

SATURDAY 25 JULY 2009

SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00lq9pq)

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00lq9fh)

In the Valley of Mist

Episode 5

Fenella Woolgar reads from Justine Hardy's account of the lives of ordinary people who have lived in the disputed territory of Kashmir through 20 years of conflict.

The effects of the conflict are compounded by the 2005 earthquake. Mohammad Dar's tireless work for the relief effort leads him to start a new career as an aid worker.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00lq9ps)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00lq9pv)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00lq9px)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00lq9pz)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00lq9q1)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Clair Jaquiss.

SAT 05:45 Backstreet Business (b008pvmv)

Episode 1

Nicola Heywood Thomas visits small businesses.

Situated on an estate in Cardiff, Deryck Howell's company produces survival equipment, tested in the world's toughest conditions.

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00lq956)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00lq958)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00lq9wl)

Firth of Lorne

Helen Mark reports on the dispute between fishermen and conservationists over the wildlife-rich waters of the Firth of Lorne on the west coast of Scotland.

Dotted with tiny islands, the Firth of Lorne on the west coast of Scotland is a yachtsman's dream. Fishermen also covet the Firth's prawns and scallops, whilst conservationists fret over threats to the extraordinary reefs, the sea bird colonies and the whales and dolphins that pass between Mull and Jura.

Helen joins local wildlife biologist Tessa McGregor for a boat trip around the Firth, meeting fishermen, farmers and naturalists, all of whom are anxious to reach a balance that preserves livelihoods without further threatening this precarious natural environment.

Scallop dredging is currently banned in the Firth, much to the displeasure of local fishermen who have to sail further and into more dangerous waters to bring home a profitable catch. The Scottish government may reverse the ban, but a local diver tells Helen that such a move would cause further damage to the sea bed, the rocky reef and the aquatic life that depends on it.

On her voyage around the Firth's tiny islands Helen will also be meeting the local Luing breed of cattle and seeing the beehive huts used by the first generation of Scottish monks.

SAT 06:30 Farming Today (b00lq9wn)

Farming Today This Week

The UK should not attempt to be self-sufficient in food, according to a new parliamentary report. It says doing so would make our own food supplies less secure. Anna Hill reports on the food security of the UK, from one of the world's biggest countryside events at Belvoir castle.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00lq9wq)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00lq9ws)

Presented by Sarah Montague and Edward Stourton.

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) has dropped its opposition to the concept of helping patients to commit suicide. Andy Moore reports.

Terry Stiasny reports on Labour MP Barry Sheerman's call on his fellow party members to think seriously about who leads Labour into the next election.

Jon Leyne reports on the decision by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to dismiss First Vice-President Esfandiari Rahim Mashaie, which came after a week-long stand-off with the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

South West political editor Martyn Oates says he is very surprised that the Conservatives are holding an open primary in Totnes.

Reporter Andrew Hosken visits East London to learn about the history of social mobility.

Lance Corporal Joe Glenton is being charged with desertion. He went absent without leave in 2007 after a particularly unhappy period in the army and having been told he would have to go back to Afghanistan. He discusses whether he had questioned why he was out there at the time.

Mike Sergeant reports on the wildfires still burning in southern Europe.

Colin Blane reports on the Edinburgh Gathering event, which will form the centrepiece of the Homecoming celebrations, to mark the 250th anniversary of the birth of the national bard, Robert Burns.

Thought for the Day with Brian Draper, associate lecturer at the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity.

Bob Crow, of the union RMT, and Peter Kruse, of Vestas Wind Systems, discuss what could bring the sit-in protest to an end.

A senior Labour MP has hit out at Prime Minister Gordon Brown in the wake of the Norwich North by-election defeat by the Tories. Barry Sheerman MP discusses his criticisms with Tony Lloyd, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

Dr Peter Carter, chief executive of the RCN, discusses why, after consulting its members, it has decided to take a neutral stance on assisted suicide.

Tom Feilden reports on the celebrations to mark the event of what is widely regarded as the birth of astronomy as a modern science.

The father of Gary Reinbach, who was refused a liver transplant because he hadn't gone six months without a drink, discusses whether his son was given a chance to prove that he had stopped drinking.

Bob Walker reports on the work being done to ensure the tens of thousands of medals being issued every year for service in Iraq and Afghanistan are awarded correctly.

Author Fred Kaplan discusses the history of the ban on the publication of Lady Chatterley's Lover in the US.

Ben Summerskill says Trevor Phillips has not been a success as Equalities and Human Rights Commission head.

Two people who have had the swine flu virus, journalist Sarah Vine and IT worker Mark Feargreave, discuss what those symptoms feel like.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00lq9vw)

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. Fi Glover is joined by Sheila Hancock. With poetry from Elvis McGonagall.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00lq9wx)

Explorer Robin Hanbury-Tenison has often made his journeys on horseback and chose Albania for a recent trek. Although situated in the middle of Europe, this little known nation offers unspoilt countryside, great hospitality from locals and a glimpse into a time and place before tourism development takes hold.

An award from the citizenship charity, Giving Nation, enabled pupils from Rushcliffe School in Nottingham to travel to Cameroon to learn about the Baka people and the work of the Rainforest Foundation. They stayed in a Baka village - seeing how they build huts, how the local school is run and even helped villagers with fishing.

Journalist Jane Owen, who accompanied them, and pupil Bex Bailey say the trip gave an insight into how life is changing for the indigenous people.

SAT 10:30 Soho Stories (b00lqz82)

A Thousand Flowers

Thirty years ago, virtually every home-grown programme on British Television was made by either the BBC or ITV. Today, the biggest and most successful, from Big Brother and Spooks to The Apprentice and X-Factor, are made by independent producers. Television executive, programme maker and broadcaster Paul Jackson goes behind some of these multi-million pound success stories to chart the rise and rise of independent producers - from the isolated minnows of the early 1980's to the global monoliths of today.

It is this transformation over the course of just over quarter of a century that Paul Jackson explores in this three part series, aided and abetted by some of those who made the transition from troublesome outsiders into possibly the most influential, and powerful, players in the industry today responsible for making and supplying as much as 50% of what is broadcast in the UK. People like Simon Cowell (the man behind X-Factor and Britain's Got Talent and star of an American show that reportedly drives 60% of the revenue of the Fox Network), Jimmy Mulville (Co-founder and Managing Director of Hat Trick Productions), Paul Smith (the now millionaire behind Who Wants To Be A Millionaire and Slumdog Millionaire), Peter Bazalgette (who brought Big Brother to the UK and helped sell it the world over), and Sir David Frost (one of the earliest independent producers, responsible for such shows from The Two Ronnies to The Nixon Interviews).

Also taking part Sir Paul Fox, Lord Griffiths, Paul Bonner, Lorraine Heggessey, Simon Shaps and Peter Salmon.

With plot twists worthy of Ashes To Ashes, as much tension as Britain's Got Talent and a payday to rival Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?, Paul Jackson draws on his own experiences in the television industry to trace the development of a sector that earns the country almost half a billion pounds a year in exports alone.

Producer: Paul Kobrak.

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00lr2cm)

It's been one of the most turbulent years at Westminster in recent history: two aborted challenges to the Prime Minister's leadership, the scandal of MPs expenses, a banking crisis and a deep recession. As MPs go off on their summer break Elinor Goodman and fellow Week In Westminster presenters Peter Riddell of The Times, Steve Richards of The Independent and Matthew D'Ancona, Editor of the Spectator, analyse the current state of politics.

The Week In Westminster returns after the Summer Recess, on the 17th October 2009.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00lqztq)

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

Greenland comes in from the cold - Stephen Sackur reports that it's all because of global warming; Kevin Connolly in Washington says plans to reform healthcare have bedevilled many US presidencies; Nick Higham has an unsettling encounter with a wrestler who is coming to grips with Bulgaria's corruption problem; Humphrey Hawksley travels in Graham Greene's footsteps, dancing with a devil in Liberia, while Hamilton Wende brawls with a monkey on the holiday island of Bali.

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00lqzts)

In a special edition of the programme, Paul Lewis and guests discuss savings and investments. Paul talks to fund manager Anthony Bolton and looks at Zopa, the internet service that advertises rates of over eight per cent.

His panel are Clare Francis of comparison website Moneysupermarket, Justin Urquhart Stewart of Seven Investment Management and Adrian Lowcock, senior investment adviser at Bestinvest.

SAT 12:30 The Now Show (b00lq94c)

Series 28

Episode 5

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

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00lqztv)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News (b00lqztx)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00lq94f)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Verwood, Dorset. The panellists are columnist Peter Hitchens, campaigner Peter Tatchell, Minister for the South West Jim Knight and Shadow Welsh Secretary Cheryl Gillan.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00lqztz)

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

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b00773qr)

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

By Robert Louis Stevenson.

When a London lawyer studies the last will of his old friend Dr Jekyll, his suspicions are aroused. Why has respectable Dr Jekyll left everything to sinister Edward Hyde?

Dr Jekyll Adam Godley
Uttersen David Horowitz
Enfield Mark Straker
Mrs Uttersen Christine Kavanagh
Lanyon Sam Dale
Poole Joseph Kloska
Sir Danvers Ian Masters
Girl/Maid Emma Noakes
Housekeeper Bethan Walker

Directed by Claire Grove.

SAT 15:30 From Dots to Downloads - Tune-Books on the Web (b00lp15m)

People have always gathered the music they like in custom-made collections. Before iPods and downloads there were cassette compilations, and before recordings, tune-books. These are small manuscript books people carried in their pockets or instrument cases. Thomas Hardy and John Clare both had them. Now, all over the country, tune books are being unearthed. They date from the 1690s to the 1860s and belonged mostly to artisans - shoemakers, papermakers - but some have been found in manor houses, such as Prideaux Place in Padstow. The music they contain ranges as widely, too. Tim van Eyken, award-winning young singer and squeezebox player, reveals how today's musicians are rediscovering these manuscripts, and sharing them - in the way musicians always have, but nowadays online - so, all over the world, people are playing these tunes once again in an ongoing global virtual session.

