in a restaurant in Bristol, arguably the first of the genre of personality-led TV chefs. He also produced and directed all of Rick Stein's television programmes. His book Shooting the Cook tells the true story about food, TV and the rise of TV 'superchefs'. It is published by 4th Estate.

Philip Holmes is the founder and Director of The Esther Benjamins Trust, which rescues Nepalese children and young people from Indian circuses. He introduced mosaics to the children initially as a recreational tool but found that it particularly helped those suffering from post traumatic stress. Martin Cheek is an artist who teaches mosaic, and was invited to Nepal to teach workshops and to train the trainers.

Roger Allam is the acclaimed actor who recently took over the role of Albin/ZaZa, the nightclub singer in Jerry Herman's La Cage aux Folles. During his varied career he spent 10 years at the RSC, playing roles including Brutus, Sir Toby Belch and Macbeth, and was the original Javier in Les Misérables. He is no stranger to dressing in drag, having won an Olivier Award for Best Actor in 2002 for his role in Privates on Parade. La Cage Aux Folles is at the Playhouse Theatre.

Claire Chambers has worked as a nurse, health visitor, community practice teacher and lecturer. She is co-author of a book, with Elaine Ryder, Compassion and Caring in Nursing, which they wrote because of their growing concern over nurses' reports of feeling increasingly compromised in the care that they provide to patients. Compassion and Caring in Nursing is published by Radcliffe.

**WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00klbsb)**  
John Osborne - Radio Head

Episode 3

Lee Ingleby reads from John Osborne's exploration of the radio stations of Britain.

John's adventures continue with a look at the history of the Radio Times and a first-hand encounter with the very best of local radio - as Radio Humberside online brings him the latest from the epicentre of 2008's UK earthquake.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00khy3p)**  
Deborah Meaden; Little Boots

Deborah Meaden on how to turn good ideas into great business. Plus, young parents as peer educators; and Little Boots performs live.

**WED 11:00 The Conchies of Holton-Cum-Beckering (b007cm16)**

Billy Bragg meets the surviving members of a unique group of Second World War conscientious objectors who formed themselves into unique farming communities.

In the Lincolnshire village of Holton-Cum-Beckering, three such societies were established. Made up of artistic and creative people, the communities became famous for their recitals, plays and readings as well as the amateur dramatic society which still performs today.

But as the war came to an end, the utopian ideal fell apart.

**WED 11:30 Spread a Little Happiness (b00kjjyp)**  
Series 1

Episode 1

Comedy by John Godber and Jane Thornton, set in a Yorkshire sandwich bar.

Today's the day that Jodie opens her own business, a sandwich bar in Beverley, East Yorkshire, and she is excited and a bit anxious. But fortunately for her she has Hope, who has just left her husband and come to live on Jodie's floor, and is very willing to help.

Hope ..... Suranne Jones  
Jodie ..... Susan Cookson  
Milkman ..... Shaun Prendergast  
Dustbinman ..... Ben Croke

Directed by Chris Wallis.

**WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00khtgt)**  
Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson.

**WED 12:57 Weather (b00khzvt)**  
The latest weather forecast.

**WED 13:00 World at One (b00khz4)**  
National and international news with Martha Kearney.

**WED 13:30 The Media Show (b00kjjyr)**  
Steve Hewlett is joined by media analyst and PR guru Julia Hobsbawm and author Adrian Henriques to discuss whether, after the MPs expenses scandal, organisations can stand up to greater media scrutiny and survive.

As the final ER plays out on More 4 and Channel 4 screens the first ever live operation on TV, writer Jed Mecurio and Channel 4's David Glover discuss the impact on how the medical profession is represented.

And Matthew Horsman gives Steve the lowdown on a project to stream the iPlayer to your TV.

**WED 14:00 The Archers (b00khzzr)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 14:15 Drama (b008jvzj)**  
A Warning to the Furious

By Robin Brooks.

A feminist film-maker and her crew visit the Suffolk coast to make a documentary about ghost story writer MR James. They hope to discover how an outwardly respectable bachelor could produce such disturbing horrors.

Karen ..... Lucy Robinson  
Zara ..... Catherine Shepherd  
Guy ..... Carl Prekopp  
Bob ..... Gerard McDermott  
Bookshop Man ..... Andrew Wincott

Directed by Fiona McAlpine

An Allegra production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 15:00 Money Box Live (b00kjjyt)**  
Vincent Duggleby and a panel of experts answer calls on student finance.

His guests are Keith Houghton of Kingston University, David Malcolm of the NUS and Alan Scott of SAAS.

**WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00kksjl)**  
Winnie the Pooh

Episode 2

Series of three extracts from AA Milne's children's classic, read by Alan Bennett. Pooh goes in search of the Woozle and Eeyore's tail goes missing.

**WED 15:45 The Hidden Henry (b00kntwh)**  
Henry The Father

In the third of five programmes marking the 500th anniversary of the coronation of Henry VIII, Tudor historian Dr Susan Doran, and Lucy Wooding, author of the most recent biography, consider what it was like to have Henry as your father. Looking at letters, books, gifts and portraits they discuss how he seems to have been closest to his illegitimate son; he humiliated his daughter Mary, and Elizabeth's fear of commitment, even her bearing are due to her contact with him. Henry's children lived in fear of their terrifying father and yet modelled themselves on him.

**WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00kjjyw)**  
Betting Shops - Women on the Line

The betting shop is an egalitarian space; unlike pubs there is no necessity to buy, and as long as your behaviour does not impact on anyone else's you can do what you want. It also brings people of different backgrounds and ethnicities together in a unique way. Although gambling carries a stigma and people often campaign against opening more betting shops in their communities, Rebecca Cassidy tells Laurie that they are incredibly cosmopolitan and tolerant, and are emblematic of



changes that are happening in Britain.

Laurie also hears from Miriam Glucksmann, who has updated a study of women working on assembly lines which she first published anonymously nearly 30 years ago.

**WED 16:30 All in the Mind (b00kjjpk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 17:00 PM (b00kj05r)**

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

**WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00kj0dz)**

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

**WED 18:30 Elvenquest (b00k9d80)**

Series 1

Episode 5

The Oracle enlightens in the quest for the Sword of Asnagar. Fantasy comedy starring Darren Boyd and Dave Lamb. From May 2009.

**WED 19:00 The Archers (b00khzzt)**

Joe talks to Ruth about the Brookfield farm open day. He's happy to help out by bringing the cider press again. Suddenly a swarm of bees flies overhead.

Lynda tells Jill how sad she is that the plinth entries are selected by a computer. She thinks they'll need a more 'visual' idea if they don't get through the first round. Joe comes past, telling Jill about the swarm.

Jill goes straight to Brookfield, enlisting Ruth's help to catch the swarm. Jill's delighted, hoping she has a new colony. Lynda calls round with an idea: Jill could wear her bee suit on the plinth. Jill's not impressed.

Ed calls in on Eddie at the wetland. Lynda drops by, explaining she's happy to help if Eddie needs to 'get rid' of the topsoil! Eddie asks Ed if Oliver's away for the weekend. Ed's immediately suspicious but Eddie's too busy to talk.

Later, Ed sits with Joe in the Bull, and asks about their treasure hunt. While Joe pretends to know nothing, Ed pretends to know everything, so Joe reveals they're going metal detecting, as Eddie arrives. Ed tells them straight - they can't mess things up for him. Eddie says he should forget what he's heard, for the good of the family.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

**WED 19:15 Front Row (b00kj131)**

Arts news and reviews.

Colour Chart, a new exhibition at Tate Liverpool, explores the impact of commercially-produced colour on the art of the last sixty years. The art critic Tom Lubbock joins Mark Lawson to review how colour illuminated the work of a post-war generation of artists.

Mark meets the American comedy performer Sandra Bernhard, best known for her biting critiques of celebrities and politics, her friendship with Madonna and playing a lesbian in the sitcom Roseanne. She discusses her stand-up show, Without You I'm Nothing, and where she draws the line when looking for laughs.

In 2007, the writer Sarah Hall won the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize for her Cumbrian-based novel, The Carhullan Army. Her latest novel focuses on the same landscape but this time through the eyes of a painter who finds himself literally captivated by the Cumbrian rocks.

The Canadian short story writer Alice Munro has won the third Man Booker International Prize. Novelist Jane Smiley, a member of the judging panel, reveals the reasons for choosing Munro from a shortlist of fourteen renowned writers.

In 1989, the teenager John Davidson featured in a BBC documentary about Tourette syndrome, which showed him dealing with his involuntary violent body movements and outbursts of swearing. Twenty years on, a follow-up documentary revisits John as an adult, as well as fellow Tourette sufferer Greg Storey. TV critic Chris Dunkley discusses whether television's portrayal of strong subjects has changed in the past two decades.

**WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00kj1g8)**

Falco: Poseidons Gold

Episode 8

Dramatisation by Mary Cutler of the novel by Lindsey Davis, featuring her Roman detective, Falco.

Falco and Geminus travel to Capua and track down the sculptor Orontes to discover more about his role in the art scam. After a hard day's work, Falco finally gets to celebrate his birthday.

Falco ..... Anton Lesser  
Helena ..... Anna Madeley  
Geminus ..... Trevor Peacock  
Phoebe ..... Kate Layden  
Orontes ..... Richard Katz  
Rubinia ..... Laura Matthews

Directed by Peter Leslie Wild.

**WED 20:00 Unreliable Evidence (b00kjk0p)**

The Law and Climate Change

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

Are our environmental laws robust enough to save the planet for humankind? The Climate Change Act 2008 commits the UK to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80 per cent by 2050, but can this be legally enforced? What law and penalties are available to force industry, individuals and even the government to reduce their carbon footprint?

**WED 20:45 Letters to Mary (b00kjk4b)**

Episode 3

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

Writer and feminist Natasha Walter looks at Wollstonecraft's central work, A Vindication of the Rights of Woman.

This was a book written in a hurry, during the turbulent years at the end of the 18th century when it seemed to some that the Revolution in France might truly be ushering in a new age of freedom and equality. Mary completed it in just six weeks, taking pages to the printers before the book was finished. Loosely argued and sometimes showing signs of the speed with which it was composed, her central argument is nevertheless as simple and powerful as ever - that the existence of inequality between the sexes did not prove that women were intrinsically inferior.

