SATURDAY 04 JULY 2009

SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00ld6x4)

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00lf4cw)

The Last Champion - The Life of Fred Perry

The Founding of A Clothing Empire

Jamie Bamber reads from Jon Henderson's biography of English tennis great Fred Perry, charting his extraordinary life from his childhood in Stockport to Wimbledon glory, the glamour of Hollywood and the founding of a clothing empire.

Perry faces life after tennis and finds success as a businessman.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00ld6x6)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00ld6x8)

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

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00ld6xb)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00ld6xd)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00ld6xg)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Dr Craig Gardiner.

SAT 05:45 iPM (b00ld6xj)

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

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00ld6xl)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00ld813)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00ld815)

Orkney Energy

Helen Mark drives a chip fat-powered car around the Orkney island of Westray as she meets the pioneers determined to turn their island into the first community in Britain to be entirely self-sufficient in energy. The local kirk is powered by a wind turbine, holiday homes are heated by ground source heat-pumps and local farmers and fishermen are making their own fuel from cattle manure and cooking oil.

Helen also takes to the water to discover more about the enormous energy resource contained within the tides and currents of the Orkney Islands. Can a parade of new gadgets harness the power without disturbing the birds and mammals that feed in the rich waters of the Pentland Firth?

SAT 06:30 Farming Today (b00ldbhz)

Farming Today This Week

Charlotte Smith from the Showground for the Royal Show, where marquees and stalls are being set up for the final time, after 20 years of financial losses. It has been going since 1839 and was once Europe's biggest agricultural shows.

However, shows such as the Royal Highland have seen record attendance figures, so Charlotte explores the reasons for The Royal's failure, and investigates what the future holds for agricultural shows across the UK.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00ldbj1)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00ldbkn)

Presented by John Humphrys and James Naughtie.

Investigations are under way into the cause of a tower block fire in south-east London that left six people dead. Andy Moore reports from the scene in Camberwell.

For the first time in this country a man has been convicted by a

jury even though he had been found not guilty by a jury at an earlier trial. Danny Shaw reports.

Richard Kemp, Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Association, discusses the problem of parents who cheat to get their children into the best schools.

Former Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin has announced she will resign as governor of Alaska on 26 July and not run for re-election. Justin Webb reports on her unusual news conference.

Pakistan's Minister of Religious Affairs, Hamid Saeed Kazmi, talks about the danger of extremists running madrassas and turning students into terrorists.

Correspondent Matthew Price meets park ranger William Maurer in the crown of New York's Statue of Liberty.

Thought for the Day with the Reverend Rob Marshall, an Anglican priest.

Robert Chote, director of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, discusses the debate between Labour and the Tories over public spending.

Iranians employed by the British Embassy in Tehran have been arrested. Two of them are said to be being charged with inciting street protests. Professor Anoush Ehteshami and former British ambassador in Tehran Sir Richard Dalton discuss the situation.

Former Chief Inspector of Schools Chris Woodhead and Professor Dylan Wiliam discuss government plans for teachers in England to need licences to work in the classroom.

Cassandra McDermott's mother speaks about the conviction of her daughter's killer, seven years after he was acquitted for the crime

Alan Duncan is joined by Pensions Minister Angela Eagle to discuss claims of homophobia in the Tory party.

Evan Davis gets a lesson in bell ringing at the Church of St Peter Mancroft in Norwich.

Business editor Robert Peston and Peter Hahn, banking expert at the Cass Business School, discuss how banking regulation might work.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00ldbkq)

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. Fi Glover is joined by the Irish novelist John Boyne. With poetry from Luke Wright.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00ldbks)

Couch surfing is a recent travel phenomenon of the internet age. Travellers use a website to contact people all over the world who will put them up and give them an introduction to local life which the ordinary tourist would miss. Sandi Toksvig finds out from journalist Fleur Britten about her experiences couch surfing in Russia, China, Mongolia and Kazakhstan, and what it's like to play host to a complete stranger in her own home.

It is nearly 30 years since Jimmy Savile proclaimed, This is the Age of the Train', but is it still? Sandi talks to columnist Matthew Engel and guide writer Benedict le Vay about the pleasures of chugging along some of Britain's lesser-known branch lines, compared with the problems of inconvenient timetables and high prices.

SAT 10:30 Gurinder, The Movie (b00ldblk)

On the set of her latest film, director Gurinder Chadha tells the story of her 'dual nationality'.

She discusses how her early life in Southall in west London, where she grew up conscious of both her Asian and British inheritance, has informed and enriched her hit films including Bend It Like Beckham.

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4 first broadcast in 2009.

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00ldddp)

Gordon Brown this week unveiled his latest round-up of proposals designed to carry him through to the general election next year. But what political impact will they have in the longer term? And can they improve his fortunes?

In this programme, Steve Richards of 'The Independent' wonders what power a sitting prime minister has at his command to change the political weather.

He talks to a senior Labour figure, the MP Geoffrey Robinson and to the senior Conservative, the former deputy Prime

Minister, Michael Heseletine. They discuss the parallels between the fall of John Major in 1997 and the difficulties Gordon Brown is facing now.

And, in the week when the government has been forced to abandon its hope to part-privatise the Royal Mail, Lord Hesletine recalls how that goal eluded him too.

Also in the programme:

- * The former Liberal Democrat leader, Sir Menzies Campbell, on his latest task to review the future of Trident for the Lib Dems.
- * Journalist Chris Fisher and opinion pollster Andrew Cooper look forward to the impending Norwich North by-election
- * And the Conservative, Ed Vaizey, and Labour's Steven Pound weigh up the significance of David Cameron's agressive tone at question time in the Commons.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00ldddr)

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

A sad week for the British army as the Taliban fight back; thousands of migrants, hoping for a better life in Britain, live in squalor in the woods outside Calais; President Obama travels to Moscow, keen to bury the lingering legacy of the Cold War.

In Dubai, there's concern about events just over the Strait of Hormuz in Iran; and on Independence Day, reasons to be cheerful on the birthday of the United States.

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00ldddt)

Unsolicited credit card cheques could be banned if government plans to assist those in debt become law. Plus, is the latest house price survey a sign of real recovery or could there be further falls ahead? And as investigations into Keydata Investment Services begin, we ask what it means for investors.

SAT 12:30 The Now Show (b00lclwj)

Series 28

Episode 2

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present a satirical review of the week's news, with help from Mitch Benn, Laura Shavin, Jon Holmes and Marcus Brigstocke.

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00ldh4v)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News (b00ldh4x)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00lcm65)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Cranleigh in Surrey, Panellists are historians Linda Colley and Andrew Roberts, columnist Rod Liddle and writer Will Self.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00ldh4z)

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

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b00ldh51) Utz

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A British academic travels to 1960s Prague to research the art collection of Rudolf II. A historian friend introduces him to the eccentric and utterly dogged porcelain collector, Kaspar Joachim Utz. From this encounter an extraordinary story of obsession and survival emerges: for Utz has protected his vast collection of Meissen figurines from Nazis, Stalinist ideologues and the demands of Communist museum curators.

After the Soviet invasion of 1968, all contact between the men ceases and Utz dies. In the last part of the play, our narrator returns to Prague in the late 1980s- as the Communist system is in its death-throes- to learn what became of Utz's collection. Was it appropriated by the State, or sold off to some secret enthusiast?

Is it conceivable that the porcelain figurines were destroyed to prevent such eventualities? The Englishman interviews several figures from Utz's life as he tries to piece together the puzzle of the man and his vanished achievement. Where is the collection now? And who, really, was Utz's maid, Marta, to the deceased? For it may be (as the narrator speculates among blacklisted writers turned garbage men) that human love came to eclipse his priceless objects d'art in the heart of Kaspar Utz.

This is the twist in the final minutes of the play. Although the marriage to his servant was undertaken in 1952 for purely selfish reasons (Utz had to be married in order to keep his home), over the decades that followed Marta fought off her more attractive rivals- for Utz, we also learn, was devastatingly attractive to a particular kind of woman- and finally cemented her status as the central figure in his life. This dramatisation by Gregory Norminton of Chatwin's last novel is an intriguing and comic mystery story.

Cast:

Utz/Janitor Jack Klaff Marta Pam Ferris Dr Orlik/Curator Sam Kelly

Narrator Daniel Weyman

Oxford Don/Man/ Head Waiter Gregory Norminton Elena/Teresa Kryl Michaela Stonisova

Ana/Photographer Dolya Gavanski

Producer: Marilyn Imrie

A Corporation for Independent Media production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 15:30 Settling the Score (b00lbgqq)

Tim Blackmore examines the complex relationship between composer and commissioner and asks if having boundaries set on the creative process is a help or a hindrance

The programme follows the progress of writing a new musical, Feather Boy, by film composer Debbie Wiseman. She has been commissioned by the National Theatre to write for this musical which will performed in 'workshop' style in July. Her commissioner is the director Anthony Banks

SAT 16:00 Woman's Hour (b00ldh71)

Weekend Woman's Hour

With Jane Garvey. Including an interview with CNN's leading international correspondent Christiane Amanpour; the gender politics behind mixed doubles in tennis; writers Zoe Heller and Esther Freud on creating unlikeable characters in fiction; the origins of the hunger strike, its suffrage history and use today; women and the burkha; the motivation behind the desire to change sex; and novelist Sarah Dunant on convent life in Renaissance Italy

SAT 17:00 PM (b00ldh73)

Saturday PM

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

SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b00lbt40)

You spend your life trying to get to the top in business. Then, when you do, you get driven to meetings, enjoy a wonderful expense account and all the perks of the job. But how do you stay in touch with the people on the shop floor? Evan Davis asks his top-rung guests to divulge how much time they spend with those on the bottom rung, and how important they think it is for the success of their business.

Evan's guests are Carolyn McCall, chief executive of the Guardian Media Group, Patrick Dempsey of Whitbread Hotels and Restaurants and Peter Taylor, managing partner of leading private equity group Duke Street.

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00ldhb6)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00ldhb8)

The latest weather forecast

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00ldhbb)

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

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00ldhbd)

Clive Anderson is joined by Peter Capaldi, Trisha Goddard and Benjamin Zephanjah.

Emma Freud talks to food writer and presenter Valentine Warner.

With comedy from Keith Farnan and music from the Hypnotic Brass Ensemble and Hafdis Huld.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b00ldhbg)

Silvio Berlusconi

Jonathan Maitland profiles Silvio Berlusconi, who hosts the

latest G8 summit in the wake of accusations of hiring prostitutes, as well as corruption and media interference. However, he still manages to remain popular with Italian voters. Jonathan asks what is it about Berlusconi that has made him so successful and if those talents are enough to ensure that he survives the current controversy about his private life.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00ldhbj)

Michael Mann's latest film Public Enemies, Jeff Koons: Popeye Series and Justin Cartwright's novel To Heaven By Water

Tom Sutcliffe is joined by novelists Deborah Moggach and Adam Mars Jones and writer Antonia Quirke to discuss the cultural highlights of the week - featuring gangsters, nudity and excessive spinach consumption.