In Dorchester Tim van Eyken meets the musicians Bonny Sartin and Colin Thompson to consider the importance of music to him, pore over Hardy's tune book, and to play some of the tunes he loved on Hardy's own fiddle (an interesting instrument with a lions' head carved on the scroll).

Tim hears from Johnny Adams of the Village Music Project which researches, catalogues and makes these tune books available online. He reveals their importance historically as one of the few sources of information about the cultural lives of working people, and how they spent their leisure time.

Colin Thompson also plays from the recently discovered and exquisite tune-book of Benjamin Rose, a farmer who began collecting tunes he liked in 1820, when he was a single man of 24 - he went on to have five children, who have left their mark on his book, too. Tim also looks at tune book of William Winter, who was a shoe-maker from the Quantocks, and some of whose collection he has recorded.

These tune books are musically very revealing, too. Several pieces are common to collections from distant regions, and some have been copied from published sources. Those that remain aside from survive from the indigenous musical tradition of the area where the tune book was used. Tim talks to Mike O'Connor in Cornwall, who has found five tune books, learned a good deal about Cornish music from them, and heard it being played there - and elsewhere - again.

Tim goes to Greenwich University to meet Dr Chris Walshaw, lecturer in Maths and Computing (and in demand as a musician - he plays French bagpipes). He demonstrates the simple form of notation he invented that makes it easy to put tunes on the internet using an ordinary keyboard. There's software that turns it into conventional music on a staff and allows you to hear the tune. There are now thousands of tunes available online, and Walshaw's website has had more than 100,000 hits from all over the world - including Timbuctoo.

'From Dots to Downloads' explores how these tune-books, which have been a valuable resource to historians are reverting to their original purpose. Now, using the latest technology young players are accessing them, playing the old tunes once again, and bringing their modern musical sensibilities to bear on them. So Laurel Swift of the band Gadarene brings to bear the techniques of modern dance music, the kind of work the Chemical Brothers do, on centuries old country dance music.

Tim van Eyken puts it all to the test: he accesses a tune from one of the old books online, made by one Henry Atkinson in 1694, and with bouzouki player James Fagan spends a morning in a BBC studio learning and working on it, then performing their arrangement to end the programme.

SAT 16:00 Woman's Hour (b00lqvz1)

Weekend Woman's Hour

With Jane Garvey.

One woman talks about attempted rape and the impact on her life.

How parents react when children sign up for the armed forces.

Problems caused in long term relationships by mismatched libidos.

Sequins back in vogue.

The art of conversing with teenagers.

The nostalgic appeal of the beach-hut.

Life for women in Honduras after the coup.

SAT 17:00 PM (b00lqvz3)

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

SAT 17:30 iPM (b00lr09t)

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

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00lr09y)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00lr0b0)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00lr0b2)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00lr0b4)

Clive Anderson is joined by author and former Conservative Cabinet Minister Jonathan Aitken, Dragons' Den's James Caan and former Blue Peter presenter Peter Duncan.

Gideon Coe talks to writer Bridget Christie about her time at the Daily Mail.

With comedy from Sarah Millican and music from Oi Va Voi and the Mercury Prize-nominated Lisa Hannigan.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b00lr0b6)

Peter Gabriel

Clive Coleman profiles Peter Gabriel. He came to fame - and fortune - as the extravagantly-dressed lead singer of Genesis, before launching a successful solo career. But Gabriel has pushed many other frontiers, notably helping to found the World Music festival WOMAD. He has also experimented with new technologies, brought elder statesmen together and campaigned for human rights.

Clive hears from Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former Irish President Mary Robinson and Peter Gabriel's mother about what makes him tick.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00lr0b8)

Anne Tyler's Noah's Compass, and Ole Bornedal's Just Another Love Story

Tom Sutcliffe is joined by historian Dominic Sandbrook and the writers Kathryn Hughes and Philip Hoare to discuss the cultural highlights of the week, featuring memory loss in Baltimore and Denmark, 80s radicalism, and some old telescopes.

Noah's Compass is a novel by Anne Tyler which has little to do

with either Noah or a compass. It has more to do with Liam Pennywell, a recently retired teacher in Baltimore who gets an unpleasant surprise when he moves into a new apartment. The book is an elegant exploration of age and memory.

Danish director Ole Bornedal's latest film, Just Another Love Story, is a knowing homage to the film noir genre. Anders W Berthelsen plays Jonas, a photographer employed by the police to record corpses in situ. A car crash, from which he and his family appear to emerge unscathed, ends up shaking the foundations of Jonas's life into a tangle of lust, deception and mistaken identity.

The Black Album, Hanif Kureishi's 1995 novel about the competing attractions of religious fundamentalism and hedonistic liberalism to an impressionable British Asian youth in 1989, has been adapted for the stage by Kureishi himself. In the Tara Arts production at the National Theatre, Jonathan Bonnici is Shahid, recently arrived in London from Sevenoaks and unsure as to where his loyalties truly lie as the debate over The Satanic Verses rages.

Alexander Fleming is rightly remembered as the scientist who first identified the antibacterial properties of penicillin. However, the hard slog of producing it in sufficient quantities to test its practical effectiveness was carried out by Howard Florey and his team in the early years of the Second World War. Dominic West plays Florey in BBC Four's Breaking the Mould, which follows the human story behind the medical breakthrough.

Four hundred years ago, Thomas Harriot made the first astronomical drawings based on his observations through a telescope. The Science Museum in London celebrates this anniversary with an exhibition, Cosmos and Culture, which traces the evolution of the rudimentary telescope into the powerful and highly sensitive apparatus available to astronomers today. It also shows how astronomical discoveries have been absorbed by popular culture, from early science fiction to special Monopoly sets.

SAT 20:00 Archive on 4 (b00lr0bb)

On Northern Men

Kay Mellor explores the way that northern English masculinities have been portrayed in British film and television, reconciling issues of blatant sentimentality with the real-life social parallels that inform the canon of the past 50 years.

She examines fictional portrayals that have changed and diversified, yet stayed much the same in many ways. From the crucial age of the Angry Young Man, marked out in This Sporting Life, she considers the contrasts and similarities between the trapped northern masculine identities portrayed in Kes and Billy Elliot.

Kay discovers that the disintegration of traditional northern male stereotypes in fiction leads us also to more diverse explorations, for example, the weak men in Coronation Street, Last of the Summer Wine and Keeping Up Appearances, British-Asian northern masculinities in East is East, the dysfunctional and proud Frank Gallagher in Shameless, and interpretations of homosexual masculinities in Queer as Folk and Jimmy McGovern's The Street.

The programme traces the relationship between changing variables of social class, heroism, 'northernness' and fictional portrayals of masculinity in film and television, using supporting material from the radio archive, and remembers some of the humour and creativity that emerges from struggle and the portrayal of difficult lives.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00ln1dj)

The Complete Smiley - The Spy Who Came in From the Cold

Episode 3

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

The deadly game of deceit and betrayal reaches its climax at the foot of the Berlin Wall.

Smiley Simon Russell Beale
Alec Leamas Brian Cox
Fiedler Henry Goodman
Mundt Sam Dale
Liz Gold Ruth Gemmill
Ashe Jamie Newall
Tribunal President Siobhan Redmond
Peter Guillam Richard Dillane
Commissar Liza Sadovy
Agent Stephen Hogan
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.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00lr0bd)

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

SAT 22:15 Moral Maze (b00lpc9l)

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

The Moral Maze considers 'the holiday'.

It's that time of year when we can't wait to get away from work for a couple of weeks. Our one opportunity a year to jet off to far-flung and exotic destinations spewing carbon all over the place, where the human rights record is often appalling, to be waited on hand and foot by some poor waiter who is only paid a couple of dollars a day and to stay in a hotel where their idea of an environmental policy is to take our rubbish to a landfill for local people to pick over it, rather than dumping it at sea.

Is it time we re-calculated the true cost of that self indulgent holiday? Should we stay at home to help the UK economy? And should we think of improving the mind rather than our tan?

The witnesses are:

Leo Hickman
Author of *The Final Call: In Search of the True Cost of our Holidays*

James Panton
Manifesto Club; Campaign to Celebrate the Freedom of Flying

Cole Moreton
Journalist, currently writing a book about Englishness

Jonathan Lorie
Director of Travellers Tales Festival, an international festival of travel writing and photography.

SAT 23:00 Round Britain Quiz (b00lny4d)

Tom Sutcliffe chairs the cryptic general knowledge quiz, featuring the defending champions, the Midlands, taking on the south of England.

SAT 23:30 Poetry Please (b00ln2df)

Roger McGough introduces requests for poems about space by Shakespeare, Seamus Heaney and others.

SUNDAY 26 JULY 2009

SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00lr0lt)

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

SUN 00:30 Afternoon Reading (b008118x)

Cheltenham Festival Readings

Love with Impediments

Five stories from the 2007 Cheltenham Literature Festival. A futuristic story of consumerism gone mad and bad. Written and read by Hari Kunzru.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00lr0lw)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00lr0ly)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00lr0m0)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00lr0m2)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00lr0m4)

The sound of bells from Howden Minster.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b00lr0b6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00lr0m6)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00lr0m8)

The Rescuers

Mark Tully explores the theme of rescue. A mainstay of myth and fairytale, adventure and romance, why is the longing for rescue so pervasive, and the need to rescue so powerful?

SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b00lr14d)

Elinor Goodman visits a herd of ruby red cattle in the Devon countryside. Their owner, Kate Palmer, is passionate about the breed and about the local landscape. Elinor finds out about conservation on the farm and Kate's flock of black sheep, whose wool she makes into jumpers and throws.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00lr0mb)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00lr0md)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00lr0mg)

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 (b00lr14g)

SSAFA Forces Help

Martin Bell appeals on behalf of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) - Forces Help.

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SUN 07:58 Weather (b00lr14j)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00lr14l)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00lr14n)

Faith That Works is the theme of the 2009 Keswick Convention. Thousands come together in a big tent in the heart of the Lake District every summer to worship God and to grow in their faith.

Preacher: Amy Orr-Ewing

Leader: Derek Burnside

Music directors: Ray Monk and Steve James.

SUN 08:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lq99f)

Series 1

Archaeopteryx

Sir David recounts the remarkable story of a feather, like any other feather from a bird.

Only this one was 150 million years old, and the animal that lost it lived when birds had not yet evolved.

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.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00lr14q)

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

Social mobility has been in the headlines - so what is the best way to get to the promised land of meritocracy? Is that even all

it's cracked up to be? Lord Hattersley and Toby Young (son of Michael, author of the satirical dystopia *The Rise of the Meritocracy*) join the debate.

As plans are announced to electrify the main rail route between London and Swansea, we try and electrify parts of Broadcasting House.

After the last link to the trenches of the First World War goes with the death of Harry Patch, historian Jay Winter gives us his reflections on the Lost Generation.

Artist Tracey Emin, author and journalist Colin Cameron and historian Kate Williams review the papers.

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00lr14s)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00lt9m)

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall

Kirsty Young's castaway is the food writer and cook Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall. Famous for making paté out of placenta and dining on such delicacies as squirrel and rook in his TV programmes, he has made a name for himself as a cook on the wild side. So perhaps it is not surprising that his first ambition was not to spend his life inside a kitchen but in the great outdoors because, he says, he 'wanted to be David Attenborough'.

A stint in the renowned River Cafe in London, however, set him on his way to establishing his own waterside haven for food lovers, his River Cottage in Dorset. From there, he has followed his passion for the environment by campaigning for ethically-produced food, including championing a creature not normally given time on our small screens - the humble supermarket chicken.

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

Favourite track: Love Reign O'er Me by The Who
Book: Moby Dick by Herman Melville
Luxury: Full set of Scuba gear.

SUN 12:00 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue (b00lny4j)

Series 51

Episode 6

The perennial antidote to panel games comes from the Theatre Royal in Newcastle, with Rob Brydon taking on the chairman's role from the late Humphrey Lyttelton.

Regulars Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor are joined by Phill Jupitus.

With Colin Sell at the piano.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00lr14x)

Suckling Pigs

Suckling pigs - whole month old milk fed piglets - are a celebrated and celebratory part of Chinese, Spanish and Italian cuisine, but fell from favour at the British table many centuries ago as we became more urbanised - and squeamish. But with renewed interest in where our food comes from and how it is reared, suckling pigs are becoming a more common feature in our restaurants. So might they be ready for a comeback?

Sheila Dillon meets the farmers who turned around their own failing pig rearing business 34 years ago by carving out a new market for themselves, supplying suckling pigs to Chinese restaurants. Reporter Ray Kershaw visits Barry, Gillian and Richard Pugh of Pugh's Piglets to find out about their business, where now 40 per cent of their activities are directed at the mainstream restaurant market.

She traces our own British suckling pig heritage with food historian Ivan Day; historically it was suckling pig we ate, not full grown ones, and we also had a taste for many other juvenile birds and animals.

Sheila also visits China Tang at the Dorchester Hotel, where whole suckling pigs are a regular feature of the dining room, and a traditional part of Chinese wedding feasts. She speaks to Fuchsia Dunlop, a BBC journalist and award-winning author of several books on Chinese food, and Steve Downey, founder of Chef Direct, who supplies suckling pigs to English restaurants, about their potential for the future.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00lr14z)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00lr151)

A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

SUN 13:30 The Ian Blair Years (b0010xxj)

Episode 2

BBC home affairs correspondent Danny Shaw tells the inside story of Sir Ian Blair's tenure as commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

This liberal Oxford-educated 'Blairite' was once seen as the ideal candidate to modernise British policing and, in particular, to eliminate the taint of 'institutional racism' from the Met. But his tenure became increasingly controversial and he was forced to step aside, dogged by the police shooting of Jean Charles de Menezes, accused of racial discrimination by one of his most senior officers and facing allegations of cronyism.

Shaw talks to those who have known Sir Ian throughout his career and examines how Britain's highest-flying officer came to be embroiled in a bitter dispute at the top of Britain's biggest police force. Was Blair a victim of politicisation or could he simply not do the job as he had promised?

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00lq945)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Bunny Guinness, John Cushnie, Matthew Biggs and Pippa Greenwood answer questions posed by gardeners in Hampshire.

Including Gardening weather forecast.

SUN 14:45 The Estuary (b008kmgq)

Episode 4

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.

As the tide begins to recede, the hundreds of thousands of birds which had been roosting inland on the shingle banks and lagoons return to the mud flats, providing a noisy and wonderful spectacle.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00lr153)

Tennyson's Maud

Joseph Millson reads Alfred, Lord Tennyson's 1855 dark and lyrical poem Maud to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the poet's birth.

A disturbed young man roams the windswept hills, haunted by his father's suicide and his mother's early death. He blames his father's old friend, the lord of the Hall, for his ruin. The young man was betrothed to Maud, the lord's daughter, when they were children, but she and her family left the area after the suicide. But now there are workmen up at the Hall - Maud has come home.

With Kathryn Nutbeam.

Sound design by Christopher Shutt.

Directed by Abigail le Fleming.

SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00lr155)

Chris Patten, Adam Thirlwell, and Holiday Paperbacks

Chris Patten joins Mariella Frostrup to choose his Five of the Best. The former Cabinet minister, last Governor of Hong Kong and now Chancellor of Oxford and Newcastle Universities talks about his diverse reading tastes. He explains how his predilection for foreign fiction reflects a career which has often involved huge amounts of travel. He chooses the five books which mean the most to him.

Mariella also talks to Adam Thirlwell, who was named as one of Granta's Best of Young British Novelists at the age of 24 before his debut, Politics, had even been published. He discusses his long-awaited second novel, The Escape.

Suzi Feay picks some recent paperbacks, both fiction and non-fiction, ideal for taking on holiday this summer.

SUN 16:30 Poetry Please (b00lr157)

Listeners' requests for poems lead Roger McGough to swim with seals in icy waters, recall the wives of Thomas Hardy and contemplate life and death while talking about a tea tray. With readers Renu Brindle, Paul Mundell and Rupert Wickham.

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b00lp32g)

Corporate Fraudsters

Fraud is estimated to cost the UK economy upwards of 14 billion pounds a year, a figure which is expected to rise dramatically during the recession. Gerry Northam investigates whether some of the biggest and most audacious corporate fraudsters are now practically immune from prosecution.

SUN 17:40 Profile (b00lr0b6)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00lr159)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00lr15c)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00lr15f)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00lr15h)

Presented by Miriam O'Reilly.

Programmes featured:

Bigipedia - Radio 4
Sir David Attenborough's Life Stories - Radio 4
The Inconstant Moon - Radio 4
Americana: Jane Roe - Radio 4
Woman's Hour Drama - The Help - Radio 4
Macavity's Not There: TS Eliot in the 21st Century - Radio 4
Expenses: The MPs Story - Radio 4
The Film Programme - Radio 4
Archive on 4: On Northern Men - Radio 4
Adrienne Jones - Radio Lincolnshire
Afternoon Play - Chronicles of Ait - Radio 4
Outlook - Magdaline Makola - World Service
Worldplay - Pontypool - World Service.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00lr2bx)

It's Ian's afternoon off. He persuades Lilian to join him for afternoon tea and tells her how worried everyone is. Although she admits she feels acute hurt and pain, Lilian insists she'll be fine. Ian understands her pain; it's like the grief he felt when his mother died. Lilian agrees it's like a bereavement.

Helen thinks Annette's night out on Tuesday with Alice and her friends sounds fantastic but Annette's got nothing to wear. Helen offers to lend her a slinky dress, which she hasn't even worn yet, and her favourite strappy shoes. Annette can't believe it. The outfit looks great. Helen even offers Alice a lift at the end of the evening. Annette tells Helen she's a great friend. Helen just wants her to have a lovely time.

Tony's back's playing up again. Tom assures him he can cover his work. Tony's really grateful. Brenda accepts that they won't now be eating out as arranged, and takes Tom a pizza. She's not been able to get an extra ticket for her graduation on Friday but thinks it'll be great - just her, Tom, Roy and Mike - and for once, no Vicky.

Episode written by Carole Simpson Solazzo.

SUN 19:15 Americana (b00lr2g6)

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.

SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b008cnz8)

Blake's Doors of Perception

Jerusalem

Short stories marking the 250th anniversary of William Blake's birth, each inspired by a quote from the great poet.

Morris and his wife visit the Holy City, but it is back home on Hampstead Heath that Morris really begins to experience Jerusalem.

By Neil Gaiman, read by Alexander Morton.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b00lq943)

I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue producer Jon Naismith speaks to Roger Bolton about the experience of returning to the airwaves without Humphrey Lyttelton. We also go behind the scenes at Test Match Special.

On the next edition of Feedback we will be assembling a panel of listeners to raise their concerns about the BBC to the chairman of the BBC Trust, Sir Michael Lyons.

While Sir Michael does not run the BBC, he is the chairman of the group which supervises the corporation on behalf of license fee payers. Technically speaking, the BBC has to do what the BBC Trust says, and the BBC Trust has to do what you say. Is it doing that? If we can remind you;

Mark Damazer has already said on air that the BBC Trust is examining the possibility of adding humanist voices to Thought for the Day. Should they be doing that?