Natasha happily updates Mary on the immense advances that have been made in equality of the sexes since her day, considering how delighted she would be with the many opportunities which women now rightly take for granted in terms of education, careers and political engagement. But she also looks at Mary's own experience of family life and considers how, in this key area, there is still some way to go before Mary's dreams are truly achieved.

**WED 21:00 Nature (b00kjl12)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 21:30 Midweek (b00kjjq8)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 21:58 Weather (b00kjl1j)**

The latest weather forecast.

**WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00kj1n0)**

News and analysis with Robin Lustig.

Mandelson pledges to help Vauxhall workers as German bailout nears

Suicide bombers strike back in Lahore, Pakistan.

Why North Korea's defiance could spark a nuclear arms race in Asia.

Why extinction isn't the end of the world

With Robin Lustig.

**WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00kmyw7)**

The Outlander

Episode 3

Denica Fairman reads from the novel by Gil Adamson, set in

Canada in 1903. With her brothers-in-law seeking vengeance, Mary has ridden into the mountains.

**WED 23:00 Self-Storage (b007zmbd)**

Series 1

House Hunting

Still homeless and separated from his wife, Dave plans to move out of The Storage Garden, while Geoff plans to move in.

Stars Reece Shearsmith and Mark Heap.

Sitcom written by Tom Collinson and Barnaby Power.

Dave ..... Reece Shearsmith.

Geoff ..... Mark Heap.

Ron ..... Tom Goodman-Hill.

Judy ..... Rosie Cavaliero.

Sarah ..... Susan Earl.

Estate agent ..... Phil Nichol

Producer: Ed Morrish

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in September 2007.

**WED 23:15 Peacefully in their Sleeps (b007xnrn)**

Penelope Sway

Spoof obituary series by Chris Chantler and Howard Read.

Renowned broadcaster Roydon Postlethwaite remembers the long and glistening career of Dame Penny, arguably the finest actress of her generation not to be offered a cameo in a Harry Potter film.

Roydon Postlethwaite ..... Geoff McGivern

Penelope Sway ..... Phyllida Law

Boo Newman ..... Rula Lenska

Lil ..... Liza Sadovy

Lloyd Powell ..... James Holmes

Mark Lawson ..... Howard Read

NW Ainley ..... Christopher Douglas

Theatre Goer ..... Chris Chantler.

**WED 23:30 Reasons to be Cheerful (b00jwphw)**

Series 1

Episode 3

A series which seeks to challenge the prevailing atmosphere of doom and gloom and dare to be optimistic.

Comedian Stephen K Amos offers an antidote to grumpiness. He is cheerful that school pupils no longer have to wear tank tops, classrooms are generally cheerier places and that houses are more individual than when he was growing up.

He is also pleased that racism is no longer so overt, and talks to former MP Oona King and grumpy comedian Felix Dexter, who concedes that things have improved since the days of The Black and White Minstrel Show and Love Thy Neighbour.

A Loftus production for BBC Radio 4.

**THURSDAY 28 MAY 2009**

**THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00khhm5)**

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

**THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00klbsb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00khms5)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00knhh5)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00khnf7)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00khnky)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00ksh9)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Ann Holt.

**THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00khskn)**

News and issues in rural Britain with Caz Graham.

One in five UK bird species is now under threat, according to the RSPB. 52 species, including the cuckoo, have been re-listed as of conservation concern. Many farmers have taken measures on their land to encourage bird numbers.

Caz Graham asks which birds are struggling and what can be done.

**THU 06:00 Today (b00khszk)**

Presented by John Humphrys and James Naughtie.

Bob Walker visits the constituency of Tory MP Julie Kirkbride to gauge voters' reaction to expense allegations.

Professor Ferdinand Dudenhofer says negotiations over GM Europe are not being conducted professionally.

Surrey Police authority chairman Peter Williams and police minister Vernon Coaker discuss if cuts should affect frontline policing.

Andy Clements of the British Trust for Ornithology discusses the declining numbers of cuckoos.

Sabri Saidam, an adviser to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, and Middle East expert Dr Rosemary Hollis of City University, London, discuss Mr Abbas' visit to the White House.

Mark Smith, director of tourism at Bournemouth Borough Council, and Met Office spokesman David Britton discuss the extent to which mistakes in the weather forecast affect local businesses.

Thought for the day with Reverend Roy Jenkins, a Baptist Minister in Cardiff.

German MEP Michael Gahler and Tony Woodley, joint general secretary of Unite, discuss if decisions made in Europe about GM Europe could cost jobs in the UK.

Security correspondent Frank Gardner speaks to the families of hostages held in Iraq. Terry Waite, who was kidnapped in Lebanon in 1987, urges the families to keep their hopes alive.

Political correspondent Norman Smith reports on day 21 of the MPs' expenses revelations unearthed by the Daily Telegraph.

Arts correspondent Rebecca Jones reports on a new project to bring the best actors from the US and UK together.

Correspondent Barbara Plett reflects on the confirmation that the Taliban is to blame for a bomb attack in Lahore.

Journalist Stephen Anderton and author Terry Walton discuss if the garden is an undervalued art form.

Zimbabwean journalist Trust Matsilele discusses the plight of other members of the press in Zimbabwe.

Oscar-winning writer Ronald Harwood discusses his decision to run two plays - both of which focus on the difficult times endured by two composers in Nazi Germany - side by side.