Michael Mann's latest film Public Enemies follows 1930s bank robber John Dillinger on his final, 14-month crime spree. Dillinger, played by Johnny Depp, is pursued by Christian Bale's Agent Melvin Purvis from the newly formed FBI. Amongst the epic shootouts, there's also time for some love interest with Marion Cotillard.

David Cross is a retired newsreader and the main character in Justin Cartwright's novel To Heaven By Water, Since his wife's death, many of the certainties which bound David and his children together seem to have evaporated and he's left to feel his way through an unfamiliar landscape. Contains adultery, a lost dog and rampaging elephants.

New Connections is the National Theatre's annual season of plays by established writers written for and performed by schoolchildren, with two different plays each night. Between them, our reviewers saw A Handbag by Anthony Horowitz, The Dummy Tree by Conor Mitchell, Trammel by Michael Lesslie and Dirty Dirty Princess by Georgia Fitch

Channel 4 are encouraging you to grab a pencil and paper and draw a model who will conveniently pose for you. Life Class: Today's Nude is trying to bring life drawing to the masses Tutors include John Berger, Gary Hume and Maggi Hambling. It's part of a project by Artangel which has also seen free life classes taking place in cities across Britain. Our reviewers grasped their pieces of charcoal and took up the challenge.

The Serpentine Gallery in London has just opened Jeff Koons first major British show in a public gallery. Popeye Series is the title and the spinach guzzling matelot crops up in several large paintings. Elsewhere, perfect recreations of children's inflatable beach toys struggle through metal grids, step ladders and plastic

SAT 20:00 Archive on 4 (b00ldhbl)

I Did Not Interview the Dead

In 1946, psychologist Dr David Boder travelled across the American zones of war-torn Europe to record 120 interviews that remain unique. In Yiddish, Polish, German, Spanish and English, mostly Jewish young men, women and orphan children were asked to tell their personal stories of survival and loss in the world of Nazi concentration and death camps.

Boder also gathered from them the songs of the ghettos. These recordings are arguably the first ever oral histories and the only contemporary interviews with people who had survived the worst but whose immediate fate was unkown. Alan Dein listens to those still making sense of their terrible experiences.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00l987f)

Confessions of an English Opium-Eater

By Lavinia Murray.

Dramatisation of Thomas De Quincey's 1821 autobiographical account of his consumption of the liquid opiate laudanum, a legal painkiller of the time, and his painful and surreal descent into addiction

Older Thomas Oliver Cotton Younger Thomas James Nickerson Brunnel/Tutor Mark Chatterton Able Big/Ong Eric Potts ... Lisa Allen Betsy .. Groaty/Wordsworth David Fleeshman Edith Gemma Harvey Ann Sara Bahadori

Directed by Gary Brown.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00ldhbn)

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

SAT 22:15 The Reith Lectures (b00lb6bt)

Michael Sandel: A New Citizenship: 2009

A New Politics of the Common Good

Professor Michael Sandel delivers four lectures about the prospects of a new politics of the common good. The series is presented and chaired by Sue Lawley.

Sandel makes the case for a moral and civic renewal in democratic politics. Recorded at George Washington University in Washington DC, he calls for a new politics of the common good and says that we need to think of ourselves as citizens, not just consumers.

SAT 23:00 Quote... Unquote (b00lb26y)

Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz involving the exchange of quotations and anecdotes

With guests Dame Beryl Bainbridge, Ekow Eshun, Anthony Howard and Francesca Simon.

The reader is Peter Jefferson.

SAT 23:30 South of My Days (b00199mk)

Greta Scacchi presents a portrait of Australian poet Judith Wright, who died in 2000. She broke new ground in celebrating the beauty of the Australian landscape and brought insight into women's relationships - writing about love, pregnancy and birth. Wright was also a trailblazing conservationist and a campaigner for Aboriginal land rights.

Featuring contributions from Wright's daughter, Meredith McKinney, and friends and colleagues, plus readings by Kerry Fox.

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SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00ldxqb)

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SUN 00:30 Afternoon Reading (b0085cfz)

Ones to Watch (Volume 2)

A talent showcase of unpublished work from new writers.

By Nicholas Hogg, read by Nigel Anthony.

Henry finds that an Alaskan cruise to celebrate his 40th wedding anniversary leaves him with cabin fever.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00ldxqf)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00ldxqh)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00ldxqk)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00ldxqm)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00ldxqp)

The sound of bells from York Minster.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b00ldhbg) [Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00ldxgr) The latest national and international news

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00ldxqt) Buying and Selling

Mark Tully examines the troubled relationship between buyer and seller, talking to business guru Charles Handy. Featuring music by Henry Purcell and Memphis Minnie and commentary from Martin Amis and Montaigne.

SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b00ldxqw)

Tom Heap visits the farm of pig breeder Malcolm Hicks, as he

prepares for the last ever Royal Show.

Malcolm has won many times before at The Royal and has high hopes that Josephine, a 300 kilo pedigree Gloucester Old Spot Sow, will not so much be bringing home the bacon from Stoneleigh as a large silver trophy to further enhance the reputation of his herd.

Living only a few miles from the show ground, it has always been Malcolm's local show and he explains to Tom the important role the event has played in building his business, and also in the social lives of farmers and their families

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00ldxqy)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00ldxr0)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00ldxr2)

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 (b00ldxr4)

Working Families

Lynda Bellingham appeals on behalf of Working Families.

Donations to Working Families, should be sent to FREEPOST BBC Radio 4 Appeal, please mark the back of your envelope Working Families. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144. If you are a UK tax payer, please provide Working Families with your full name and address so 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 (b00ldxr6)

The latest weather forecast

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00ldxr8)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00ldxrb)

A service exploring the theme of contentment from Highfields Church in Cardiff, led by Rev Peter Baker.

Readings: Psalm 34:4-18 and Philippians 4:8-20.

Director of Music: Phil Holt. Conductor: Huw Gareth Williams.

SUN 08:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lcmca) Series 1

Songsters

Humans aren't the only species who sing. Many birds do and even another are.

What messages are conveyed in the syllables, melodies and repeated phrases, and who is listening?

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Produce: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00ldxrd)

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

Including a discussion of the rise of the Australian intellectual.

John Humphrys and Jonathan Dimbleby talk about political

In a week that saw a 12-year-old rescued from the Indian Ocean after a plane crashed killing everyone else, Julianne Kopcke, who was the sole survivor of a plane crash at the age of 17, talks about survival and recovery.

The papers are reviewed by the singer Paul Nicholas, adventurer Ben Fogle and Charles Saumarez Smith, chief executive of the Royal Academy.

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00ldxrg)

The week's events in Ambridge

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00ldxrj)

Kirsty Young's castaway is the impresario and promoter Harvey Goldsmith. From the Rolling Stones to Pavarotti, and with pretty well every other name in music inbetween, he has been one of the country's top promoters for more than 40 years. His career has given him a unique insight into music history; he was there, after all, when Keith Moon threw his first TV out of a hotel window. Always passionate about what he listened to, he acknowledges that his own instrument is the pocket calculator.

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

Favourite track: Sing, Sing, Sing (with a Swing) by Benny

Book: The Reader's Digest Complete Do It Yourself Manual Luxury: A piano.

SUN 12:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b00lb272) Series 51

Episode 3

The perennial antidote to panel games comes from the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton, with Jack Dee taking on the chairman's role from the late Humphrey Lyttelton.

Regulars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined by Jeremy Hardy.

With Colin Sell at the piano.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00ldxrl) Branding

Brands - do you love them, buy them or hate them? Are they an essential element of trust in our globalised food system - and can local farms use them just as smartly as multinational food corporations?

Reporter Mark Holdstock visits the launch of Fodder, the Yorkshire Agricultural Society's new shop and cafe outside Harrogate and talks to Deputy Chief Executive Heather Parry and to Jenny Clarkson of Just Jenny's Ice-cream.

Sheila Dillon visits Barford Farmhouse, near Wimborne in Dorset, and talks to Wendy Pope about their farmhouse ice cream. She asks why they launched it and how difficult and costly it was to develop a logo and to market it

Sheila Dillon also talks to Julian Hunt of the Food and Drink Federation

And Sheila is joined in the studio by Jonathan Gabay of Brand Forensics and Anthony Davison of Big Barn, a leading local food website.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00ldxrn)

The latest weather forecast

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00ldxrq) A look at events around the world with Shaun Lev.

SUN 13:30 Peace Work (b00i6xxx)

Mark Devenport finds out how Northern Ireland is sending its politicians around the world to share their experiences of successful conflict resolution.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00lcksx)

Peter Gibbs chairs the popular horticultural forum

Anne Swithinbank, John Cushnie and Matthew Wilson answer questions posed by gardeners in East Sussex.

Including Gardening weather forecast.

SUN 14:45 The Estuary (b008kf0n)

Episode 1

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

At low tide, the vast expanses of mud which stretch almost as far as the eye can see are a magnet for migratory birds.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00ldzsp)
The Complete Smiley - The Spy Who Came in From the Cold

Episode 1

Dramatisation by Robert Forrest of John le Carre's classic novel featuring intelligence officer George Smiley

Berlin, the early 1960s - the Wall is up between East and West and the Cold War is at freezing point. Alec Leamas is Circus Head of Station in Berlin, and his network of agents in East Germany is in great danger

Smiley Simon Russell Beale Alec Leamas Brian Cox Liz Gold Ruth Gemmell Control John Rowe

Peter Guillam Richard Dillane Elsie/Elvira Siobhan Redmond Ashe Jamie Newall

Miss Crail Liza Sadovy Mr Pitt Philip Fox Grocer David Hargreaves CIA Man Benjamin Askew

This episode is available until 3.00pm on 26th July as part of the Series Catch-up Trial.

SUN 16:00 Bookclub (b00lf0vg)

Bernard MacLaverty

James Naughtie and readers meet Northern Irish writer Bernard MacLaverty to discuss his Booker Prize-shortlisted novel Grace Notes, which concerns a young female composer very much in a man's world. Now living in Scotland, MacLaverty returns to his native Belfast especially for the recording of the programme.

SUN 16:30 Walking With Whitman (b00lf0vj)

Stuart Maconie meets devotees of Walt Whitman in Bolton and explores the history of the town's unlikely yet enduring relationship with the American poet.

A group of devoted fans established the Whitman Fellowship from 1885 onwards, and, although he never visited the town. Whitman developed strong ties through his correspondence with members of the group. Today, Whitman devotees gather for the annual Whitman Walk to recite his works and share from Whitman's Loving Cup, a gift presented to his followers in Bolton in 1894.

Stuart joins this happy band of walkers and Whitmanites to discover why the poet is still celebrated there, nearly 120 years after his death

A Made in Manchester production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b00lbhtk)

No-win, No-fee Lawvers

With payouts in clinical negligence cases expected to reach a record 700 million pounds in 2010, Miriam O'Reilly investigates no-win, no-fee lawyers. Some of them are allowed to charge up to 800 pounds per hour in bringing claims against the NHS, enabling many law firms to earn substantially more in fees than their clients receive in damages.