The BBC Trust has recently suspended bonuses for senior BBC staff; there has been no comment about the salaries of the on air talent though. Are presenters paid too much? Should their salaries be made public?

The potential DAB switchover in 2015 will affect many listeners. The Trust has vigorously opposed the suggestion that BBC license fee should be shared with other broadcasters to make local news. But have they said much regarding DAB?

The Trust recently examined radio provision for young people. Their findings were positive but are children actually well served on radio?

Radio 2 and 6 Music's remit are being examined by the Trust. Will this lead to change at the two stations? Would you want it to?

If you feel strongly about these topics, or any other, then please email us and we will be in touch.

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00lq947)

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

SUN 21:00 Face the Facts (b00lr2g8)

A Death Unnoticed

John Waite presents the investigative consumer series.

Every week, councils across the UK fund and organise funerals for people who have nobody else to take care of their affairs. Often these are deaths which have remained undiscovered for weeks, months or even years. In an ageing society, it is an issue expected to get worse. So how can someone die and no one notice? John Waite investigates the background to some of these desperately sad cases and asks whether anything could be done to make them less likely.

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00lr14g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 In Business (b00lpr3j)

Let's Start a Bank

Now might be a very good time to start a brand new bank, unencumbered by the toxic loans and the government bailouts of most of the old ones. Peter Day finds out from the experts how to start a bank as well as how not to do it.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00lr2gb)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00lr2gd)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster.

Including Strangers in the Lobby: Former Westminster journalist Olivia O'Leary tells the story of the small group of Irish journalists who work alongside the lobby correspondents of the major UK newspapers and broadcasters.

SUN 23:00 The Film Programme (b00lq949)

Sylvia Syms discusses her adventures in motion pictures. League Of Gentlemen member, writer and actor Mark Gatiss presents his alternative guide to British cinema. Jane Graham on the thin line between love and hate in modern romantic comedies.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00lr0m8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 27 JULY 2009**MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00lr2nc)**

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

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00lpc8f)
Black Girls and British Education - Roads

Most of the research into black children's experience in British education has focused on the underachievement of boys, whereas black girls are thought to be doing well. However, new research from Heidi Mirza at the Institute of Education shows that, far from being served well by the system, black girls are having to make huge efforts to overcome obstacles to their advancement and are still falling behind white girls and boys. Laurie Taylor hears about supplementary schools, retaking GCSEs and entrenched attitudes from largely white teaching staff.

Laurie also hears about the secret history of roads. Joe Moran calls them, 'the most commonly-viewed and least-contemplated landscape in Britain'. He tells Laurie how our motorways are built on pulped remaindered literature and that migratory birds use our system as tools for their navigation.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00lr0m4)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]**MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00lr2ry)**
The latest shipping forecast.**MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00lr48f)**
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.**MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00lr33h)**
The latest shipping forecast.**MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00lr4fv)**
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.**MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00lr4jt)**
Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Clair Jaquiss.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00lr4kg)
Anna Hill reports how people in rural towns and villages are pulling together to beat the recession. New figures suggest that the countryside is being harder hit than urban areas when it comes to job losses and shops closing. Anna visits Reepham, a market town in Norfolk, to find out how people there are coping with the downturn.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00lrp9)
The latest weather forecast for farmers.**MON 06:00 Today (b00lr4qt)**
Presented by James Naughtie and Sarah Montague.

Dr Wendy Piatt, of the Russell Group (which represents the 20 top universities), discusses whether the university system is doing enough to combat elitism.

Chairman of House of Commons' Justice Committee Sir Alan Beith discusses whether the CPS should change its policy.

John Black, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, discusses whether working time rules are realistic for doctors if the swine flu outbreak worsens.

Correspondent Katya Adler reports on President Obama's attempts to kick-start the Middle East peace process.

Security correspondent Gordon Corera reports on the importance of spy fiction for the real spies in MI6.

Angela Knight of the BBA and John McFall MP discuss whether the Chancellor was right to criticise bank lending.

Harry Patch, the last British survivor of the World War I trenches, has died at the age of 111. Correspondent Mike Thomson, who interviewed Mr Patch in 2005, reflects on the veteran's life.

Thought for the day with the Reverend Joel Edwards.

Chief executive of the Association of Train Operating Companies Michael Roberts responds to criticisms against rail franchises.

International Development Secretary Douglas Alexander and Lord Ashdown discuss if negotiations with the Taliban can be fruitful in Afghanistan.

Chairman of the Bar Council Desmond Browne and CPS head Keir Starmer discuss if in-house prosecutions are saving money.

Sports editor Mihir Bose considers how much the 2012 London Olympic Games are likely to cost.

Professor Tim Besley discusses the answers the Queen's question - why did no one see the credit crunch coming?

Managing editor of the Strand magazine Andrew Gulli and Professor Cedric Watts discuss the recently discovered novella by Graham Greene.

Gabriel Gatehouse reports from the Iraqi town of Mosul, where US forces have been quietly continuing their patrols.

Stryker McGuire, contributing editor to Newsweek, and writer Toby Young discuss whether parents should all be packing their children off for the summer vacation.

MON 09:00 MI6: A Century in the Shadows (b00lrnsk)
Gadgets and Green Ink

BBC security correspondent Gordon Corera looks inside Britain's Secret Intelligence Service. He talks to MI6 chief Sir John Scarlett, senior intelligence officers, agents and diplomats as well as their former arch enemies about the shadowy world of espionage.

Charting the early years of MI6, founded by Sir Mansfield Cumming - an eccentric and formidable figure known as 'C', who signed his name in green ink - the highs and lows of the two World Wars and details of some of the gadgets that any self-respecting agent could not do without.

MON 09:30 The Call (b00lrnsn)
Series 1

The Siege

Dominic Arkwright talks to people who have taken or made life-changing phone calls.

In 1980, police negotiator Max Vernon spent five days taking brief telephone calls from the leader of the terrorists who had taken 26 people hostage inside the Iranian Embassy in London. The siege ended when the SAS stormed the building, as Max listened on the other end of the line.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00lr50t)
The Accidental Billionaires

Episode 1

Ben Mezrich's new book charts the much-contested history of the genesis of the social networking site Facebook. It is a story of the desire to belong, the desire to make friends and the sometimes conflicting desire to make money. This dramatic narrative account is based on interviews and documentary sources.

It all begins in October 2003, when Eduardo Saverin first meets Mark Zuckerberg.

A Waters Partnership production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00lr73w)
Kathryn Stockett; Nepalese widows; Peanut allergy

Author Kathryn Stockett on The Help. Plus, the plight of Nepalese widows discussed; new research on peanut allergy; and inside the Royal Collection.

MON 11:00 Mind Changers (b00lry48)
The Pseudo-Patient Study

Claudia Hammond revisits another classic psychology experiment, David Rosenhan's Pseudo-Patient Study, gaining access to his unpublished personal papers to discover how it changed our understanding of the human mind, and its impact 40 years on.

Between 1969 and 1972, the clinical psychologist David Rosenhan and seven other people - none of whom had a psychiatric diagnosis - got themselves admitted to 12 different psychiatric hospitals around the United States. They did this by presenting with a single symptom, saying that they heard a voice which said words such as 'empty', 'dull' and 'thud.' Once admitted, they acted completely normally. Nevertheless, they were kept in for periods of between 8 and 52 days. Seven of them were diagnosed with schizophrenia and were released as being 'in remission'; not one of them was judged to be sane.

After Rosenhan published On Being Sane in Insane Places in the journal Science in 1973, the psychiatric profession went on the defensive to protest its diagnostic competence. The study struck at the heart of their attempts to medicalise psychiatry and

be accepted as proper doctors. Its impact was felt when the third edition of the profession's bible, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, came out in 1980: changes had been made which brought more rigour to the diagnostic process.

However, as Claudia discovers from Rosenhan's unpublished papers, for him the study was less an experiment of diagnostic efficacy than an anthropological survey of psychiatric wards. In a chapter of the book he never finished, she reads his poignant account of his own first admission, and his sense that 'minimal attention was paid to my presence, as if I hardly existed'.

Now suffering ill health and unable to speak, Rosenhan delegates his friends and colleagues professor of social psychology at Stanford University Lee Ross and clinical psychologist Florence Keller to speak to Claudia and show her the box containing previously unpublished material which throws new light on one of the most controversial and famous psychology experiments.

MON 11:30 Hazelbeach (b00lrnsn)
Series 2

Meat

Ronnie organises a raffle whilst James seems to be having a bad hair day.

Caroline and David Stafford's comedy about likeable conman Ronnie Hazelbeach starring Jamie Forman.

Ronnie Hazelbeach Jamie Foreman
Nick Paul Bazely
James Neil Stuke

Director: Marc Beeby

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00lrcqp)
Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.**MON 12:57 Weather (b00lr192)**
The latest weather forecast.**MON 13:00 World at One (b00lr19l)**
National and international news with Martha Kearney.

MON 13:30 Round Britain Quiz (b00lrnsr)
Tom Sutcliffe chairs the cryptic general knowledge quiz, featuring teams from Scotland and Northern Ireland.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00l36zj)
Shula's helping Alistair give the horses their boosters. She's seen Vicky around the village quite a lot. Alistair thinks Vicky's going to fit right in. Alistair's father rings.

Alistair tries to convince Jim that moving to Ambridge isn't the best idea! It's very quiet. Jim explains he's renting Blossom Hill Cottage until he decides to buy. With Alistair, Shula and Daniel, Jim won't be lonely. And he persuades Alistair to pick him up from Melrose!

Shula wonders why Alan hasn't mentioned Jim arriving at Blossom Hill. But maybe Jim will make his own friends, and mellow out in Ambridge.