Young people show a 'shocking state of ignorance' over which foods are in season, a survey suggests. Reporter Jack Izzard talks to teenagers in West London. Patrick Holden, of the Soil Association, and chef and author Sophie Grigson discuss if the idea of eating seasonally is a concept that is still important.

**THU 09:00 In Our Time (b00kjk8z)**

St Paul

Melvyn Bragg and guests Helen Bond, John Haldane and John Barclay discuss the influence of St Paul on the early Christian church and on Christian theology generally. St Paul joined the Christian church in a time of confusion and wonder. Jesus had been crucified and resurrected and the Christians believed they were living at the end of the world. Paul's impact on Christianity is vast: he imposed an identity on the early Christians and a coherent theology that thinkers from St Augustine to Martin Luther have grappled with. Crucially, Paul is responsible for changing Christianity from a Jewish reform movement into a separate and universal religion. Helen Bond is Senior Lecturer in the New Testament at the University of Edinburgh; John Haldane is Professor of Philosophy at the University of St Andrews; John Barclay is the Lightfoot Professor of Divinity at Durham University.

**THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00klbsd)**

John Osborne - Radio Head

Episode 4

Lee Ingleby reads from John Osborne's exploration of the radio stations of Britain.

Romance is on the schedule with the adventurous beginnings of pirate radio, but can that compete with the seductive allure of an on-air dedication?

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00khy3r)**

Roma Tearne on Sri Lanka; Miscarriage

Novelist Roma Tearne on the impact Sri Lanka's civil war has had on her family. Plus, dealing with miscarriage in secret; and the UN's Women's Agency discussed.

**THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b00kjk91)**

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

**THU 11:30 A Very Theatrical Revolution (b00kjk93)**

Dominic Dromgoole, artistic director of Shakespeare's Globe, goes in search of Shakespeare's indoor playhouse, the immensely influential but now little-known Blackfriars Theatre.

He uncovers the history of the playhouse, which opened in 1609 in the teeth of opposition from local residents who feared that it would damage the reputation of the area. Dominic meets experts, directors, designers and actors to recreate what it would have been like to perform or to be in the audience at the Blackfriars, and examines the influence that the theatre has had on all subsequent drama in this country.

**THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00khztj)**

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson.

**THU 12:57 Weather (b00khzww)**

The latest weather forecast.

**THU 13:00 World at One (b00khxz7)**

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

**THU 13:30 Costing the Earth (b00kj9z1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Monday]

**THU 14:00 The Archers (b00khzzt)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 14:15 Drama (b008fy2d)**

The Making of Ivan the Terrible

Black comedy by Hattie Naylor based on events in 1944.

Sergei Eisenstein suffered a heart attack during a banquet to celebrate winning the prestigious Stalin Prize for his film Ivan the Terrible Part 1. Stalin had been delighted with the depiction of Ivan as a cruel and ruthless ruler. Earlier that day, however, Eisenstein had delivered Part 2 of his intended trilogy, in which Ivan was portrayed as neurotic, mad and vindictive.

Eisenstein ..... Tim McInnerny  
Nikolai ..... Tim McMullan  
Vsevolod ..... Andy Taylor  
Stalin ..... Bill Wallis  
Interviewer ..... Paul Dodgson  
Zhdanov ..... Ewan Bailey  
Molotov ..... Daniel Goode

Directed by Paul Dodgson.

**THU 15:02 Ramblings (b00kgd75)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

**THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00khhpx)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

**THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00kksjn)**

Winnie the Pooh

Episode 3

Series of extracts from AA Milne's children's classic, read by Alan Bennett. Pooh spies a heffalump.

**THU 15:45 The Hidden Henry (b00knhth)**

Henry, The Image-Maker

In the fourth of five programmes marking the coronation of Henry VIII that introduce aspects of his character that are not well-known, Dr Kent Rawlinson, the curator of buildings at Hampton Court, explores the way the buildings, grounds and artefacts express the king's concern with image, the impression he made. For instance, the second most valuable objects now owned by the British Crown are the sumptuous wall hangings he designed himself, to be used when foreign dignitaries arrived. Each displays an aspect of his kingly prowess which he wished to demonstrate. Henry's corporate image was very carefully thought through, the buildings themselves, his art collection (greater than Charles II's) right down to his clothes. They all contributed to the image the young king projected.

**THU 16:00 Open Book (b00khhm8y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

**THU 16:30 Material World (b00kjkjd)**

The recent nuclear test by North Korea sent shock waves around the world - through the rocks of the planet's crust. Those seismic signals are about all we can know of the country's nuclear progress. But one man does know a lot more: one of the USA's top nuclear experts, he has seen North Korea's nuclear facilities in person. Quentin hears what it is like to hold North Korean plutonium in your hand and how it could help untangle the crisis. Also, the toolbox of techniques for watching clandestine nuclear developments from afar.

The 1930s 'dust bowl' in America's Great Plains provoked one of the greatest migrations in human history. Quentin Cooper hears from one of the scientists who are only now unravelling the causes, and looking for the lessons in a warming climate.

The common rook turns out to have an innate tool-using ability that it doesn't generally bother to use. The scientists who have discovered this hidden talent argue it makes rooks more intelligent than chimpanzees. What might Aesop's thirsty crow tell us about the evolution of tool-making?