SUN 17:40 Profile (b00ldhbg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00lf54g)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00lf54i)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00lf54l)

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

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00lf54n)

Caz Graham introduces her selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

Programmes featured this week:

Torchwood - Radio 4 Today programme, sports bulletin - Radio 4 John McEnroe's 6-Love-6 - Radio 5 Live Book of the Week: The Last Champion - Radio 4 Stonewall: The Riots That Triggered the Gay Revolution -

Radio 2 Nightwaves - Radio 3 Glastonbury - 6Music Mubarak's Egypt - World Service Travelling the Great Divide - Radio 3 Alert Bay - World Service Sitting For Fay - Radio 4 Walking With Whitman - Radio 4 Look Away Now - Radio 4 The Archers - Radio 4

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00lf54q)

Gurinder, The Movie - Radio 4.

Farming Today - Radio 4

Jim has lunch with Alistair and Shula. He's interested in the fact that Shula went to the cathedral today instead of St Stephen's, but Shula doesn't rise to the bait. Everyone is impressed to hear from Elizabeth that Antony Gormley might be coming to open the fete: it would be quite a coup. Jim coerces Alistair into taking him to the supermarket and then a car showroom. It's clear he's already starting to push his luck.

As Vicky prepares her flat for sale, she and Mike look forward to their big day. Vicky tells Mike that she hopes to drop her hours to part time after they're married, so they can spend more time together. Mike thinks it's a wonderful idea.

Later, an enthusiastic Lynda asks Elizabeth to take on some of the publicity for the fete. They both hope Gormley will appear on the day...

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

SUN 19:15 Americana (b00lf54s)

Matt Frei presents an insider guide to the people and the stories shaping America today. Combining location reports with lively discussion and exclusive interviews, the show provides new and surprising insights into contemporary America.

Matt celebrates Independence Day, lifts the lid on the underside of America's capital and talks to the small-town mayor with big plans for how to turn around America's struggling cities. He also hears the story of an unexpected American patriot and is joined by a very important visitor.

SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b008cp28) Blake's Doors of Perception

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No Trumpets Needed

Stories inspired by poet William Blake, written and read by Michael Morpurgo.

The story of the friendship between a cameraman filming on the West Bank and a shepherd boy.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b00lc9fc)

Roger Bolton airs listeners' views on BBC radio programmes and policy, including:

Has 5live's coverage of Wimbledon focused too much on the action around the tennis courts, as opposed to on it?

Was the coverage of the death of Michael Jackson too extensive?

And just how fantastic was weather forecaster Tomasz Schafernaker's slip of the tongue when he tried to describe the muddy site of Glastonbury?

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00lcksz)

Matthew Bannister talks to writer Carla Lane, to Trevor Bannister who played the young salesman Mr Lucas and to the creator of Are You Being Served? and writer and actor Jeremy Lloyd about the actress Mollie Sugden; to the wine writer Jancis Robinson about the wine maker Jean (Johnny) Hugel; to regulars at the Sun Inn pub Gary Seymour and Mark Haslam, local representative of the Campaign for Real Ale, and to Jeremy Paxman who remembers visiting the pub owned by landlady Florence (Flossie) Lane; to the doctor of the England Football team Ian Beesley and to the current director of Sports Science at the University Tim Cable about sports scientist Prof Tom Reilly; and to Attila the Stockbroker, who pays tribute to his friend and fellow ranting poet Steven Wells.

SUN 21:00 Money Box (b00ldddt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00ldxr4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 Analysis (b00lb5lj)

Are Politicians Out of Touch?

Michael Blastland asks if 'group-think' is distancing policy from the public and asks if our political elite have forgotten how most voters live. People measure their behaviour and beliefs by those around them, so MPs might have thought that the expenses system was reasonable. Might it also mean they have lost touch with what Britain is really like?

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00lf54v)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00lf54x)

Where Now?

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster.

Prime Minister's Questions always seems to be about public spending cuts these days. We discuss Gordon Brown's strategy along with alleged Cabinet discontent - and his return to the world stage this week.

SUN 23:00 The Film Programme (b00lclqx)

Director Michael Mann discusses his gangster movie Public Enemies, starring Johnny Depp as John Dillinger. Thelma Schoonmaker talks about the resoration of The Red Shoes, which was directed by her husband Michael Powell. Plus Taxi Driver writer Paul Schrader on the art of screenwriting.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00ldxqt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 06 JULY 2009

MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00lfc7k)

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

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00lbn9y)

Medically Unexplained Symptoms - Lesbian Motherhood

From dizziness to chronic pain, the overstretched health service is faced with increasing numbers of patients with symptoms that defy a medical explanation. They are often subject to repeated tests and treatment yet their illness persists. Laurie Taylor is joined by Monica Greco, whose research suggests the practice of patient choice ensures that many such patients get worse rather than better.

Also on the programme, Róisín Ryan-Flood, the author of Lesbian Motherhood: Gender, Families and Sexual Citizenship, talks about the growing numbers of lesbians choosing to have children by donor insemination and the evolution of new definitions of family.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00ldxqp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00lfcdq)

The latest shipping forecast.

$MON\,01:00$ Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00lfcgl)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00lfcfm)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00lfch3)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00lfcj4)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Dr Craig Gardiner.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00lfcp1)

Farmers may have to remove cows and calves from any fields with a footpath in, following the case of a woman trampled by cattle. Her barrister, the National Farmer's Union and the Rambler's association reflect on the implications. Charlotte Smith reports.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00lg31j)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b00lfcz2)

Presented by John Humphrys and Evan Davis.

Latin America expert Victor Bulmer-Thomas discusses whether the interim government in Honduras will eventually have to accept ousted President Manuel Zalaya's return.

Correspondent Chris Hogg reports on ethnic violence in western China.

Tom Feilden reports on the investigation into the tower block fire in Camberwell.

Correspondent Andrew Hosken and political editor Nick Robinson discuss the current state of quangos and examine efforts by previous governments to cut their numbers.

TUC General Secretary Brendan Barber discusses whether a freeze on public sector staff would help Britain's economic recovery.

Moscow correspondent Richard Galpin reports on how the US hopes to reset its relationship with Russia.

Thought for the Day with Rabbi Lionel Blue.

Jenny Jones, of the London Assembly, and RIBA President Sunand Prasad discuss the concerns about the safety of tower

Conservative Leader David Cameron discusses how a Conservative government would cut the 790 quangos, which currently cost 35 billion pounds a year.

Expert Michael Dillon discusses the historical background to the riots by Muslim Uighurs in the capital of the China's Xinjiang region.

Rebecca Jones reports from the opening of Antony Gormley's Fourth Plinth art project, One and Other.

Environment analyst Roger Harrabin discusses climate change with the former British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

David Loyn reports on how the UK is to spend one billion pounds on aid for nations emerging from conflict.

US President Barack Obama is visiting Moscow for what is being billed as a 'reset' summit with his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev. Russian ambassador to the UK Yuri Fedotov, discusses what Russians are looking for from the summit.

In the 17th century pilgrims flocked to America. Dr Susan Hardman Moore discusses her thesis that one in four pilgrims gave up on the new world to return to the old.

Robert Pigott reports on how the world's oldest surviving bound Bible has been digitised and is being offered online to the public.

Author Richard Ehrman, deputy chairman of the think-tank Policy Exchange, discusses the idea of a demographic crunch caused by an increasingly aged population combined with a low birth rate.

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00lg31l)

Andrew Marr talks to Arundhati Roy about democracy and Timothy Garton Ash about subversive facts. Plus Karen Armstrong on the case for God and Hermione Lee on the shifting fashions in biography.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00lfd00)

Stann's Neme

Episode 1

Nigel Anthony reads from Bertrand M Patenaude's account of the exile and subsequent assassination of Leon Trotsky, who was outmanoeuvred for the leadership of the Soviet Communis Party by Josef Stalin before being exiled, eventually going into hiding in Mexico in the home of the famous artists Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo.

At the time of the Moscow trials, Leon Trotsky, the charismatic intellectual at the heart of the Russian Revolution, had been exiled from the Soviet Union and was unwelcome in almost every country in Europe. So, as 1937 dawned, he found himself on a Norwegian oil tanker bound for Mexico.

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00lfdy1)

Multiple births; Mobile phones for children; Emma Johnson

How to help parents expecting twins. Plus, concerns about

giving children mobile phones; clarinettist Emma Johnson on Klezmer music; and writer Dubravka Ugresic on Baba Yaga.

MON 11:00 The Criminal Mind (b00j6lh9)

Joshua Rozenberg examines new medical insights into the criminal mind. He joins scientists as they examine the brains of violent criminals and sees startling evidence of physical brain damage caused by neglect and abuse during infancy. Joshua asks whether offenders who suffer from this kind of brain dysfunction can be held responsible for their behaviour.

MON 11:30 Newfangle (b00lg72h)

Sitcom by Adam Rosenthal and Viv Ambrose, set 100,000 years BC among a tribe of proto-humans

Newfangle accidentally offends the elders of the tribe, who order the other hominids to savage the doubter. He hides from the mob, only to discover that his words carry a new-found

Newfangle Russell Tovey Snaggle Pippa Evans Crag Gabriel Vick .. Maureen Lipman Alf Hugh Bonneville Lucy Amy Shindler.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00lff6s)

Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00lff9c)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00lffb0)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

MON 13:30 Quote... Unquote (b00lg72k)

Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz involving the exchange of quotations and anecdotes

With guests Adele Geras, Conn Iggulden, Christopher Luscombe and Simon Pearsall

The reader is Peter Jefferson.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00lf54q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b00lg72m)

In Mates

Comedy by Sue Teddern. Michelle from Orpington sends audio tapes to her new pen pal, Randall - who is on Death Row. Michelle is a happy woman, with a lovely social life, and poor Randall could do with this outlet, surely. Or at least, that's how the relationship begins.

Michelle Pauline Ouirke Joyce Gillian Wright Kirsty Lizzy Watts Pavel Benjamin Askew Brian Malcolm Tierney Chrissie Annabelle Dowler

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

MON 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00ldhbl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Saturday]

MON 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00lfhkd)

Sole Superpower, Edgy Americans

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by

President Clinton presides over a grubby and divisive period in the political world, but at the same time new technology bolsters the American economy.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00ldxrl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b00lg7yj)

Ernie Rea and guests discuss the theological roots of the Orange Order, the largest Protestant organisation in Northern Ireland.

MON 17:00 PM (b00lfnyt)

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

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00lfpq4)

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

MON 18:30 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b00lg8hd)

Episode 4

The perennial antidote to panel games comes from the Mayflower Theatre in Southampton, with Jack Dee taking on the chairman's role from the late Humphrey Lyttelton.

Regulars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined by Jeremy Hardy.

With Colin Sell at the piano.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00lffvt)

While Jennifer sends Kate an email, updating her on events in Ambridge, Brian frets that he should tell Lilian about his recent meeting with Matt. Jennifer is delighted to hear the news that Gormley will be opening the fete, and hot-foots it to the shop to get her name on the list for the plinth. Susan grabs the opportunity to ask about Matt - sharing her own painful knowledge that prison is a difficult experience for all

Brian feels bad for Neil when he hears that business is not doing as well as it might. In a gesture of friendship, he invites Neil to the Royal Show. Adam is pleased when Alistair asks him to captain the next cricket match and intends to take his responsibilities seriously.