Matt arrives at the Dower House, where Lilian's waiting. She tries to be pleasant but can't, and demands to know where he's been. Matt says he needed to get away. Lilian says this isn't enough information! Wasn't she worth a phone call? What was going on in his mind? Unable to open up, Matt claims he returned because he was fed up of motel life. Lilian's furious. His closing himself off is killing her. She's leaving him.

Lilian drives to Home Farm and finds Brian. She's distraught, not knowing where else to go. Matt's forced her to leave, before she loses her mind.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

MON 14:15 Drama (b00lrl1j)
Antimacassars and Ylang Ylang Conditioner

Comedy by Ian Potter. Eighty-year-old Frank is obsessed with coffee. One day, when he thinks he has run out, a trip to the shops turns into an odyssey.

Frank Russell Dixon
Ewan Stephen Hoyle
Nick Reece Noi
Mrs Johnson Sue Ryding

Shopkeeper Balvinder Sopal
Dave Greg Wood
Jiri/Rob Matt McGuirk

Directed by Gary Brown.

MON 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00lr0bb)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Saturday]

MON 15:45 Joan Armatrading's Favourite Guitarists (b00lrnkn)
Mark Knopfler

Singer, songwriter and guitarist Joan Armatrading talks to leading guitarists about their music and guitar technique.

Joan talks to Mark Knopfler, lead guitarist of Dire Straits. Knopfler is considered by many to be the most respected intricate 'fingerstyle' guitarist of the modern rock era. He brings his old Gibson and National steel guitar to the studio.

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00lr14x)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b00lr1tm)
Witchcraft

Ernie Rea and guests discuss the beliefs underpinning witchcraft. Do modern witches have anything in common with their forebears? And, have the Harry Potter books and films inspired greater interest in the craft?

MON 17:00 PM (b00lrq0v)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00lrq2g)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b00lr1tq)
Series 55

Episode 1

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game, with panellists Sue Perkins, Pam Ayres, Tony Hawks and Tim Rice.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00lr1v0)
Vicky's planning to buy some paint. Mike tells her he won't have any time for decorating but Vicky's got it sorted. She's got some savings and she'll have sold the flat soon, so she can pay a painter and decorator.

Mike breaks the news that Brenda's been unable to get Vicky a ticket for her graduation. Vicky takes the news well but she's sure it would carry more weight if Mike went to the faculty office to explain the family circumstances. Seeing Mike's hesitation, she offers to go herself but Mike thinks it would be better coming from him. Vicky thinks it'll be a lovely surprise for Brenda if she's there on Friday.

Matt shows art dealer Charles Bartholomew the pictures he's thinking of selling, explaining he wants to refresh his collection and invest in other areas. Charles senses that Matt's desperate so he negotiates hard. Matt has to offer more pieces before Charles offers the sum of money he needs. Matt knows Charles has got a good deal. When Charles points out that there's some really nice furniture in the house that would raise more cash, Matt insists he's not interested. The furniture belongs to his partner, so it stays exactly where it is.

Episode written by Carole Simpson Solazzo.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00lrq3c)
Arts news and reviews.

In 1992 the novelist Muriel Spark invited Martin Stannard to write her first official biography. Martin discusses the resulting book, which covers Muriel Spark's relationship with her son, her companion Penelope Jardine, and the Catholic church.

Lee Child tops bestseller charts with his Jack Reacher novels. Now his brother Andrew has published his first thriller. The brothers discuss competition, advice and how their reading habits have fed into their work.

Plus, reflections on the life of the choreographer Merce Cunningham, whose death was announced today.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00lsqcm)
The Help

Episode 6

Dramatisation of Kathryn Stockett's novel set in Jackson, Mississippi in 1962, about three brave women who dare to cross the racial lines.

Skeeter and Aibileen wait nervously to find out how much Miss Hilly has discovered about their secret project.

Aibileen Alibe Parsons
Minny Octavia Spencer
Skeeter Laurel Lefkow
Elizabeth/Celia Lydia Parker
Hilly Madeleine Potter
Miss Walters/Mrs Phelan Debora Weston
Raleigh/Johnny Nathan Nolan
Mae Mobley Edward Prout

Adapted by Penny Leicester.

MON 20:00 Calling Time on the Binge Drinkers (b00jz2s)
Frenchman, former Millennium Dome supremo and giant of the UK leisure industry PY Gerbeau examines our cultural obsession with drinking to excess and tries to find solutions to the problem.

The French businessman first came to prominence in 2000 when PY was brought in by the government to run the troubled Millennium Dome. A huge fan of Britain then and now, he is still puzzled by one national trait - the habit of binge drinking.

PY remembers the shock of his first encounter with the British weakness for excessive boozing. Shortly after arriving in London he came across a group of teenagers reeling about in the street surrounded by dozens of empty bottles. He soon discovered that drinking to excess is commonplace in towns and cities across the UK. It came as a double shock for Gerbeau because, despite his Gallic roots, PY himself rarely drinks, preferring to limit his own alcohol consumption to the occasional glass of dessert wine or champagne.

But now the issue of binge drinking is very much on PY's own doorstep. The Frenchman heads X-Leisure, the largest leisure owner in the UK. Every Friday and Saturday night, thousands of people visit bars and restaurants at operators inside his entertainment complexes. His team has worked closely with tenants to limit alcohol promotions, trying to achieve a best code of practice, but PY admits they have had limited success.

He now has broader concerns about the regulation of alcohol use and says: 'It's time for a prise de conscience - an awakening. The government has proved the case for tobacco, but the same needs to be done for binge drinking'.

MON 20:30 Crossing Continents (b00lygvy)
Pakistan

Bill Law investigates if Pakistani youngsters are in danger of joining the ranks of the Taliban or if they are fighting back against the extremists. Two-thirds of the Pakistani population is under the age of 25. In a country under siege from the forces of religious extremism, this youth bulge serves as a ticking time bomb.

MON 21:00 Biomimicry: Inspired by Nature (b00lr1s)
Scientist and broadcaster Prof Trevor Cox explores a new wave of biomimicry - copying nature - which aims to recreate the processes and systems, from self-cleaning lotus leaves to the Namibian fog-basking beetle, which can harvest moisture from the dry desert air.

Trevor meets the people attempting to emulate nature's genius. Their goal is not just to copy nature's structures, but to recreate the processes and systems that evolution has taken billions of years to perfect.

MON 21:30 M16: A Century in the Shadows (b00lrnkn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00lrqb2)
The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00lrqht)
National and international news and analysis with Carolyn Quinn.

Including a report on foreign secretary David Miliband's comment that dialogue should begin with moderate Taliban groups in Afghanistan. How do you know who is really moderate?

Banks to be questioned on their lending to small businesses.

The plight of Kosovo Serbs.

Should egg and sperm donors be paid for helping IVF couples?

Government green advisor says green rhetoric has not been matched with action.

What's behind the deadly clashes in Nigeria?

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00lt1pb)
The Rapture

Episode 1

Denise Black reads from Liz Jensen's eco-thriller.

In a world on the brink of destruction, Gabrielle Fox arrives at an adolescent secure psychiatric hospital, where a new patient is assigned to her. Sixteen-year-old Bethany Krall has committed an appalling crime and seems to know more about her new therapist that she ought to.

Abridged by Fiona McAlpine.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 23:00 Word of Mouth (b00lp2hl)
Chris Ledgard considers the use of words to control minds, exploring hypnosis, brainwashing and the recruiting language of cults to find out just how influenced we are by language.

Chris is put into an altered state of consciousness by the soothing words of a hypnotist, to find out what kind of words are used to do this and how. Some in the medical profession are calling for hypnosis to be used for pain relief during medical procedures such as bone marrow transplantation and cancer treatment. They say that as hypnosis has no side effects it makes the operation quicker, the recovery faster and the cost less than with the use of conventional anaesthetic. But does it really work, and if so, how? Chris talks to the scientists currently working on a systematic review to find out.

Can talk also be used to control and manipulate us into doing things that we would otherwise not do? Stories of people being indoctrinated into cults usually involve descriptions of brainwashing, corruption and manipulation. But are words really powerful enough to control the mind? Chris talks to an ex-cult member turned rhetorical theorist about how language is used.

MON 23:30 Hairspray and Harmonies (b00hr5kt)
Episode 1

Kit Hesketh-Harvey follows the Birmingham-based ladies barbershop chorus Second City Sound as it prepares to compete in the Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers in Harrogate.

Kit attends rehearsals in Birmingham, where he meets the 60-strong chorus of singers - and they put him through his musical paces.

TUESDAY 28 JULY 2009

TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00lr2m6)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by Weather.

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00lr50t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00lr2nf)
The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00lr485)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00lr2s0)
The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00lr4br)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00lr4fx)
Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Clair Jaquiss.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00r4jw)

With many rural areas faring badly during the recession, Anna Hill hears calls for us to take advice from the French if our village shops are to be saved. And, a year after they were dug up by protestors, GM potato crop trials are re-starting in Yorkshire.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00r4qk)

Presented by Sarah Montague and James Naughtie.

Children's charity Barnardo's is calling for an investigation into the methods used by high-interest lenders. Martin Narey, chief executive of Barnardo's, discusses whether companies were deliberately targeting 'desperate' people.

David Frost, of the British Chambers of Commerce, discusses what contingency plans need to be made to cope with swine flu.

Robert Piggott reports on the summer camp designed to encourage children not to adopt religious beliefs.

Jerome Church, General Secretary of the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association (Blesma), discusses the way compensation is awarded to soldiers.

Labour MP Andrew Dismore and Chief Constable Meredydd Hughes discuss MPs' call for 'no surprises' protest policing.

Jon Kay reports on a lucrative 'witch' vacancy at tourist site Wookey Hole in Somerset.

Thought for the Day with Dr Indarjit Singh, director of the Network of Sikh Organisations.