**THU 17:00 PM (b00kj05t)**

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

**THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00kj0f1)**

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

**THU 18:30 Hut 33 (b00w2c91)**

Series 2

Yellow

The code-breaking staff are ordered to be vaccinated against yellow fever, but Charles refuses to be injected by an Australian.

Archie is scared of needles and Gordon needs a note from his mum.

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

Charles .... Robert Bathurst  
Archie .... Tom Goodman-Hill  
Minka .... Olivia Colman  
Mrs Best .... Lill Roughley  
Gordon .... Fergus Craig  
Joshua ... Alex McQueen

With Ben Crowe and Brendon Burns.

Producer: Adam Bromley

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

**THU 19:00 The Archers (b00khzzw)**

Mike wakes Vicky when he leaves for work. Vicky says she'll be lonely without him.

Brenda decides to pop to Willow Cottage later for the rest of her clothes, if Tom still wants her! Tom reassures her, and he'll cook a special meal later.

Brenda's surprised to find Vicky at Willow Cottage, in Mike's dressing gown. Vicky invites Brenda to stay for coffee but Brenda can't leave quickly enough.

David visits Pat at the wetland. David says the parish council has had a letter saying the wetland will attract mosquitoes. Pat explains why this isn't possible. Tom arrives at Bridge Farm looking for ice-cream for later. Tom tells Pat he won't let

Brenda go again.

Mike and Vicky are in the Bull. Vicky asks Mike if he's heard from Brenda. Vicky hopes she didn't embarrass Brenda earlier but Mike says Brenda will have to get used to her.

Brenda arrives home to candles and flowers. Tom's keen to talk to her. Mike drops off Brenda's clothes, hoping Vicky didn't surprise her. After he leaves, upset Brenda tells Tom about earlier - Vicky sitting in the kitchen like she owned it. Tom says she needs to forget about it. Brenda apologises, but Tom's moment is lost.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

**THU 19:15 Front Row (b00kj133)**

Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson.

Hugh Laurie is returning to UK screens as Dr Gregory House. Laurie discusses playing an American and mastering the accent, whether he reads Stephen Fry's twitter updates and tells Mark Lawson that he would love to rekindle his comedy partnership with him.

Ian Rankin reviews Fermat's Room, a crime thriller in which four mathematicians are locked in a shrinking room. To save themselves from being crushed by the encroaching walls, they must solve maths questions.

New research shows that playing music to babies can help them cope with pain and feeding and there is news of a horse race to be run to a live musical soundtrack. Musician Paul Robertson discusses the beneficial effects of music on humans and animals.

With the news that TV cookery game show Come Dine With Me is being recreated by fans at home, comedy writer David Quantick reflects on the other formats that might take off at home even when the television is switched off.

**THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00kj1gb)**

Falco: Poseidons Gold

Episode 9

Dramatisation by Mary Cutler of the novel by Lindsey Davis, featuring her Roman detective, Falco.

A grisly discovery at Flora's Bar throws light on Falco's murder accusation, while Helena realises that there is something mysterious about the upstairs room.

Falco ..... Anton Lesser  
Helena ..... Anna Madeley  
Geminus ..... Trevor Peacock  
Petronius ..... Ben Crowe  
Baebius ..... Adrian Grove

Directed by Peter Leslie Wild.

**THU 20:00 The Report (b00kk0xr)**

MPs Expenses

Simon Cox gets behind the headlines engulfing MPs about their expenses and explores how the system of allowances was allowed to get out of control. The programme charts the origin of the row back to the enactment of freedom of information laws and reveals how proposed changes, which could have averted the crisis, were repeatedly thwarted by MPs themselves.

**THU 20:30 The Bottom Line (b00kk226)**

Evan Davis and his guests discuss how businesses can survive a recession, MPs expenses and the pros and cons of having a positive mental attitude in the workplace.

Evan is joined by Charlotte Hogg, managing director of Experian in the UK and Ireland, Dr Mike Lynch, chief executive of Autonomy, and Simon Woodroffe, founder of Yo! Sushi and Yotel.

**THU 21:00 Leading Edge (b00kk0xt)**

Spaceflight and Weightlessness

It has been a good month for spaceflight, with the launch of robotic telescopes, a successful servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope and the selection of a British astronaut. But what is the value of human spaceflight and why has the UK resisted subscribing to it for so long? Geoff Watts puts those questions to astronauts, scientists and politicians.

Jonathan Amos reports from Paris where the European Space Agency has just announced its selection of six new astronauts, including British Army helicopter pilot Major Tim Peake. Jacques Dourdain, head of ESA, says he hopes it will lead to a

UK contribution to ESA's human spaceflight programme, but David Williams, Director of the British National Space Centre, says that this is not a priority.

Space physiologist Dr Kevin Fong explains his interest in space and the long-term effects of microgravity on the human body. Former space shuttle astronaut Jeff Hoffman, now Professor of Astronautics at MIT, describes the sensation of spaceflight, explains why astronauts need patience and outlines the first and last Hubble Space Telescope servicing missions.