Brian tries to broach the awkward subject of Matt with an emotional Lilian but cannot bring himself to give her much information. Lilian is buoved when she hears that James is coming for her birthday on Wednesday; although Brian and Adam are a little more cynical.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00lfqkd)

Film critic Adam Mars Jones reviews Bruno, which stars Sacha Baron Cohen as the eponymous flamboyant Austrian fashion

Mark Lawson talks to Antony Gormley about One & Other, the artist's project for the fourth plinth in Trafalgar Square, and to some of the participants and audience-members, including playwright Lee Hall and filmmaker Mike Figgis. Critic Stephen Armstrong assesses the work.

Mark Lawson reports on the opening of the memorial to the victims of the bombings on 7 July 2005 and talks to its creators, Andrew Groarke and Kevin Carmody.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00lfqkg)

Sarah Dunant - Sacred Hearts

Miracle

Dramatisation of the novel by Sarah Dunant, set in a convent in Renaissance Italy, where a young woman has been placed

Suora Zuana administers a strong remedy to calm Serafina's convulsions - but is it too much?

Abbess Eileen Atkins Zuana Geraldine James Serafina Natalie Dormer Umiliana Sian Thomas Magdalene Helen Ryan

Dramtised by Rachel Joyce.

The music has been specially recorded by Musica Secreta, available on the CD Sacred Hearts, Secret Music.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 20:00 It's My Story (b00lb2cq)

The 99

DJ Bobby Friction tells the story of Dr Naif Al-Mutawa, the psychologist and businessman who has created the first

collection of Muslim comic book superheroes - The 99 - that are sweeping the Arab world, and arriving soon in Europe. Based on the 99 attributes of Allah in the Koran, the cartoons are not without controversy. Bobby visits Naif in Kuwait on the eve of the opening of The 99's first theme park, and tells the story of his quest to become known as 'the Walt Disney of the Arabic world'.

MON 20:30 Analysis (b00lg8hg)

Inspiring Green Innovation

The dangers of climate change are well understood, but what innovations need to be nurtured to fight global warming? Tim Harford, The Undercover Economist, examines the different ways to inspire the creators and inventors who will lead the way in this field.

MON 21:00 Frontiers (b00lg8hj)

Nuclear Fusior

Gareth Mitchell asks if nuclear fusion could at last be close to generating energy.

Nuclear fusion is the holy grail of alternative energy. It is clean, green and could supply limitless energy to the world, but despite decades of research in some of the most expensive science facilities in the world, it has remained an elusive goal. Scientists working at a new experimental facility in California are set to use giant laser beams to try and initiate nuclear fusion.

If nuclear fusion could be made to work commercially, the energy released will be of stellar proportions; this, after all, is the process that powers the Sun. The total energy that could ever be created using wind, wave and solar power is ridiculously small by comparison. Nuclear power, which is generated by fission not fusion, requires uranium - which will run out - and. of course, generates radioactive waste.

Gareth witnesses the start of a new era of nuclear fusion experiments. He also goes to the Joint European Torus facility in Oxfordshire, which has been using a different technique to create nuclear fusion for nearly 30 years. He finds out about ITER, the next big fusion experiment, which is just being built in the south of France.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00lg31l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00lfrd2)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00lfrdg)

The worst violence in China since Tiananmen Square; who are the Uighur people who protested?

President Obama arrives in Moscow, but can he mend relations with the Russians?

Is there the political will to make real progress on climate

Can wild romantic gestures ever save a dying relationship?

The career of Robert McNamara, the former US defence secretary, who became known as Mr Vietnam

Why young people in Algeria could return to violence.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00lft9k) To Heaven By Water

Episode 1

Bill Nighy reads from the novel by Justin Cartwright, about a family as they come to terms with the loss of a wife and

Now that his wife is dead and he has retired from his job as anchorman for a 24-hour news channel, David Cross is building a new life. But his children are uncomfortable with his new image.

Abridged by Jane Marshall.

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 23:00 Off the Page (b00lbt3r)

Falling on Your Sword

Has something happened to the ideas of honour, dignity, duty and virtue? Are people less willing to fall on their swords than they used to do? Is it admirable, anyway, to admit defeat?

Political journalist Anthony Howard, author and broadcaster Anne Atkins and journalist Toby Young join Dominic Arkwright to explore the subject through their writing.

Producer: Beatrice Fenton.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00lg2vg)

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

TUESDAY 07 JULY 2009

TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00lfc06)

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

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00lfd00)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00lfc7p)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00lfcfp)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00lfcds)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00lfcgn)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00lfci6)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Dr Craig Gardiner.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00lfcm5)

A new report says that British agriculture needs to employ another 60,000 people over the next ten years to maintain current levels of food production. Anna Hill talks to the report's author about the implications.

TUE 06: 00 Today (b00lfcry)

Presented by John Humphrys and Sarah Montague.

Labour MP Frank Field discusses why he has put down an amendment that seeks compensation for everyone effected by the scrapping of the 10p tax rate.

Correspondent Quentin Sommerville and China expert Bill Emmott analyse the current state of the protests in Xinjiang.

Peter Hunt reports from Hyde Park where a memorial to the 7/7 London bombings victims is being unveiled.

Rajesh Mirchandani reports from Los Angeles at the Michael Jackson memorial concert.

Lord Patel discusses whether the current policy for the private gene testing industry is up to date.

HSBC Chairman Stephen Green discusses his view that banking regulation alone is not enough and that moral values need to be at play too.

The President of the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) Sir Hugh Orde discusses the speech in which he will say that the police forces are showing 'signs of financial strain'.

Claims that immigrants are given unfair access to social housing have been discounted in a new study. EHRC director of policy Andrea Murray and Housing Minister John Healey discuss the report.

Former editor of the Washington Post Ben Bradlee describes some of the moments that defined the career of Robert McNamara, who served as US Defence Secretary during the Vietnam war and the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Quentin Sommerville reports from pro-government protests in China. Liu Weimin, a spokesman for the Chinese Embassy in London, discusses whether there is evidence of outside involvement

Edward Turner, whose mother travelled to the Dignitas clinic in Switzerland to end her life in 2006, and David Morris, founding director of Independent Living Alternatives, debate the right to

die

Sarah Mukherjee reports from Warwickshire on the Royal Agricultural Show.

Anatoly Utkin, an analyst from the USA and Canada Institute, considers whether relations between Washington and Moscow are likely to improve.

The boss of Formula One Bernie Ecclestone has said he regrets the upset he has caused by praising Adolf Hitler, but he insists he will not be forced to resign. Steve Rosenberg reports on reaction to Ecclestone ahead of the German Grand Prix.

TUE 09:00 The Long View (b00ljymw)

Unemployment Camps

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

Jonathan and his guests ask how governments can best help the unemployed and visit the site of a 1930s labour camp set up to 'recondition' unemployed men and prepare them for a return to work

Image: A summer unemployment camp, 1930s

TUE 09:30 Musical Migrants (b00b4mhx)

From Japan to Chicago

Stories of people who relocated to other countries, influenced by music.

Japanese singer Yoko Noge became passionate about the blues as a schoolgirl. After her mother's suicide, she set off for Chicago, the capital of blues music. Her first stop was a Westside joint, where master bluesman Willie Kent was playing. When Yoko told him she had come so far just for the music, he asked her to sing.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00lk4ly)

Stalin's Nemesis

Episode 2

Nigel Anthony reads from Bertrand M Patenaude's account of the exile and subsequent assassination of Leon Trotsky.

Leon Trotsky, exiled from the Soviet Union and in fear of his life, settles into the Blue House, home of artist Diego Rivera and his wife Frida Kahlo, in a Mexican village. Now he faces the hearings which he hopes will clear his name.

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

$\it TUE~10:00~Woman's~Hour~(b00lfdlp)$

Florence Welch; Diane Atkinson; District nursing

Florence Welch of Florence and the Machine on her album Lungs. Plus, biographer Diane Atkinson on two extraordinary women from WWI; and 150 years of district nursing.

TUE 11:00 The Royal Show in Crisis (b00k175r) Episode 1

Tom Heap gains exclusive access in the battle to save The Royal

Britain's most prestigious agricultural event has been the showcase for the farming industry for 160 years, but the Royal show hasn't made a profit in more than two decades. It's been the victim of foot and mouth, atrocious weather and bluetongue.

Tom has been following the team at its home in Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire as they try to ensure that the 2009 show will once more establish the Royal as a premier event. But in April the plug was pulled and the Royal Agricultural Society announced 2009 would be the last event.

TUE 11:30 Morris and the Muslims (b00lg9y0)

Navid Akhtar examines the influence of Islamic design and values on the life of the Victorian designer, poet, craftsman and socialist radical William Morris.

Morris was inspired by Turkish ceramics and Persian carpets to create a new movement in British design. For him, the Muslim world had managed to preserve the art of the craftsman and avoid the ills of industrial production. He espoused the philosophy that art should be affordable and hand made; this was already a reality in the Islamic world.

Not stopping at arts and crafts, he was a passionate advocate of social utopianism and believed in the rights of the worker. Today, these ideals have profoundly influenced a new generation of British-born Muslim artists, as they rediscover Morris and look to his artistic work and socialist ideas for inspiration.

TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00lff2d)

Call You and Yours

Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.

Rail industry in crisis? Does the rail franchise system need reforming - or scrapping altogether?

As National Express has been stripped of its franchise to run the East Coast rail line, and other train companies facing sharp falls in profit, we'll examine how the franchise system works and whether it should be maintained, or scrapped.

Should the rail network once more be publicly owned? Or have private operators brought more investment and better services?

What do you think is the most economic strategy to get a punctual and affordable railway system?

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00lff6v)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00lff9f)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

TUE 13:30 John Mayall's Blues Adventures (b00lg9y2)

Blues musician John Mayall presents a homage to the rhythm and blues scene that exploded in Britain in the early 1960s.

With contributions from Bill Wyman, Zoot Money and Eric Burdon.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2009.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00lffyt)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b008fgjr)

Chameleon

Comedy thriller by Vicky Meer.

Mo is being relocated under a witness protection scheme, his previous identity totally eradicated. How will a Porsche-driving London drug dealer adapt to life as a vegetarian postman living in a former council semi in Gretna?

Mo Navin Chowdhry
Vadim Andreyev Serge Soric
Charles James Quinn
Shahanah Thushani Weerasekera
Donna Marie Hilary MacLean
Jimmy Glenn Cunningham
Svetlana/MrsC Christine Brennan

Directed by Sue Roberts.

TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b00lgfqp)

Home Planet returns to Radio 4 with answers to another selection of your questions. How do we know how old the Earth is? Why are there no penguins at the North Pole? How do earthworms get into elevated compost bins? Why are there no green mammals? Plus a proposal that we should harvest and eat insect swarms.