Rajini Vaidyanathan reports on why customers are often getting half the broadband speed of that advertised. Ed Richards, Chief Executive of Ofcom, discusses the results of a survey.

Labour MP Eric Joyce and former soldier Simon Weston discuss the system of compensation for injured soldiers.

Reporter Jack Izzard visits Canary Wharf in London to discuss whether jogging is really good for you. Editor of Runner's World magazine Andy Dixon and comedian Arthur Smith discuss the pitfalls of intensive exercise.

Professor Michael Reiss and MP Dawn Primarolo, the minister for children and young people, discuss whether the primary curriculum should include evolution.

Jonah Fisher reports on the protests spreading to many parts of South Africa.

Labour MP Tom Watson discusses how Whitehall can use Twitter successfully.

Afghan politician Malalai Joya discusses her opinion that democracy in Afghanistan is a facade.

Eight Afghan security guards have been killed by a bomb blast in Helmand. David Loyn reports on the remote-controlled blast in Gereshk district that comes just weeks before presidential and provincial council elections.

TUE 09:00 The Long View (b00lnync)

Policing Demonstrations

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

Jonathan examines the policing of demonstrations and asks what lessons can be learned in our own time from the 1855 Hyde Park disturbances. The newly established police force was criticised in Parliament and the press for using excessive force to control the crowd, goading the public and coralling the protestors into a confined space.

Jonathan and guests compare that controversy with the criticisms being levelled at the police force today in light of the G20 protests.

TUE 09:30 Musical Migrants (b00b4nqj)

Series 1

From Belgium to Buenos Aires

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

Despite having little interest in Argentina or tango music, Belgian bandoneon player Eva Wolff won a scholarship and arrived in Buenos Aires in 2002, soon after Argentina's catastrophic economic meltdown. The slump triggered a post-crisis tango renaissance and, as Eva relates, the tango scene is now more vital than at any time since it first developed in the city's slums.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00lr1rn)

The Accidental Billionaires

Episode 2

Ben Mezrich's new book charts the much-contested history of the genesis of the social networking site Facebook.

Some weeks after Mark Zuckerberg and Eduardo Saverin meet and become friends in October 2003, Mark finds himself hacking into the college networks. It is the beginning of a historic enterprise.

A Waters Partnership production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00lr61w)

Katherine Rake on feminism; Dreda Say Mitchell

Dr Katherine Rake on her campaigning career. Plus, author Dreda Say Mitchell on Geezer Girls; and does it pay to be nice at work?

TUE 11:00 The Chambers (b00lr4w)

Episode 2

The story of a top Chambers at the heart of Legal London as it prepares for wholesale change in the way lawyers' services are secured. It's winter and snow is disrupting plans.

At Outer Temple Chambers, the new management structure is firmly in place and Commercial Director Christine is leading the work to get Chambers in shape for the implementation of the new Legal Services Act in a year's time. Meanwhile Chambers' big winter PR social event at the Royal Courts of Justice is nearly scuppered by a taxi strike coinciding with a foot of snow. Barrister Cara is back at work after maternity leave, but when her nanny is called back to Poland she finds herself struggling to juggle work and home. New recruits are joining Chambers: Ali represents part of the business's ambitious plans for Middle East expansion while Michael's tax expertise is put to good use at a tribunal in Manchester. On QC Richard's farm, spring arrives as his new role as Head of Strategic Development begins to take shape, while by July, the nerves of Chambers' Pupils (trainee barristers) are shredded as decision day for whether they're going to be kept on at OTC or unceremoniously 'let go' approaches.

At least it's summer and there's the annual party to look forward to.

Producer: Simon Elmes.

TUE 11:30 With Great Pleasure (b00lr4y)

Honor Blackman

Guest performers select their favourite pieces of writing.

Honor Blackman introduces a selection of the poetry and prose which has inspired her through her long acting career. The pieces are read by Eleanor David, Nickolas Grace and Honor herself.

TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00lrq5)

Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00lr4c)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00lr194)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

TUE 13:30 Khmer Rock and the Killing Fields (b00lr50)

Robin Denselow tells the story of Cambodia's rock and roll stars who emerged during the late 1960s with a new sound known as 'Khmer Rock'.

Under Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge, almost all these singers and musicians were killed, but they're still revered by Cambodians today.

Producer: Sarah Cuddon

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00lr1v0)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 McLevy (b00nj7cj)

Series 5

The Chosen One

'The Princess of the Occult' is an Edinburgh sell-out, but the Victorian detective wonders if she's a fraud. Stars Brian Cox.

TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b00lr52)

Should we be constructing artificial reefs as havens for harried marine life? Why does no-one talk about cement when discussing climate change yet it is one of the biggest emitters of carbon dioxide? And just how much carbon dioxide is there in the atmosphere and can human activity really effect it? Also, how well is the message about environmental degradation being transmitted and why do larger animals live longer than small ones?

On the panel are marine biologist Dr Helen Scales, Professor Andrew Watkinson, Director of Living With Environmental Change, and Professor Philip Stott, environmental scientist at the University of London.

As always we want to hear your comments on the topics discussed and any questions you might want to put to future programmes.

House Martins. We want to hear your observations of House Martins; have they returned this year and when, and have they bred successfully?

Finally, Home Planet will be at the British Birdwatching Fair at Rutland Water to record a programme on the evening of Friday 21 August. Listeners are invited to come to the recording, and if you want to ask a question, please let the programme know in advance by clicking on the Contact Us link above.

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00ls1vk)

Three Women in a Motorhome

Pam's Story

Part 1 of 3 stories by Sue Teddern about three women who take a short but eventful trip in a motorhome. Pam's story is read by Lynda Bellingham.

Pam's husband died recently. The couple had just bought a motorhome and dreamt of enjoying their retirement on the open road, but ever since his death 'The Sedona' has been parked on the driveway - too symbolic to sell, too precious to use. Pam is cajoled by her daughter into taking it for a trip along The Severn, and on the way they pick up an eccentric elderly relative. Pam is grieving, but also learning to assert herself with a daughter whose concern manifests as control. Producer: Sarah Langan.

TUE 15:45 Joan Armatrading's Favourite Guitarists (b00lrms2)

Bonnie Raitt

Singer, songwriter and guitarist Joan Armatrading talks to leading guitarists about their music and guitar technique.

Joan talks to American blues singer and songwriter Bonnie Raitt, one of the few women to achieve fame as a blues guitarist. Joan hears how the young Bonnie dropped out of Harvard and hung out with the greatest bluesmen, learning slide guitar and techniques that have sustained her long and varied career.

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 16:00 Word of Mouth (b00ls65t)

Chris Ledgard explores the idea that the language we speak shapes the way we are and the way we see the world: that we really are different in different languages.

The programme visits a group of Asian women at home to hear about all the languages they speak, and how they manage to switch effortlessly between them. We talk to the professor who is leading research into the idea that the actual structure of our language makes a difference to the way we think.

And we hear from an Australian expert who believes that the difficulty of the English system of numbers puts English-speaking children at a disadvantage when it comes to learning to count.

TUE 16:30 A Good Read (b00ls65w)

Imelda May and John Hegley

Kate Mosse and her guests - singer, Imelda May and poet, John Hegley - discuss favourite books by Ernest Hemingway, Matsuo Basho and Erich Maria Remarque.

Two wartime classics and a poetic Japanese travelogue.

A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
Publisher: Vintage Classics

The Narrow Road to the Deep North & Other Travel Sketches
by Matsuo Basho, translated by Nobuyuki Yuasa
Publisher: Penguin Classics

All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque,
translated by Brian Murdoch
Publisher: Vintage

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00lrpvm)

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

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00lrq0x)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 18:30 Laurence & Gus: Hearts and Minds (b00ls65y)
Series 2

Episode 3

Comic sketches starring Laurence Howarth and Gus Brown.

Sketches about Industry and Laziness, with perspectives from Stalin's PA, a man with an awful lot of tortoises and the Pied Piper of Hamlyn.

With Kate Fleetwood, Isy Suttie and Duncan Wisbey.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00lrtn)

Matt tells David he's going up North for a few weeks to do a bit of business. David wishes him luck, and tells Ruth he feels sorry for Matt. Ruth agrees he can't be having an easy time.

David's busy but Ruth thinks he should still go on Thursday's farm walk. David agrees it'll be a chance to relax - something he can't do at cricket since Adam took over. He yearns for the halcyon days of Alistair's captaincy.

David's decided he wants to celebrate his 50th birthday with a family holiday abroad, if they can find someone to look after the farm. It's too much for Phil and Jill, and Ruth's not sure about Eddie. They won't tell the kids until it's sorted.

Tom's looking for volunteers for carrot weeding and Annette's happy to help. She gets a call from Jazzer who sweet-talks her into going out tonight.

Helen's surprised when Annette decides not to wear Helen's dress for her night out with Alice, and can't believe it when Annette blurts out that she's going out with Jazzer instead. She tells Helen not to wait up!

Episode written by Carole Simpson Solazzo.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00lrq2j)

Arts news and reviews.

Chair of the 2009 Man Booker Prize for Fiction judging panel, Jim Naughtie, and fellow judge Lucasta Miller, join Front Row to discuss the 2009 Booker Dozen longlist.

Sir John Eliot Gardiner has a reputation for his intimate knowledge of JS Bach's music, and, in the same week that his latest CD of Bach Cantatas is released, he conducts his Monteverdi Choir and the English Baroque Soloists for Prom 17, a selection of Bach's motets. John Eliot Gardiner discusses his fascination for Bach's music and why the motets are ideal as a late night Prom.