The BBC's Martin Redfern joins scientists from the European Space Agency for their 50th in a series of what they call 'parabolic flight campaigns'. It used to be known as the vomit comet, though now it is an Airbus A300. It flies out over the Atlantic and then free-falls for 22 seconds. The result is weightlessness, a brief taste of conditions in orbit. The cycle is repeated 30 times each flight. But what can researchers hope to achieve in such brief bursts of zero-G?

Geoff Watts also discusses the value of microgravity research and human spaceflight and hears how zero-gravity flights might come to the UK.

**THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00kj18z)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 21:58 Weather (b00kj1jn)**

The latest weather forecast.

**THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00kj1n2)**

Presented by Robin Lustig.

Two more MPs announce they are standing down. How do party leaders deal with the expenses crisis?

Can President Obama influence Israel over settlements?

Interest rates - the fears of those on tracker mortgages.

Football finances, the motives behind buying a club.

**THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00kmyw9)**

The Outlander

Episode 4

Denica Fairman reads from the novel by Gil Adamson, set in Canada in 1903. Can Mary trust the man they call The Ridgerunner?

**THU 23:00 Down the Line (b012r6vs)**

Series 3

Olympics, and Can We Trust the Media?

Britain's Olympic chances, and can we trust phone-ins? Gary Bellamy takes the calls. Stars Rhys Thomas. From February 2008.

**THU 23:30 Simon Schama - Baseball and Me (b00y8v8d)**

Episode 1

After 30 years living in the USA, why is English-born historian Simon Schama mad about the bat-and-ball skills of the Boston Red Sox?

**FRIDAY 29 MAY 2009**

**FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00khhq7)**

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

**FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00klibd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00khhms7)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00khhn7)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00khhf9)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00khhn0)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00khhsc)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Ann Holt.

**FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00khhskq)**

With a weak pound making imports less profitable, high consumer demand and high cattle prices, beef farmers should be thriving. But a new report suggests that their industry could face irretrievable decline. Caz Graham talks to the author of the report and investigates whether beef farmers are seeing the beginning of the end.

**FRI 06:00 Today (b00khhsmz)**

Presented by Evan Davis and Sarah Montague.

What effect will the Westminster expenses revelations have on the voting for the European Parliament? Professor John Curtice discusses how well smaller parties could do in the vote.

Efforts are continuing to secure the sale of General Motors' (GM) main European business, Opel, and its UK brand, Vauxhall. Berlin correspondent Steve Rosenberg speaks to Germany's Economy Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, who has called recent action by GM 'pretty scandalous'.

A project to return beavers to the wild in Scotland for the first time in 400 years has begun. They are being released in Knapdale Forest in Argyll. Reporter Colin Blane reports on the environmental benefits and fishermen's headaches the introduction may cause.

Around seven million people in the UK are involved in illegal downloads, costing the economy tens of billions of pounds, government advisers say. Technology correspondent Rory Cellan-Jones considers the worth of intellectual property available for free online.

New carbon capture technology is being tested for the first time in the UK on a working coal-fired power station. Science correspondent Tom Feilden reports on whether this could kick-start a whole new North Sea carbon capture and storage industry.

International scientists say they have found the first evidence of resistance to the world's most effective drug for treating malaria. Correspondent Jill McGivering reports from Cambodia on why the region has become a nursery for drug resistant strains of the disease. Professor Brian Greenwood, of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, discusses how hard a new strain of the disease would be to contain.

Poet and Nobel Laureate Seamus Heaney has again turned to the past for his latest collection of poems. Arts correspondent Rebecca Jones talks to the writer, a former Professor of Poetry at Oxford University, about the current row engulfing the post and his own work.

Pro-life campaigners are continuing their fight for the publication of details of late medical abortions. Reverend Joanna Jepson, who is behind the campaign, and Dr Kate Paterson, a consultant gynaecologist at Imperial College NHS Trust, discuss whether details of terminated pregnancies in cases where there is a serious risk of a physical or mental abnormality should be disclosed.

In a correction to the broadcast introduction, Reverend Jepson was born with a jaw deformity and not a cleft palate.

The beginning of the European elections - expected to be the biggest transnational elections ever to be held - is less than a week away. Foreign Secretary David Miliband and his shadow counterpart William Hague discuss why you should vote for their parties.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has begun a four-day broadcast of his national TV programme, Alo Presidente, to mark its 10th anniversary. Mr Chavez has appeared with an audience of loyal supporters and talked about a vast array of topics.

'Child protection in the UK and Ireland is a disastrous mess and no amount of... tinkering around the edges will be enough to fix it', the Lancet medical journal says. The editor, Richard Horton, and paediatrician Professor John Wyatt, of UCL, discuss if childcare professionals are being sent mixed messages.

A pioneering project off the coast of Japan aims to go further into an earthquake zone than ever before. BBC environment correspondent Richard Black, the first journalist to visit the research ship Chikyu, reports on the drilling for rock cores from the quake-generating Nankai Trough to explore what causes tremors.

All of Africa's problems - disease, natural disaster and war -

could be solved by good governance, the only African woman to have won the Nobel Peace Prize says. Professor Wangari Maathai explains her argument: that Africans alone must be responsible for bringing about the change towards free and fair elections and governments based on human rights.