Answering these questions are science writer Dr Lynn Dicks, omithologist Graham Appleton, and environment scientist Professor Philip Stott. As always we want to hear your comments on the topics discussed and any questions you might want addressed in future programmes.

We would like your help in surveying the British house martin population. The British Trust for Ornithology is conducting a house martin survey, and we are also asking listeners for their experiences with these charming summer visitors. Please let us know your sightings and observations by clicking the 'contact us' link.

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00lgfqr)

Mick Jackson - Bears of England

Spirit Bears

In the days before electric light and oil lamps most of England

was troubled by spirit bears. But one village believed itself to be victim to an especially wicked gang and sought to find an

Adapted by Booker-nominated writer Mick Jackson from his collection 'Bears Of England.'

Reader: Ian Holm

Producer: Karen Rose

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00lfhjw)

Multiculturalism or Disintegration

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by David Reynolds

America grapples with new racial realities as new waves of immigration from Latin America change the country's ethnic

TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b00lg j39)

Compensation for Victims of Child Abuse

As more evidence emerges of child abuse by religious institutions in Ireland, Clive Coleman examines a scheme set up to provide justice and compensation for victims. What lessons does it offer in dealing with institutional abuse - and why does it insist on protecting the identity of alleged abusers?

TUE 16:30 A Good Read (b00lgi3c)

Clive Swift and Indariit Singh

Kate Mosse and her guests - actor, Clive Swift and journalist, Indarjit Singh - discuss paperbacks by Angus Wilson, Rajaa Alsanea and Patwant Singh & Jyoti M Rai.

The Wrong Set and Other Stories by Angus Wilson Publisher: Faber

Girls of Riyadh by Rajaa Alsanea

Empire of the Sikhs: The Life and Times of Maharaja Ranjit

Singh by Patwant Singh and Jyoti M Rai Publisher: Peter Owen

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00lfnt3)

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

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00lfnyw)

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

TUE 18:30 The Secret World (b0121myp)

Series 1

From William Hague to Simon Cowell, Jon Culshaw explores the bizarre private lives of famous folk. From May 2009.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00lffyc)

Alistair's patience is tried when Jim insists on accompanying him on his farm visits. It soon emerges that Jim really plans on visiting another car showroom today. Alistair is embarrassed when Jim spends ages in the showroom, and insults the salesman. Jim doesn't care. He's more excited about the sports car he's just spotted.

David, Ruth, Phil and Jill all visit the Royal Show. There's lots of nostalgia as they reminisce about shows past, and regret the fact that this will be the last Royal they ever visit. David and Ruth celebrate with a beer. It's not often they get a day off the farm together.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00lfq2n)

Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson

Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince is the sixth book in the Potter franchise and the film of the book is arriving in cinemas. As she teams up once more with Daniel Radcliffe and Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, now 19, reflects on ten years of playing Hermione Granger alongside Harry Potter and Ron Weasley.

Sky Arts is set to recapture a lost era of live television drama with its Theatre Live! project, where six bestselling writers, including Kate Mosse and Jackie Kay, turn their hands to playwriting. The results will be broadcast live. Artistic director Sandi Toksvig and other key figures discuss the challenges and risks involved in making live TV drama

Robin Wright Penn stars in The Privates Lives of Pippa Lee as a woman whose past is threatening to overwhelm her present. Playwright Charlotte Keatley reviews the film which was written and directed by Rebecca Miller.

Mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato explains why she is performing in a wheelchair in the Royal Opera House's production of The Barber of Seville after fracturing her leg onstage

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00lfqkj)

Sarah Dunant - Sacred Hearts

Dramatisation of the novel by Sarah Dunant, set in a convent in Renaissance Italy, where a young woman has been placed against her will.

The novice Serafina is given penance and starves herself for the host. It seems that all hope is lost.

... Eileen Atkins Zuana Geraldine James Serafina Natalie Dormer Umiliana Sian Thomas Letizia Ayesha Antoine

Dramtised by Rachel Joyce.

The music has been specially recorded by Musica Secreta. available on the CD Sacred Hearts, Secret Music.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b00lg i3h)

Public Protection

Following a series of blunders by the justice authorities, who left a dangerous criminal free to torture and murder two French students in London, Allan Urry asks whether government ministers can still justify their claim that Britain's system of public protection from violent offenders and sex abusers is among the best in the world.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00lgj3k)

Cath Burchill is the only blind woman to have circumnavigated the globe. So how did she, her partner and her motorbike, Bertha, cope with the travelling life?

For visually-impaired cooks, Ian Macrae tries to avoid shredded fingers as he tests peelers, zesters and graters

Plus your comments on 'naked streets', where cars and pedestrians are supposed to share the same area.

TUE 21:00 All in the Mind (b00lgj3m)

We don't know the cause, there is no treatment or cure, and it is fatal. Dementia is the health challenge of this generation

investigates this complex group of brain diseases that progressively lead to the death of brain cells and affect memory

She finds out how UK scientists are some of the global leaders in the field of dementia research. She talks to Professor Julie Williams about her pioneering work in genetics, to Simon Lovestone about his team's search for a biomarker in blood and finds out about the drugs in the developmental pipeline which could, for the first time, treat the underlying disease itself.

Claudia asks why the quality of dementia care in the UK remains in the bottom third of the whole of Europe and questions what improvements patients and their carers can expect from the new National Dementia Strategy.

TUE 21:30 The Long View (b001jymw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00lfqs1)

The latest weather forecast

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00lfrd4)

National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah

A curfew is imposed in China's western region of Xinjiang.

The government faces a rebellion over the 10p tax.

A heartfelt plea for the future of Zimbabwe.

Michael Jackson is laid to rest in Los Angeles.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00lft97)

To Heaven By Water

Bill Nighy reads from the novel by Justin Cartwright, about a family as they come to terms with the loss of a wife and mother.

Ed and Lucy Cross are concerned about their newly-widowed and retired father. He is too thin, and he has started going to the

Abridged by Jane Marshall.

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 23:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00lgj3p) Series 1

Episode 1

Comedian Arthur Smith presents comedy and music from his flat in Balham, south London.

Paul Sinha in the lounge, Milton Jones in the bedroom and Glenn Tilbrook in the kitchen provide music and nourishment in the shape of Welsh rarebit.

Pippa Evans - as singer-songwriter Loretta Maine - lends a

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00lg2v4)

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

WEDNESDAY 08 HILV 2009

WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00lfc08)

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00lk4ly) [Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00lfc7t)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00lfcfr)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00lfcdv) The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00lfcgq) The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00lfci8)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Dr Craig Gardiner.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00lfcm7)

Anna Hill reports on what might replace the Royal Show as it closes its gates forever, and finds out that smallholders could benefit. We also speak to farming Minister Jim Fitzpatrick who promises immediate government action for the thousands of farmers who have been sent incorrect maps of their land, which could effect their Single Farm Payment.

WED 06:00 Today (b00lfcs0)

Presented by John Humphrys and Evan Davis.

BBC business editor Robert Peston explains the details of the government's banking White Paper. Vince Cable MP gives his

The Chinese government blames an organisation called the World Uyghur Congress for orchestrating the violence in Xinjiang. The organisation's president Rebiya Kadeer discusses whether the organisation has played a part.

Karen Allen in Johannesburg and Chris Morris in Delhi report on whether the G8 have delivered on their promises to developing and emerging economies

David Willis describes how Michael Jackson's commercial legacy may be larger in death than it was in life

Defence Secretary Bob Ainsworth discusses the purpose of a war in Afghanistan in which six British soldiers have been killed in the past week.

Nick Bryant reports on the Australian cricket team's foray into the world of fashion.

Thought for the Day with The Right Reverend James Jones, Bishop of Liverpool.

The government is considering plans to allow students in England to go to university without paying tuition fees. Wes Streeting of the NUS and Maggie Scott of the Association of Colleges discuss the plans.

UK forces are on a major offensive against the Taliban ahead of presidential elections in Afghanistan. Ian Pannell reports from the front line in Helmand province. Lt Col Nick Richardson discusses whether the offensive has been a success.

Avinash Persaud, a member of the UN commission of experts on financial reform, and former Chief Executive of Lloyds TSB Sir Brian Pitman discuss whether banks can be prevented from lending too much in future economic booms

Scientists in Newcastle say they have achieved a world first by creating human sperm in a laboratory. Professor Karim Navernia, who has been leading the research, and Dr Allan Pacey discuss the viability of the research.

Conservative MP David Davis has accused MI5 of being involved in torturing a terrorist suspect who was being questioned in Pakistan. Mr Davis discusses his evidence for the

Cathedral treasurer Canon Martin Warner and installation artist Bill Viola discuss the placement of video art in St Paul's Cathedral.

Sir Christopher Frayling, rector of the Royal College of Art, describes some of the designs on display at the New Designers exhibition in London.

Economists Dambisa Moyo and Paul Collier discuss whether aid is a solution or problem for developing countries.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b00lglr4)

Lively and diverse conversation with Libby Purves and guests Patina Miller, Paddy Lyons, David Crystal and Griff Rhys

Patina Miller is the American actress who is currently making her West End debut playing the lead role of Deloris Van Cartier in the new musical comedy Sister Act. Born and raised in South Carolina, Patina's previous credits include the criticallyacclaimed 2008 production of Hair in New York. The role of Deloris was made famous by Whoopi Goldberg in the movie of the same name. Sister Act is at the London Palladium.

In the early 1960s, after a Jesuit schooling, military service and management training with Unilever, Paddy Lyons renounced the world and became a Cistercian Monk. In his memoir, Try a Little Lowliness, he tells of his years in the Cistercian Order on Caldev Island in the Bristol Channel. In later years he trained as a social worker, married and worked as a journalist for the Financial Times. Try A Little Lowliness: Memoir of a Cistercian Novice is published by Gracewing.

David Crystal is Honorary Professor of Linguistics at the University of Wales, Bangor and author of over 100 books. He has been at the forefront of the field of linguistics, making a significant contribution to its development, pioneering new areas from clinical to internet linguistics. His book Just a Phrase I'm Going Through: My Life in Language, published by Routledge, is part autobiography, part introduction to this fascinating and ever-evolving field.

Griff Rhys Jones is an actor and comedian. He is presenting a new five-part series, Rivers, for BBC One, in which he explores how rivers have influenced, nurtured and powered our lives throughout history. From the powerful torrents of Scotland to the flatlands of East Anglia, Griff barges, canoes, swims, walks

and sails his way along this often hidden network which has been the lifeblood of the country. Rivers is broadcast on BBC One, and there is also a book to accompany the series published by Hodder.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00lk4dm)

Stalin's Nemesis

Nigel Anthony reads from Bertrand M Patenaude's account of the exile and subsequent assassination of Leon Trotsky.

Trotsky has fallen out with Diego Rivera and has to move to a new house in Mexico City. His staff locate a run-down house in the Avenue Viena and begin to turn it into a fortress.

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00lfdlr)

Cycling safety, Salley Vickers; Loneliness

Making cycling safer. Plus, writer Salley Vickers on the cult of the author; coping with loneliness; and artist Pauline Amos on her body.