Jack Higgins is the literary pseudonym of Harry Patterson, British writer of more than 60 thrillers, including The Eagle Has Landed, which was published in 1975. To celebrate his eightieth birthday, Harry Patterson talks about a career at the top of the best seller charts.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00lsqc8)

The Help

Episode 7

Dramatisation of Kathryn Stockett's novel set in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, about three brave women who dare to cross the racial lines.

After the murder of civil rights activist Medgar Evers, Skeeter fears that she won't find any other black maids willing to tell her their story.

Aibileen Alibe Parsons
Minny Octavia Spencer
Skeeter Laurel Lefkow
Elizabeth/Celia Lydia Parker
Hilly Madeleine Potter
Miss Walters/Mrs Phelan Debora Weston
Raleigh/Johnny Nathan Nolan
Mae Mobley Edward Prout

Adapted by Penny Leicester.

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b00ls660)

US and UK Security Services

As evidence continues to emerge about the CIA's secret detention and interrogation programme, calls grow on this side of the Atlantic for an inquiry into claims that Britain colluded in the torture of suspects. Stephen Grey investigates the relationship between the US and the UK security services in the hidden War on Terror.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00ls662)

Redundancies among specialist staff at the National Library Service for the Blind in Stockport have prompted concern about the prospects for braille book printing in the UK. Is automated production the future? Can the computerised process deal with books which have complex layouts (those about gardening and cookery for example)? The RNIB respond to these questions and explain how the work will continue at their Peterborough site.

Also, a lesson in self-defence: reporter Mani Djazmi tries his hand at the art of ju-sitsu in a class designed specifically for blind and partially-sighted people, taught by professional martial arts trainer Steve Nicholl.

TUE 21:00 Case Notes (b00ls6bq)

Barrett's Oesophagus

Dr Mark Porter explores the diagnosis and treatment of Barrett's oesophagus. Barrett's oesophagus is a condition that affects some people who have had severe heartburn for a long time. Mark finds out how it is dealt with at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge.

TUE 21:30 The Long View (b00lncnc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00lrq7m)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00lrqb4)

National and international news and analysis with Carolyn Quinn.

Iran releases 140 political prisoners detained after the disputed elections. We hear from the daughter of an activist still in detention.

Why is rape such a big problem in South Africa?

Greenland grapples with climate change.

Is the system of legal aid in crisis?

A pint of milk is good for you - it's official.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00lw03q)

The Rapture

Episode 2

Denise Black reads from Liz Jensen's eco-thriller.

Bethany Krall, a troubled psychiatric patient, appears to possess prophetic powers brought on by electro-therapy and terrible nightmares. Her therapist Gabrielle Fox seeks advice from a scientist she meets at a charity ball.

Abridged by Fiona McAlpine.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 23:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00ls6bt)

Series 1

Episode 4

More fun and frolics round at Arthur Smith's home in Balham, south London.

With comedians Stewart Lee and Reginald D Hunter.

Plus music from Sophie Ellis-Bextor. Will she be in Arthur's kitchen?

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

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

TUE 23:30 Hairspray and Harmonies (b00hv33b)

Episode 2

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

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

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2009

WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00lr2m8)

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00lwrln)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00lr2nh)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00lr487)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00lr2s2)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00lr4bt)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00lr4fz)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Clair Jaquiss.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00lr4jy)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill, who hears that disease from imported pigs could threaten the national herd. With unemployment estimated to be a third higher in rural than urban areas, we find out how people in the countryside are dealing with the recession.

WED 06:00 Today (b00lr4qm)

Presented by Evan Davis and Sarah Montague.

Peter Kruse of Vestas says slow progress at the planning stage is damaging the on-land wind turbine industry.

Frank Gardner reports on the fate of two British private security guards held hostage in Iraq.

Reporter Angus Stickler visits Homerton Hospital in Hackney to discover how it is coping with swine flu.

Sarah Woolnough of Cancer Research and Kevin Melnyk of the Sunbed Association discuss if sunbeds can be used safely.

Correspondent Katharine Carpenter reports on claims that the way in which a council reclaimed land from an old steel works caused birth defects.

Bob Reitemeier of the Children's Society discusses the warnings of serious staffing shortages and a lack of leadership blighting social services in England.

Vice president of the Royal Meteorological Society Philip Eden explains why the 'barbecue summer' predicted in April is no more.

Thought for the Day with Rabbi Laura Janner-Klauser, of Alyth Gardens Synagogue.

Nicolas Bwakira, the African Union's special envoy to Somalia, and Yusuf Garaad Omar, head of the BBC's Somali Service, discusses the threat to the UK from Somalia.

Anas Altikriti, chief executive of the Cordoba Foundation (which works on conflict resolution) discusses the current hostage situations in Iraq.

Baroness Margaret Prosser, who chairs the Women and Work Commission, and Vivienne Brown, of the Institute of Career Guidance, discuss how the gender divide at work can be tackled.

Nicola Stanbridge reports on the opening of a rock and roll library by The Clash guitarist Mick Jones.

Mike Thomson reports on how donations from Today listeners have been used to help people in Congo.

Phil Mercer reports on the rescue of an Australian woman after being stuck in her toilet for a week.

Could Germany have won World War II if it wasn't for Hitler's ideological obsessions? Author Andrew Roberts reflects on the strategic and tactical mistakes the Third Reich made.

Writer and illustrator Matthew Rice explains why he has produced a guide to help bluff through a challenging architectural discussion.

John Payne, of the ExtraCare Charitable Trust and writer Stanley Johnson discuss the role of elderly citizens in the UK.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b00lxc6g)

Lively and diverse conversation with Libby Purves and guests.

Sylvie Silver is the winner of the 2009 Daily Mail Inspirational Women of the Year award for her work with two organisations that represent the youth of today and the older generation. For the past five years, she has been wing commander in charge of the London Air Training Corps, comprising 30 squadrons and 1,300 air cadets aged between 13 and 19. She also works as director of the charity NAPA - the National Association for Providers of Activities for Older People - which aims to improve the quality of activities for older people.

The writer William Fiennes's first book *The Snow Geese*, which he wrote while recuperating from an illness, follows the snow geese on their 3,000-mile spring migration. In his latest book *The Music Room*, he gives a moving account of growing up in a moated castle with his parents, sister and two brothers, including Richard, who developed epilepsy which eventually was to prove fatal.

Clara Salaman is an actress and writer, probably best known for playing DS Stanton in *The Bill*. In her first novel *Shame on You*, she draws on her own experiences of growing up and being educated in a religious sect which her parents became members of during the 1960s.

Terry O'Neill is the legendary portrait photographer who has stills of every famous face from the Beatles and Brigitte Bardot to the Queen and Nelson Mandela. He started working as a photographer at Heathrow Airport and one day took a black and white still of Rab Butler asleep on a bench. The print was bought by the Daily Sketch and his career was born. His latest exhibition, *Terry O'Neill: Behind the Scenes*, is at the Getty Images Gallery, Westfield, in London.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00lwtstj)

The Accidental Billionaires

Episode 3

Ben Mezrich's new book charts the much-contested history of the genesis of the social networking site Facebook.

Mark acquires a certain campus notoriety in the aftermath of his aborted website *Harvard Facemash* in the winter of 2003. But there are some perceptive young entrepreneurs who recognise his talent and want to harness it to their own web projects.

A Waters Partnership production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00lr6m6)

Sexual assault abroad: Hip dysplasia in babies

The realities of dealing with rape and sexual assault abroad. Plus, the importance of better education about hip dysplasia in babies, and eyebrow trends.

WED 11:00 In Living Memory (b00ls6xg)

Series 10

Oil in Dorset

BP has hit the headlines recently because of the Deepwater Horizon explosion in the Gulf of Mexico. This episode goes

back some 30 years to a time when Margaret Thatcher launched her privatisation strategy and sold the government's entire holding in BP. This coincided with a major discovery of oil in one of the most beautiful parts of Dorset. It also coincided with recessionary times and the need to generate revenue for the country. When geologists discovered what was the biggest onshore oilfield in Western Europe a dilemma arose. How could they open up a major oilfield around the Isle of Purbeck and Poole Harbour, one of the most important and protected stretches of landscape in the British Isles?

Some thought it impossible, but the oil men from BP were determined. However rather than a stand up fight with the locals they opted for a collaborative approach which has made their handling of this development a textbook example of how to develop oil drilling and production in an environmentally sensitive way. And, after a long battle and charm offensive to persuade the people of Dorset that they could drill for oil responsibly and without destroying the environment, their plans were passed. Chris Ledgard tells this fascinating story which is given more resonance by recent events in the Gulf of Mexico.

WED 11:30 Baggage (b00ls77k)

Series 4

Tales of the Unexpected

Comedy series by Hilary Lyon, set in Edinburgh.

It's December in Edinburgh and the Christmas spirit is in short supply. The spirit of whisky, however, features heavily, as Ruth decides whether or not to risk falling off the wagon and Caroline and Roddy risk seriously falling out.

Caroline Hilary Lyon
Fiona Phyllis Logan
Ruth Adie Allen
Roddy Robin Cameron
Hector David Rintoul
Nicholas Moray Hunter
Miriam Nicola Grier

Directed by Marilyn Imrie.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00lrcq7)

Consumer news and issues with Peter White.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00lr14f)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00lr196)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

WED 13:30 The Media Show (b00ls7fp)

The Asian Network lost one in five of its listeners over the past year and it came in for criticism in the BBC's Annual Report. Changes were made to appeal to a wider audience, which didn't tune in - so what went wrong? Steve speaks to Husain Husaini, Head of Programming at the Asian Network, Sunny Hundal, editor of *Asians in Media* and Dr Avtar Lit, the founder of Sunrise Radio.

The decision by STV, Scotland's ITV franchise, to drop *The Bill*, *Midsomer Murders* and other popular shows from its schedule has upset viewers. They have promised to fill the newly-vacated slots with distinctively Scottish programmes. But will this strategy win round the audience? TV critic Andrea Mullaney and Bobby Hain from STV join Steve to discuss.