It is often said that the public are not sufficiently engaged with politics. But all that has changed with the argument over expenses and allowances. Tim Montgomerie, of the website ConservativeHome, and Paul Goodwin, a member of the Stand Down Margaret campaign, discuss why the public has become so involved in the issue of expenses.

**FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00kxkxy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

**FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00k1bgs)**

John Osborne - Radio Head

Episode 5

Lee Ingleby reads from John Osborne's exploration of the radio stations of Britain.

John explores the future of radio - is it digital, is it online and what will it sound like?

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00khy3t)**

Fertility treatment abroad; Jewish mothers

Looking at what happens to couples who go abroad for fertility treatment. Plus, the reputation of the Jewish mother; and advice on taking other people's children on holiday.

**FRI 11:00 To Err is Human (b00cxkrp)**

Phil Hammond explores human error in the medical profession. Thousands of patients die each year because doctors and nurses, although technically skilled, are not alert to the risk of a potentially life-threatening mistake. Airline pilot Martin Bromiley, whose wife was a victim of such an error, talks about his experience.

Contributors include health minister Lord Darzi, chief medical officer Liam Donaldson and American surgeon Atul Gawande.

A Ladbroke Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 11:30 Chain Reaction (b00mtpl4)**

Series 3

Jack Dee interviews Jeremy Hardy

The two comedians get chatting in the tag-team talk show, where this week's guest is next week's interviewer. From February 2007.

**FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00kzhtl)**

Consumer news and issues with Peter White.

**FRI 12:57 Weather (b00khzvy)**

The latest weather forecast.

**FRI 13:00 World at One (b00kxz9)**

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

**FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00kk36n)**

Given that MPs' pay and expenses has been dominating news bulletins for weeks, has the BBC been a touch hypocritical in its coverage given that, in the opinion of a significant number of its listeners, it isn't open when it comes to the sums it pays its own journalists and presenters?

Plus listeners' thoughts on the end of Go4It, the tribute programme to Clement Freud and the poetry of Bono.

Finally, The Reunion's presenter, Sue MacGregor, and producer, David Prest, take us behind the scenes of the programme, which has touched many listeners.

**FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00kxhzw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 14:15 Drama (b00kk4ce)**

Listen Up

By Glen Neath. The true story of Italian radio enthusiasts who

intercept transmissions from early Russian space missions and listen in as the earliest men and women in space call in vain for help.

It is 1964 and the Americans are losing the space race. The Soviets are way ahead and the Americans have failed utterly in gaining any intelligence on their rivals' space programme. So it seems fairly outrageous when two young Italian brothers turn up at NASA claiming to have successfully recorded almost every Russian space mission over the previous seven years. NASA has to take notice when they realise that the brothers have also intercepted American missions and have tapes of classified transmissions by John Glenn, the first American in space.

As it happens they have been sending these recordings to NASA since the outset, but no one has believed them. No one except Carla Pettigrew, an audio analyst who is now trying to persuade Major Will Spencer, NASA's technical director, that he should believe what they have to say.

Featuring some of the actual recordings made by the Judica-Cordiglia brothers, including the sound of a woman dying in space as her craft burns up on re-entry.

Achille ..... Giacomo Valdameri  
 Gian ..... Simeon Perlin  
 Maria Teresa ..... Silvia Mercuriali  
 Will ..... Nathan Osgood  
 Eugene ..... Dominic Hawksley  
 Carla ..... Serena Bobowski  
 Mike ..... Francesco Calabretta

Other parts played by members of the company.

Directed by Boz Temple-Morris

A Holy Mountain production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00kkd91)**

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Anne Swithinbank, Bob Flowerdew and Bunny Guinness are guests of Middleton Cheney Garden Club near Banbury.

The final instalment in our sustainable gardening series looks at why rain water is such an invaluable resource.

Including Gardening weather forecast.

**FRI 15:45 The Hidden Henry (b00kntj0)**

Henry The Musician

In the final programme about hidden aspects of Henry VIII, marking the 500th anniversary of his coronation, Dr Stephen Rice, who researches and plays little-known renaissance music, investigates Henry VIII's musical abilities. Did he really compose 'Greensleeves' and other pieces attributed to him? He was certainly a patron of music, appreciating visits from foreign musicians and expanding the royal musical household. Dr Rice introduces music from the period, recently recorded by the Brabant Ensemble. He is joined by the Elizabeth Kenny, one of the UK's leading lutenists, and together they demonstrate how the repertoire reflects Henry's personal concerns, his political outlook, his religious convictions and his practical abilities as a musician and composer.

**FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00kkd93)**

Matthew Bannister talks to Dr Harold Brown and Rachel York about the life of physicist Herbert York; Bill Smith about diver Carl Spencer; Ken Livingstone, Tony Benn and Nick Jones about trade union leader Ken Gill and Professor David Bradbury and Pamela Howard about the life of French theatre director Roger Planchon.

**FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00kkd95)**

Francine Stock takes a look back at the 1960s with a man who gave us some of its defining images - director Richard Lester. He made the Beatles' films Help and Hard Day's Night and the quintessential 60s sex comedy The Knack.

But by the end of the decade, it was all very different. And two of Lester's films - Petulia and The Bed Sitting Room - dared to say that. Now, after years of neglect, those films are available again. Lester revisits the 60s as they lost their swing.