WED 11:00 The Garden Room Girls (b00lgm1r)

Some of the elite band of secretaries who have worked at Downing Street over the last 50 years reveal their untold stories of life at Number 10 and how it operates. Interviewed for the first time, they talk to Naomi Grimley about working for Prime Ministers since Churchill, and Tony Blair discloses how the PM's office could not work without them.

WED 11:30 Baggage (b00lgm1t)

Ashes to Auld Reekie

Comedy series by Hilary Lyon, set in Edinburgh.

It is a year since Caroline's best friend, Fiona, died, but an unexpected visitor, a skinny dip in a Highland loch and an illicit kiss mean that scattering her ashes doesn't quite go according to

Caroline Hilary Lyon Fiona Phyllis Logan Ruth Adie Allen Roddy Robin Cameron Gladys June Watson Nicholas Moray Hunter

Directed by Marilyn Imrie.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00lff2g)

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson

WED 12:57 Weather (b00lff6x)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00lff9h)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

WED 13:30 The Media Show (b00lgm6q)

Sly Bailey, the chief executive of Trinity Mirror, joins Steve to talk about her recent decision to close nine local paper titles and to explain how her company is faring in the current economic

For the first time, live Ashes coverage will not be available on terrestrial TV - but should it?

We find out about the 'hyper-local' sites being launched around the country, allowing ordinary people to write and publish content about their communities. But does hyper-local mean hyper-boring?

And Steve speaks to Zuhair al Jezairy, founder of the news agency Voice of Iraq, about the importance of independent journalism in Iraq.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00lffvc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b00lh1km)

By Vicky Meer. The continuing adventures of witness

protection couple Mo and Donna Marie

Mo is back from the dead, trying to stay out of trouble and build a life with Donna Marie, the woman he fell in love with in his previous witness protection incarnation. But the police require his testimony in another high profile case and the couple are embedded in the bustle of life in East London and the local mosque. Mo has never found it easy to keep a low profile, and when he takes on the gangster Simeon Gideon he puts himself and Donna Marie in grave danger.

Mo Navin Chowdhry Donna Marie Hilary MacLean Charles Baldico James Quinn Ms Assumpta Young/Frieda Kate Layden Tariq /Simeon Gideon Seamus O'Neill Aftab Archie Lal Sgt Adabie Declan Wilson

Directed by Stefan Escreet.

WED 15:00 Money Box Live (b00lh221)

Paul Lewis and a panel of guests answer calls on mortgages.

David Hollingworth, Head of Communications, London & Country

Katie Tucker, technical manager, Mortgageforce. Louise Cuming, mortgage expert, moneysupermarket.

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00lgg8y)

Mick Jackson - Bears of England

Circus Bears

Series of three eccentric stories by Mick Jackson, which mix fantasy with folk tale and myth with history

The circus bears are deeply disgruntled at the extra risks being incorporated into their performance, and things come to a head at the annual circus convention in Bristol.

Read by Ian Holm.

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00lfhjy)

'America is Under Attack'

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by

The era of relative peace following the Cold War comes to a violent end on September 11, 2001.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00lh223)

Darwin and Modernity - Female Voyeurism as Sex Torism in Thailand

Laurie Taylor explores the latest research into how society works.

Darwinian theory has provided a powerful explanation for animal behaviour, but can it be used to explain how humans act? Evolutionary psychologists contend that it can and have brought their critique to bear on many fields including economics, law, anthropology and sociology. Laurie speaks to Lesley Newson about her theory that evolution can explain how societies become modern.

Also on the programme, why western women are increasingly relaxed about attending sex clubs and 'ping pong' bars in Thailand, Erin Sanders tells Laurie about her latest research.

WED 16:30 All in the Mind (b00lgi3m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b00lfnt5)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00lfnvv)

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

WED 18:30 Look Away Now (b00lh225)

Series 3

Episode 2

Garry Richardson returns with more topical sports comedy

With Laurence Howarth, Richie Webb, Dave Lamb, Miles Jupp, Katherine Jakeways and special guest Peter Davison.

bit of an Ashes special - we have an exclusive interview with Kevin Pietersen and a run down of all the new Aussie players you've never heard of.

Our own team of cricket commentators couldn't make it to the first Test and instead are covering a barbecue.

And Garry's guests include Fernando the bull and the FA man who determines if the people trying to take over our football clubs are 'fit and proper'

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00lffyf)

Alan and Usha discuss Jim's tenancy at Blossom Hill Cottage, and their argument the previous week. Things are better between them and, inspired by the good weather, Alan suggests that they go camping together. Usha is not so keen.

Lilian is delighted when her son James arrives in Ambridge for her birthday. He takes her to lunch, and surprises her by saying he's booked to stay in Grey Gables all week. Lilian tells him about Matt, and her ordeal in the car. James seems more worried about Matt's financial situation but Lilian does not pick up on his concern.

Shula bites her tongue as she's summoned to Blossom Hill Cottage to help Jim with a leaking washing machine. The damage is minimal, prompting Shula to reprimand Jim gently for calling on her and Alistair too easily. Shula is frosty with Alan and Usha who call in to see Jim, pointing out to Usha that the facilities in Blossom Hill Cottage are her responsibility. Later, she's cool with Alan when he brings Jim to the Stables on his motorbike but Jim doesn't notice.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00lfq2q)

Arts news and reviews with John Wilson.

It's been nearly 30 years since the Swedish pop phenomenon ABBA went their separate ways. The group's co-composer Benny Andersson is now releasing a new CD, Story Of A Heart, partly written with former ABBA member Bjorn Ulvaeus, in which he returns to his Swedish folk roots. Benny Andersson discusses the darkness that lies behind the songs written for ABBA and for his folk band, and responds to reports of ABBA reforming to fill the 50-date hole left by the death of Michael Jackson.

The artistic duo Gilbert and George discuss creating selfportraits using images of the Union Jack, branding and turning their home into a museum after they die.

John Wilson and music critic Robin Denselow review three new music documentaries: Glass: A Portrait Of Philip Glass In Twelve Parts, about the American composer; Echoes Of Home, about yodelling; and Soul Power, about the 1974 music festival in Zaire which accompanied the Rumble In The Jungle fight between George Foreman and Muhammad Ali.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00lfqkl)

Sarah Dunant - Sacred Hearts

Termites

Dramatisation of the novel by Sarah Dunant, set in a convent in Renaissance Italy, where a young woman has been placed against her will.

The great statue of Christ has fallen, and Zuana receives an unexpected visitor who presents her with a terrible predicament.

Abbess Eileen Atkins Zuana Geraldine James Serafina Natalie Dormer Umiliana Sian Thomas Appolonia Hannah Waddingham

Dramtised by Rachel Joyce.

The music has been specially recorded by Musica Secreta, available on the CD Sacred Hearts, Secret Music.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b00lh227)

Michael Buerk chairs a debate on the moral questions behind the week's news. Claire Fox, Michael Portillo, Clifford Longley and Kenan Malik cross-examine with

While Conservative and Labour politicians are trading insults

with each other in a bid to win over the 'gay vote', the Bishop of Rochester has taken a different tack. With the rainbow bunting from London's Pride festival hardly yet packed away, Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali said homosexuals should change and repent

The Church of England has been embroiled in a doctrinal battle over sexuality since the ordination of the first openly homosexual bishop in 2003. The Bishop of Rochester was speaking just before the launch of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans, a conservative group in the Church of England. 'We want to hold on to the traditional teachings of the Church. We don't want to be rolled over by culture and trends in the Church.' Well, despite Michael Nazir-Ali's attempts to clarify his position, saying that we all need to repent for straying from God's purpose for us, it hasn't stopped the accusations of homophobia.

The 2008 Criminal Justice and Immigration Act created the criminal offence of 'incitement to hatred on the grounds of sexual orientation'. But after lobbying from religious groups, the government was forced to accept a Lords amendment that allowed a freedom of speech defence. Bishops in the Lords are now fighting the government's latest attempts to get that defence dropped.

Where should we draw the line between religious conscience and freedom of speech? Should your faith allow you the freedom to challenge and question the way we live, or is this a thinly-disguised mask for intolerance and prejudice? Antidiscrimination legislation once aimed to ensure that society treated citizens equally. Instead of fighting for equality, are the godly just demanding special treatment for themselves and the social fragmentation that goes with it? Or, with 116 separate pieces of equality legislation in force, have we gone too far in our efforts to legislate against unfairness and to wipe out

WED 20:45 Dave's Friends in the North (b00lh229) Episode 2

Anne McElvoy examines whether the Conservatives can shake off their southern image in order to win a general election.

As a native north-easterner, Anne remembers the animosity toward the Conservative Party in the north during the Thatcher era. But now the Tories have set their sights on a revival in the north as a means of clinching an election victory

In this programme, Anne asks why Cameron's Tories need the north. She argues that it goes beyond a blunt electoral need to win back seats held under Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s. Cameron wants to be a One Nation Tory, so this is also a matter of culture and credibility. But is forging a One Nation party a losing battle, particularly for a leader based firmly in a metropolitan elite? Or could he emulate that other well-heeled public school southerner, Harold Macmillan, who used his Stockton seat as a launchpad to power by identifying with the north?

Interviewees include William Hague, Michael Gove, Alan Duncan, Hazel Blears, Nick Clegg and Professor John Curtice.

WED 21:00 The Mystery of the Marine Strandings (b00lh2dm)

Sue Broom investigates why 26 dolphins were stranded and died in Falmouth Harbour in June 2008, as a report gives details of

Dave Jarvis, of British Divers Marine Life Rescue, received a phone call early on the morning of the 9th of June 2008. The Coast Guard had received a report of a dolphin stranding near St Mawes in Cornwall. As he made his way to save the animal. he heard of more and more dolphins sighted in and around Falmouth Harbour. By the end of the day Dave and his team had saved about 70 dolphins, but 26 died.

Scientists from the Institute of Zoology, as part of the UK Cetacean Stranding Programme, were on site by the end of the day, and over the last year have carried out autopsies on all 26

At the time of the stranding there was a large international naval exercise going on in the bay, leading many local people to be convinced that sonar could have been a factor in the deaths of the dolphins.

Sue investigates whether or not the science supports the rumours, and asks what could have caused such an unusual and tragic event.

WED 21:30 Midweek (b00lglr4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00lfqs3)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00lfrd6)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

The government promises better regulation of the economy. But has a chance for real change been missed?

The G8 meets in Italy to tackle climate change.

Can Twitter save the world?

The latest from the unrest in China.

Should pets be allowed in old folks' homes?

The battle for water in the West Bank

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00lft99)

To Heaven By Water

Bill Nighy reads from the novel by Justin Cartwright, about a family as they come to terms with the loss of a wife and mother.

David meets up with his old friend Robin, senior partner in the law firm where his son Ed now works, and receives some unsettling news.

Abridged by Jane Marshall.

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 23:00 Bespoken Word (b00lh2dp)

Mr Gee presents the performance poetry series. Scroobius Pip gives his update on a classic theme with his poem Mr Otis Regrets. Also appearing are Dockers MC and Matthew Duffy.

WED 23:15 Strangers on Trains (b00dkgrx)

Series of character comedies by Nat Segnit and Stewart Wright, in which Nat talks to people sitting alone on trains. He asks strange men about death.

WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00lg2v6)

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

THURSDAY 09 HILY 2009

THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00lfc0b)

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

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00lk4dm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00lfc7w)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00lfcft)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00lfcdx)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00lfcgs)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00lfcib)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Dr Craig Gardiner.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00lfcm9)

The final Royal Show. Charlotte Smith hears the memories and hopes of champions and judges, and we find out how the honey from the Farming Today bees has fared.

THU 06:00 Today (b00lfcs2)

Presented by Evan Davis and Sarah Montague.

Nick Davies discusses the Guardian's investigation into allegations of phone hacking by News of the World journalist

James Robbins reports on the latest from the G8, where there has been disagreement between the industrialised G8 nations

Dr Chris Elliott explains the findings of a new RAC Foundation report involving private clamping companies

Dr Paul Chirico, senior tutor at Fitzwilliam College Cambridge, discusses poet John Clare's passion for the environment.

London Mayor Boris Johnson says he is worried the EU will strangle the City of London if new directives on regulation within the financial sector are implemented in their current

Economists Professor Tim Congdon and Liam Halligan discuss if quantitative easing is good for the UK economy

Thought for the Day with Reverend Dr Giles Fraser, Vicar of

Correspondent Ian Pannell reports from Afghanistan where he is with US troops who are fighting in Helmand. Lib Dem Nick Clegg discusses the government's tactics in Afghanistan.

Media correspondent Torin Douglas and broadcaster Andrew Neil discuss whether phone hacking has become commonplace in modern journalism.

Political editor Nick Robinson and former Home Secretary Charles Clarke discuss whether Andy Coulson, who was the News of the World editor at the time of the scandal, should be

Environment analyst Roger Harrabin and Energy and Climate Change Secretary Ed Miliband consider whether G8 nations and emerging economies should focus on improving energy efficiency and decarbonising energy supply.

Is the language that politicians and policy makers use clear or confusing? Columnist Matthew Parris and linguistics expert Professor David Crystal discuss.

What is it about gangster films that make them so popular? Editor of Sight & Sound magazine Nick James and Erwin James, a writer and former prisoner, discuss how gangsters would like best to be represented on screen.

Will scientists be able to predict all details of an organism just from understanding the genome? Professor Lewis Wolpert and Dr Rupert Sheldrake, consider the predictive power of genetics.

The World Paper and Comb Championship are to take place at Stonehaven Folk Festival. Previous winner Bob Kibble explains the appeal and shows off the skills that made him a world champion.

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b00lh2s3)

Ediacara Biota

Melvyn Bragg and guests Martin Brasier, Richard Corfield and Rachel Wood discuss the Ediacara Biota, the Precambrian life forms which vanished 542 million years ago, and whose discovery proved Darwin right in a way he never imagined. Darwin was convinced that there must have been life before the Cambrian era, but he didn't think it was possible for fossils like the Ediacara to have been preserved. These sea-bed organisms were first unearthed in the 19th century, but were only recognised as Precambrian in the mid-20th century. This was an astonishing discovery. Ever since, scientists have been working to determine its significance. Were the Ediacara the earliest forms of animal life? Or were they a Darwinian dead end? Either way, it is argued, they reveal some of the secrets of the workings of evolution, Richard Corfield is Senior Lecturer in Earth Sciences at the Open University; Martin Brasier is Professor of Palaeobiology at the University of Oxford; Rachel Wood is Lecturer in Carbonate Geoscience at the University of Edinburgh.

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00lk4dp) Stalin's Nemesis

Nigel Anthony reads from Bertrand M Patenaude's account of the exile and subsequent assassination of Leon Trotsky.

In the early hours of May 24th 1940, Trotsky awakes to the sound of gunfire inside his fortress in Mexico City.

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00lfdlt)

Parkinson's Disease care; Laura Dockrill on poetry

e gaps in Parkinson's disease care discussed. Plus, working at Battersea Dogs Home; and writer Laura Dockrill on making poetry cool.

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b00lh37b)

Kate Adie introduces BBC foreign correspondents with the stories behind the headlines.

Quentin Sommerville visits a hospital in Urumqi and talks to the victims of ethnic violence in China, and Peter Martell gives an inside look at escalating unrest in south Sudan.

Steve Gibbs visits a very quiet foreign ministry in Honduras, where the new government seems to have few friends.

The programme also includes dispatches on tourism in Libya and America's summer tradition of yard sales.

THU 11:30 The Wreck of the Alba (b00lh37d)

Michael Bird, an art historian and surfer, uncovers the universal and local significance of one of the most popular pictures in the Tate, St Ives - The Wreck of the Alba by Alfred Wallis.

He interviews people in St Ives who remember the disaster, when the steamer's crew was wrecked on Porthmeor beach in January 1938. Michael also gains access to many recordings of people who knew Wallis, made in the 1960s by Dr Roger Slack, a St Ives GP, and speaks to Chris Stephens, senior curator at the Tate, and to people looking at the painting and surfers on the

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00lff2j)

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00lff6z)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00lff9k)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Off the Page (b00lh453)

You're Fired!

Whether it is dressed up as 'downsizing', 'delayering', 'realigning the business' or simply having to 'let people go', firing or being fired is still a painful process.

Broadcaster Anna Raeburn, writer Jeremy Clarke and psychologist Linda Blair join Dominic Arkwright to discuss the consequences of being sacked.

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00lffyf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00lh4vh)

The Night Horse

By Catrin Clarke, set on the outskirts of Cardiff. Tensions grow as a mother and daughter wait for a soldier to come back from

Sian ... Eirv Thomas

Dee Carli Hughes Nansi Catrin Stewart

Riding Instructor Keiron Self

Directed by Polly Thomas

THU 15:00 Open Country (b00ld815)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00ldxr4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00lgg90) Mick Jackson - Bears of England

Series of three eccentric stories by Mick Jackson, which mix fantasy with folk tale and myth with history

For many years in the 19th century, several dozen bears were held in London's sewers, where they served as the city's unpaid flushers and toshers.

Read by Ian Holm.

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4

THU 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00lfhk1)

Iraq and the 'Axis of Evil'

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by

The September 11 attacks propel President Bush and America in to wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

THU 16:00 Bookclub (b00lf0vg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00lh4vk)

Quentin Cooper hears about the birth of an ocean - in the Afar triangle off the Horn of Africa, which is breaking away from the mother continent.

Plus the science behind the week's headlines on artificial sperm from Newcastle University; and the Easter Island compound. Rapamycin, which could help us all live to an older age.

THU 17:00 PM (b00lfnt7)

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

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00lfnz1)

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

THU 18:30 Shappi Talk (b00lh4yp)

Series 1

Iranian comedian Shappi Khorsandi was brought to this country as a child and grew up in a very unusual and un British family.

Her father was one of Iran's top satirists and the family were forced to leave their home country as her father was termed a political dissident. As she grew up, it became apparent that the Khorsandi household was a little different from some of the families that Shappi had been friends with

Shappi Talk takes this alternative background for Shappi to host a four part comedy series where she takes four elements of this upbringing to hilariously reveal what it was like growing up in a non-British family.

Joining Shappi will be comedian Felix Dexter who was born in St Kitts and moved to the UK as a child and each week Shappi also chats to another guest 'on location' and this time she's joined by Meera Syal.

There'll also be a song from comedian Hils Barker.

Producer: Paul Russell

An Open Mike Production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00lffyh)

While Mike and Vicky look at rings, Vicky drops the bombshell that she'll be going down to two days a week at work. Mike is shaken; but is quickly distracted by the fact that Vicky expects him to have a ring, too

Later, Vicky shows the rings to Susan. She pretends to approve while Vicky is in the shop but quickly reverts to type when Vicky goes, and tells Neil that Betty would turn in her grave. Neil is more annoyed that Vic, the butcher he was hoping to sell to, doesn't need any orders. Susan tells him not to lose heart; something may come of it in the future.

Brenda is touched when Pat asks her to help the family business by doing some occasional PR for Bridge Farm. Brenda spends the next few minutes being disparaging about Vicky and her wedding dress, prompting Pat to say gently that Vicky might be good for Mike. Roy shares Pat's sentiments, warning Brenda not to do anything to upset Mike on his big day.

After Mike has bought his wedding suit with Roy, Brenda makes his day by agreeing to read a verse at the wedding. Mike is touched and delighted.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00lfq2s)

Arts news and reviews with Kirsty Lang.

Lynda Nead reviews the BBC2 drama Desperate Romantics which follows the lives of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood as they struggle against the Establishment for fame and fortune.

MJ Hyland's last novel was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize. Her latest novel, 'This Is How', is set in a British seaside town and focuses on a young man unable to understand the world and those around him. Hyland talks to Kirsty Lang about why she wanted to answer the question that is invariably asked when a murder is committed: how did this happen?

For his new soundpiece, which was inspired by Darwin, Marcus Coates has used digitally manipulated sounds from everyday life such as the beep of the supermarket checkout, the siren of a police car and the noises of a school playground and mixed them with field recordings of animals and birds.

Forty years after the first manned lunar landing, author Andrev Smith and music journalist Kevin LeGendre reflect on the music which formed the soundtrack to the Apollo missions, from the sometimes surprising recordings astronauts chose to take into space, to the impact cosmic exploration had on musicians back on Earth.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00lfqkn)

Sarah Dunant - Sacred Hearts

Letter

Dramatisation of the novel by Sarah Dunant, set in a convent in Renaissance Italy, where a young woman has been placed against her will.

Suora Zuana begins her remedy to cure a spiritual disease and solve the convent's greatest problem.

Abbess Eileen Atkins Zuana Geraldine James Serafina Natalie Dormer Umiliana Sian Thomas

Dramtised by Rachel Joyce.

The music has been specially recorded by Musica Secreta, available on the CD Sacred Hearts, Secret Music.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 20:00 Law in Action (b00lgj39)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

$\it THU~20:30~The~Bottom~Line~(b00lh4zj)$

You're at the top of your company, but you're the person with least control over your time. PAs, PRs, your spouse - all these people are battling over your diary. So can you, when you're a chief executive, carve out a piece of the day for yourself or are you at the mercy of others from the moment you get up?

Evan Davis discusses this with his three big business guests: Nikki King of Isuzu Trucks, Samir Brikho of AMEC and Gavin Slark of the BSS Group.

He also finds out how possible it is to plan for the long term when everyone is pressurising you for short term results.

THU 21:00 Leading Edge (b00lh5gv)

The Future of Gene Sequencing

Geoff Watts explores the world of science and the people, passions and policies behind it.