**FRI 17:00 PM (b00kj05w)**

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

**FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00kj0f3)**

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

**FRI 18:30 The News Quiz (b00kkd97)**

Series 68

Episode 5

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. Panellists include Jeremy Hardy, Fred MacAulay and Danielle Ward.

**FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00kxhzy)**

Lilian's found a speeding ticket in the bin. Matt tells her he won't be paying it. He's got more important things to worry about. And he leaves.

Tom's at Bridge Farm with the cows when Brenda rings. She offers to cook tonight, to make up for whingeing last night. Tom's suddenly trodden on by a cow. Brenda feels terrible for distracting him.

At Keepers' Cottage, Clarrie tells Eddie she's found a spot in the church for her flower arrangement. Eddie asks if Oliver's away for the weekend. Clarrie instantly knows he's up to something. He mustn't spoil things for Ed.

At the Bull, Jolene offers sympathy to unhappy Lilian. Matt and Lilian were supposed to be at the theatre tonight but he's gone out and not returned. Again. Does Lilian think it's another woman? Lilian says she knows Matt. This is different. They're interrupted by a phone call from Matt. Lilian asks where he's been. What about the theatre? Matt says he's going to bed.

Tom arrives home and Brenda's rubs his aching foot. She apologises for moaning about her family. She should be careful or he'll want to be alone again. Tom interrupts: would she like to get married? Brenda can't believe it. Yes, of course she would!

Episode written by Simon Frith.

**FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00kj135)**

Kirsty Lang and TV critic Stephen Armstrong review two new comedy series - Krod Mandoon and The Flaming Sword of Fire, and Mumbai Calling.

Female customers of videogame specialist shop, Game, have almost tripled in the last decade, with the gaming industry as a whole experiencing growth during the economic downturn. Children's writer Malorie Blackman and videogame consultant Margaret Robertson talk to Kirsty about how gaming seems to have finally reached the female market, and the growing sophistication of today's gaming world.

Kirsty also meets Sharon D Clarke, who has gone from being a talent-show judge to a performer in a musical.

With three films currently on release which set puzzles for their protagonists, Andrew Collins considers the kind of brainteasers audiences could decode.

**FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00kj1gd)**

Falco: Poseidons Gold

Episode 10

Dramatisation by Mary Cutler of the novel by Lindsey Davis, featuring her Roman detective, Falco.

Falco discovers the true nature of his brother's death in battle and the identity of the mysterious owner of Flora's. Meanwhile, the plan to get their own back on Carus and Servia doesn't go precisely according to plan.

Falco ..... Anton Lesser  
 Helena ..... Anna Madeley  
 Geminus ..... Trevor Peacock  
 Mother ..... Frances Jeater  
 Carus ..... Joseph Mydell  
 Servia ..... Jilly Bond  
 Prisoner ..... Jonathan Tafler

Directed by Peter Leslie Wild.

**FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00kkdq8)**

Jonathan Dimpleby chairs the topical discussion programme in Dartmouth, Devon. The panellists are the broadcaster Esther Rantzen, Secretary of State for Universities, Innovation and Skills, John Denham, Shadow Justice Secretary Dominic Grieve and Liberal Democrat MP Julia Goldsworthy.

**FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00kkdq6)**

Newsflash from the Far East

Clive James observes that while democracy is the right system for governing a country, it's the wrong system for choosing a professor of poetry.

**FRI 21:00 Friday Drama (b00kkdq)**

Sunny Afternoon

The normality of a sunny London afternoon is brutally shattered when a man is killed in the street, in broad daylight. Screams fill the air as passers-by try to help the victim or helplessly observe the drama unfold before them. Their lives will never be the same again.

Doug Lucie's powerful and satirical drama examines the impact of such a shocking event, as recounted by passers-by and residents who witnessed it: Roy the local window cleaner; Johnny, an Investment Banker; Kayleigh, a young part-time beauty therapist; WPC Flanagan; Pam who cares full-time for her husband Brian, and Avelina, the victim's wife. Their testimonies unfold revealing not only the personal repercussions of such an event but contemporary attitudes to violence, immigration, and community, across the social and cultural strata which jostle for space in our cities.

Cast

Johnny ..... Tom Hollander  
 Pam ..... Cheryl Campbell  
 Roy ..... Michael Begley  
 Kayleigh ..... Tashie Jackson  
 David ..... Richard McCabe  
 Avelina ..... Christianne Oliverira  
 Translator ..... Teresa Gallagher  
 WPC Flanagan ..... Colette Brown  
 Producer/Director ..... Heather Larmour.

**FRI 21:58 Weather (b00kjljq)**

The latest weather forecast.

**FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00kj1n4)**

Presented by Robin Lustig.

Sri Lanka denies killing thousands of civilians. Will the UN investigate?

A curfew in Somalia's second city - can anyone stop the country's slide?

Another MP faces his constituency amid anger over expenses.

The Hay book festival hears that books have no future.

**FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00kmywc)**

The Outlander

Episode 5

Denica Fairman reads from the novel by Gil Adamson, set in Canada in 1903. Deserted by The Ridgerunner, Mary now heads for the mining town of Frank.

**FRI 23:00 Great Lives (b00kjhv3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

**FRI 23:30 Simon Schama - Baseball and Me (b00yhqcf)**

Episode 2

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