Hardly a week passes without a mention of new developments in genetics. This edition is all about genetic developments and their implications. Geoff Watts discusses the future of gene sequencing with Jane Rogers, director of the newly created Genome Analysis Centre in Norwich, and Jane Peterson, an associate director of the US National Human Genome Research Institute

The House of Lords Science and Technology Committee has just published a report on genomic medicine. This is the use of genomic information in predicting a person's risk of disease, improving diagnosis and prognosis, and selecting the best treatment option: 'personalised' or 'stratified' treatment, as it is described

Their Lordships compiled a raft of recommendations on research, training, service delivery and much else. They describe genomic medicine as offering 'a real opportunity for medical care'. Geoff discusses the findings of the report with Lord Warner, one of the committee, and Professor Sir John Bell, of Oxford University, one of the UK's leading biomedical ecitatists.

Geoff also talks about biomedical science with UK government

minister for science, Lord Paul Drayson

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00lh2s3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00lfqs5)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00lfrd8)

The latest revelations over allegations of mobile phone hacking by News of the World journalists.

G8 leaders discuss technology transfer as the way to cut emissions in the developing world.

A report from the Swat valley on Pakistan's war with the Taliban.

Presented by Robin Lustig.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00lft9c)

To Heaven By Water

Episode 4

Bill Nighy reads from the novel by Justin Cartwright, about a family as they come to terms with the loss of a wife and mother.

David feels constrained by his house, now that he lives there alone, but his children still regard it as the family home.

Abridged by Jane Marshall.

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 23:00 Look Away Now (b00lh225)

[Repeat of broadcast at 18:30 on Wednesday]

THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00lg2v8)

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

FRIDAY 10 JULY 2009

FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00lfc0d)

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00lk4dp)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00lfc80)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes

(b00lfcfw)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00lfcdz)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00lfcgv)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00lfcjd)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Dr Craig Gardiner.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00lfcmc)

News and issues in rural Britain with Charlotte Smith.

The government says it will trust farmers to voluntarily support and protect wildlife on their land, to make up for the loss of set-aside. Charlotte hears from Hilary Benn, the minister who has introduced the scheme, and farmers at the Royal Show who say that they are unwilling to take land out of production if they don't have to.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00lfcs4)

Presented by James Naughtie and Edward Stourton.

Media law expert Mark Stephens discusses possible legal action against the News of the World by alleged victims of phone

hacking.

Professor Gilbert Welch discusses the importance of research that suggests breast cancer is being over-diagnosed.

Professor Alan Wilson explains the techniques researchers use to find out how cheetahs can run so fast.

Adam Brimelow reports on research in India which found that Asians can develop diabetes and heart disease before they reach dangerous levels of obesity.

Quentin Sommerville reports on the latest unrest after several days of ethnic violence between Uighur Muslims and Han Chinese in which at least 156 people have been killed so far.

Professor Nick Shepherd-Barron says a new maths A-level abandons the idea that the subject is creative.

Composer Benjamin Till describes his new work on the theme of the old nursery rhyme Oranges and Lemons.

Thought for the Day with Catherine Pepinster, Editor of The Tablet.

Former defence minister Lord Moonie and Sir Jeremy Greenstock discuss whether British troops can maintain their current level of engagement in Afghanistan.

Professor Karsten Jorgensen, Professor Valerie Beral and Dr Paul Pharoah discuss new research on breast cancer screenings.

Reporter Ian Pannell speaks to some of the youngest soldiers in Helmand Province. Major General Patrick Cordingley describes the pressures facing the youngest members of the armed forces.

Arts correspondent Rebecca Jones reports on the life and work of novelist Barbara Pym.

The Pakistani Government is encouraging people displaced by fighting in the Swat Valley to return to their homes, Reporter Zubeida Malik explains the current situation in the Swat and whether it is safe for families to return.

Professor John Mu and author Christopher Beha discuss The Harvard Classics, an anthology of literature with aims to give a 'liberal education' to anyone willing to work through the full 50 volumes.

What happens to the people who die alone without friends or family? Nicola Stanbridge spent a day with Welfare Funerals Officer Elaine Gaston in Brighton to find out.

The military equipment used by British troops in Afghanistan has been criticised following the deaths of British soldiers. David Pickup, former senior lecturer in Defence Studies at Sandhurst, discusses whether British soldiers are being properly equipped.

FRI~09:00~Desert~Island~Discs~(b00ldxrj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00lk4dr)

Stalin's Nemesi

Episode 5

Nigel Anthony reads from Bertrand M Patenaude's account of the exile and subsequent assassination of Leon Trotsky.

On August 17th 1940 at **4.35pm**, the iron doors of Trotsky's safe haven gave way and a man known to Trotsky as Frank Jacson, a Canadian businessman, was admitted to the patio.

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00lfdlw)

Constance Briscoe; Breast cancer screening

Are we forever influenced by our roots, however successful we become? Plus, macho food; the scientific life of Caroline Herschel; and breast cancer screening explained.

FRI 11:00 Three Rivers (b00lh5pb)

The Liffey

Hardeep Singh Kohli travels from source to sea of three major rivers that are being regenerated after years of neglect and industrial use.

The Liffey, a river beloved of Irish writers - particularly James Joyce, winds its way from the Wicklow Mountains into the heart of Dublin and under 14 bridges. It has also provided power and clean water for those along its path, and at its outer

edges encouraged trade with the wider world beyond.

FRI 11:30 Electric Ink (b0121pjk)

Series 1

Episode 6

A swathe of job cuts are predicted with circulation dropping, but who will survive the bloodbath?

Old hacks meet new media in Alistair Beaton's satire set in the changing world of the newspaper industry.

Maddox Robert Lindsay
Oliver Alex Jennings
Amelia Elizabeth Berrington
Tasneem Zita Sattar
Masha Debbie Chazen
Freddy Ben Willbond
Announcer Matt Addis

With additional material by Tom Mitchelson.

Director: Sally Avens

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00lff2l)

Consumer news and issues with Peter White.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00lff71)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00lff9m)

The British military death toll in Afghanistan has risen again the Ministry of Defence announced further soldiers had died in Helmand province. We hear from the partner of a sergeant from the West Guards who died in Afghanistan - and from the former commander of British troops in Afghanistan.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00lh6dy)

BBC Radio 4 controller Mark Damazer faces a panel of listeners and responds to their comments about the station. Coverage of America, Thought For The Day and drama are amone the issues raised.

Most people have heard of art preservation and architectural art preservation, but what about sound preservation? Feedback goes behind the scenes of a World Service project to preserve the disappearing sounds of the world.

Plus listener comments on BBC Radio.

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00lffyh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b0090rcf)

Kathryn Simmonds - Poetry for Beginners

Comedy drama by Kathryn Simmonds

During a residential writing course deep in the Shropshire countryside, poetry gives rise to lustful urges, ruthless artistic ambition and simmering rivalries.

Celia Joanna Tope Fran Emma Currie William Crawford Logan Moira Ann Scott Jones Nick Nick Farr

Directed by David Jackson Young.

FRI 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00lj1n5)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Anne Swithinbank, Bob Flowerdew and Matthew Biggs answer questions posed by gardeners in Berkshire.

Including Gardening weather forecast.

FRI 15:45 America, Empire of Liberty (b00lfhk4)

'To Shape an Uncertain Destiny

Series charting the history of America, written and presented by David Reynolds.

Economic issues overshadow foreign conflicts as change once again transforms American politics during the 2008 presidential election.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00lh4m8)

John Wilson presents the obituaries programme.

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00lj1n7)

Behind the scenes of Blade Runner and The Deer Hunter with producer Michael Deeley. Composer Neil Brand tells us the score about Vangelis's theme for Ridley Scott's cult science fiction opus.

Novelist, screenwriter, director and painter Rebecca Miller discusses her film career, her collaboration with husband Daniel Day-Lewis and life as the daughter of Arthur Miller.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00lfnt9)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00lfnz3)

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

FRI 18:30 The Now Show (b00lj1n9)

Series 28

Episode 3

Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis present a satirical review of the week's news, with help from Mitch Benn, Laura Shavin, Jon Holmes and Carrie Quinlan.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00lffyk)

Jim and Joe busy themselves making costumes for their plinth performances. Jim fashions a toga out of a duvet cover, while Joe is constructing a secret outfit; one that he hopes will wow Gormley and win him the prize - which he is convinced Gormley will provide, and which he then intends to sell on-line.

Meanwhile, Nigel and David help with setting up the plinth at the fete site. They discuss the events at the fete, and Nigel is pleased that Elizabeth has got them involved. When Joe and Jim approach, they ask Joe for clues as to his plinth performance but Joe remains tight-lipped.

Lilian clings onto James for as long as possible, thanking him for taking care of her when he finally leaves. James, however, is more worried that Lilian and Matt might get back together, so on his way home to London he stops by the Dower House and warms Matt off

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00lfq2w)

The publishing industry like most businesses is struggling in the recession, but one type of book has been selling as quickly as it could be printed - the celebrity memoir.

The autobiographies of Paul O'Grady, Dawn French, Julie Walters, Michael Parkinson and Alan Carr have now sold over two and a half million hard back copies between them. Unusually for this genre, the books are self-written and genuinely revealing.

In a special edition of Front Row, Mark Lawson speaks to these authors - and others - about why they decided to set down their lives.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00lfqkq)

Sarah Dunant - Sacred Hearts

Living Saint

Dramatisation of the novel by Sarah Dunant, set in a convent in Renaissance Italy, where a young woman has been placed against her will.

Serafina has been found senseless, presumed dead. If the convent is to survive, it is time to make sacrifices.

Abbess Eileen Atkins Zuana Geraldine James Serafina Natalie Dormer Umiliana Sian Thomas Letizia Ayesha Antoine

Dramtised by Rachel Joyce.

The music has been specially recorded by Musica Secreta, available on the CD Sacred Hearts, Secret Music.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00lj1nc)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Consett, County Durham. The panellists are the former Cabinet minsiter and now independent MP Clare Short, Pat McFadden, minister for business, innovation and skills, Green Party MEP Jean Lambert and former Chancellor Lord Norman Lamont.

FRI 20:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lj1nf) Series 1

Bowerbirds

One of the most extraordinary structures in the animal world is constructed by a Bower Bird.

Sir David tells the life story of the Vogelkopf Bower Bird, the one that raises the bar higher than the rest.

Series of talks by Sir David Attenborough on the natural histories of creatures and plants from around the world.

Producer: Julian Hector

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

FRI 21:00 America, Empire of Liberty Omnibus (b00lj1nh) Pride and Prejudice

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

The post-Cold War promise of peace evaporates as the September 11 attacks lead to foreign wars and the divisive politics of the Clinton and Bush years culminate in the epic 2008 prosidential election.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00lfqs7)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00lfrdb)

President Obama's first trip to Africa raises hopes. What can he

More deaths of British soldiers make Afghanistan as costly as Iraq.

Germany is accused of ignoring racism following a courtoom killing.

With Robin Lustig.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00lft9f)

To Heaven By Water

Episode 5

Bill Nighy reads from the novel by Justin Cartwright, about a family as they come to terms with the loss of a wife and mother.

Since her mother died and with her brother married and her father showing no sign of filling the breach, Lucy feels as if she has been cast adrift.

Abridged by Jane Marshall

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b00lgj3c)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00lg2vb)

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