BSkyB's annual financial results are due out. Continued profits are expected, just as others in the commercial sector are struggling. How are they weathering recession? Steve talks to Claire Enders, the founder and chief executive of media research firm Enders Analysis.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00lr1tn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b00lslgh)

Ladies' Day

By Amanda Whittington. To celebrate her early retirement, Pearl takes her two best friends from work for a day at the races. The outing becomes a rollercoaster ride of emotions, changing fortunes and some unexpected revelations.

Pearl Katharine Rogers
Jan Lynda Rooke
Shelley Louise Kempton
Kevin John McAndrew
Jack Robert Gwilym
Announcer Charlie Parkin

Directed by Sara Davies.

WED 15:00 Money Box (b00lqzts)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00ls21t)

Three Women in a Motorhome

Rosemary's Story

Part 2 of 3 of stories by Sue Teddern about three women who take a short but eventful trip in a motorhome. Rosemary's story is read by Marcia Warren.

Rosemary is an 84 year old who doesn't care too much for convention. She meets a young hoodie called Gavin in a launderette in Chipstow. Her two travelling companions charge her with looking after 'the smalls' while they stock up at the supermarket. As she gradually wins Gavin's trust, she hits on a very unusual gift idea for her friend back at 'The Beeches' retirement home.

Producer: Sarah Langan.

WED 15:45 Joan Armatrading's Favourite Guitarists (b00lrms4)

John Williams

Singer, songwriter and guitarist Joan Armatrading talks to leading guitarists about their music and guitar technique.

Joan meets classical guitarist John Williams. Regarded as the one of the finest classical guitarists of his generation, Williams has explored many different musical traditions including Spanish and jazz guitar. He plays Joan different music across from the centuries to illustrate the differences between classical and other forms of guitar music.

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00lsxgy)

Cervantes Don Quixote - Cultural Hybridity

The 15th century mosques of India were built by Hindu craftsmen trained on temples. Shakespeare borrowed from Seneca and emulated Ovid in the writing of his plays, and reggae was introduced to Britain by Jamaican immigrants who had brought African influence to the development of ska which in turn had borrowed from American R and B. No wonder that Edward Said said that, 'the history of all cultures is the history of cultural borrowing'. But is that cultural borrowing a fair exchange? Are some cultures more readily imposed than others and is there any sense in resisting the influence of foreign ways of life? Laurie Taylor discusses cultural hybridity with Tariq Ali, Peter Burke and Angela McRobbie.

WED 16:30 Case Notes (b00ls6bq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b00lrpvp)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00lrq0z)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 18:30 The National Theatre of Brent's Iconic Icons (b00lsxb0)

Bob Dylan

The multi award winning National Theatre of Brent Artistic Director Desmond Olivier Dingle and the entire acting company (Raymond Box) return, celebrating the living artists deemed by Desmond to be Iconic Icons.

The first iconic icon is the legendary singer, songwriter and artist Bob Dylan. Desmond and Raymond will trace his path from his humble beginnings as Robert Zimmerman in Hibbin, Minnesota, through journeying to bohemian New York, finding his inner voice and becoming the icon that is Bob Dylan.

Written by Patrick Barlow, with additional material by John Ramm, and performed by Patrick and John in front of an audience at the Bush Hall in London.

Desmond Olivier Dingle Patrick Barlow
Raymond Box John Ramm

Producer: Liz Anstee

A CPL Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00lr1rtq)

Peggy's had a bad night with Jack, and needs some help. At the Lodge, Lillian snaps at Jack. She was exhausted before she came and she wasn't thinking. Jennifer understands what Lillian's going through but Peggy's suffering too. She's lost Jack. Lillian says she's lost Matt too. Lillian feels awful about Jack, and the burden Jennifer's carrying. Jennifer's grateful when Lillian says she'll start pulling her weight.

Helen's running late and is furious when she finds the bathroom in a mess. Annette apologises - Jazzer had a shower at 3.00am before he went to work.

In the shop Vicky tells Lynda she loves married life. Lynda says she and Robert are enjoying summer evenings in their garden. Vicky says Willow Cottage's garden needs some work. Lynda invites Vicky to look at her garden for inspiration. Helen comes in, still cross with Annette. If she's going to have house guests, Helen doesn't want to have to cope with the debris.

At Ambridge Hall, Lynda suggests Vicky writes an article for the village website. Vicky receives a text from Mike - he's got her a ticket for the graduation. Lynda says Vicky could write a feature about it. Vicky thinks that sounds great. Mike and Brenda will love it!

Episode written by Carole Simpson Solazzo.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00lrq2l)

Arts news and reviews.

Rachel Weisz takes the role of fading southern belle Blanche DuBois in a new stage production of Tennessee Williams's *A Streetcar Named Desire*, at the Donmar Warehouse in London. The critic Bidisha reviews.

David Peace, author of the Brian Clough novel *The Damned Utd* and the recently televised *Red Riding* quartet, discusses his latest novel. *Occupied City* is the second in his Tokyo Trilogy, set in US-occupied Japan in 1948.

Pulitzer Prize-winning composer John Adams talks about creating a three-movement symphony from his opera *Doctor Atomic*, including an orchestral version of Robert Oppenheimer's Act One aria.

A major exhibition at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park includes rounded and patterned stone works placed outside on the grass, flattened clay hung in patterns on the walls and tables showing maquettes from his studio. Peter Randall Page discusses the way humans seek out symmetry and why one of his pieces was nearly destroyed.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00lsqcb)

The Help

Episode 8

Dramatisation of Kathryn Stockett's novel set in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, about three brave women who dare to cross the racial lines.

Skeeter's crossing of the fearsome Miss Hilly results in her almost total exclusion from the Jackson social set.

Aibileen Alibe Parsons
 Minny Octavia Spencer
 Skeeter Laurel Lefkow
 Elizabeth/Celia Lydia Parker
 Hilly Madeleine Potter
 Miss Walters/Mrs Phelan Debora Weston
 Raleigh/Johnny Nathan Nolan
 Mae Mobley Edward Prout

Adapted by Penny Leicester.

WED 20:00 Reality Check (b00lsyd2)

Series 2

Episode 1

Justin Rowlett presents a series of discussions with experts and people closely involved with the issues.

Those who seek to influence university policy are joined by students at the sharp end of the government's higher education policy to ask if the UK needs to send so many people to university.

Around 300,000 university students finish their studies in summer 2009, only to join one of the worst employment markets for years, and questions continue to be asked about the quality of education provided by some institutions.

WED 20:45 Strangers in the Lobby (b00lsyfw)

Olivia O'Leary tells the story of the only 'foreign' journalists allowed into the heart of Westminster: the Irish lobby. When Irish nationalists planted dynamite inside the House of Commons in 1885, their attack was foiled but the action led, indirectly, to the setting up of the modern lobby system. Today, all the major UK newspapers and broadcasters have lobby correspondents but it is a little-known fact that a small group of Irish journalists work alongside them.

WED 21:00 A Life With ... (b00lsyql)

Series 5

Ospreys

Writer and naturalist Paul Evans goes to the Highlands of Scotland to meet Roy Dennis OBE, statesman of British conservation, who has spent a life with ospreys - the iconic fish hawks which are slowly returning to Britain. Paul asks Roy what other creatures he would like to see back in the British countryside.

WED 21:30 Midweek (b00lxc6g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00lrq7p)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00lrqb6)

National and international news and analysis with David Eades and Jonty Bloom.

Corby families win their case over birth defects; how dangerous is environmental contamination?

Ireland gets tough with spending cuts. Why can't we do the same?

The BBC is welcomed back to Zimbabwe.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00lw09s)

The Rapture

Episode 3

Denise Black reads from Liz Jensen's eco-thriller.

Gabrielle and physicist Frazer Melville begin an affair, and Gabrielle's unsettling patient Bethany makes an accurate prediction concerning a natural disaster.

Abridged by Fiona McAlpine.

A Pacific production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 23:00 Act Your Age (b00ftb87)

Series 1

Episode 3

Simon Mayo discovers which generation is the funniest. With Jon Richardson, Lucy Porter and Roy Walker. From December 2008.

WED 23:30 Kicking the Habit (b007cmd)

Series 1

If the Boot Fits, Share It

Comedy drama by Christopher Lee, set in a Carmelite monastery where the brown habit is no protection against the problems and temptations of the modern world.

Noisy boots, an electric bath chair and a sexy redhead are all hazards along the quirky path to righteousness. And while dutiful Father Michael seeks spiritual guidance, his capable administrator Mave is possibly the real power behind the shrine.

Father Bertie Alfred Molina
 Brother Martin Roy Dotrice
 Father Michael Martin Jarvis
 Brother Luke Darren Richardson
 Mave Rosalind Ayres

Friars and pilgrims played by Kenneth Danziger, Tracy Pattin, Moira Quirk and Alan Shearman.

Directed by Pete Atkin

A Jarvis and Ayres production for BBC Radio 4.

THURSDAY 30 JULY 2009**THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00lr2mb)**

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

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00lwtsj)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00lr2nk)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00lr489)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00lr2sa)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00lr4bw)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00lr4g1)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Clair Jaquiss.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00lr4k0)

Charlotte Smith reports on the Farming Today bees' journey to the heather. The programme has its own hive, and the occupants will be spending about a month in Derbyshire. It is hoped that they will produce a good crop of heather honey, considered by many to be the best-tasting variety.

THU 06:00 Today (b00lr4qp)

Presented by Sarah Montague and Evan Davis.

Heart bypass patient John Royce and surgeon Ben Bridgewater discuss improvements in heart surgery.

Correspondent Jon Leyne speaks to Nedha Soltan's mother about her daughter's death during opposition protests following the election in Iran.

The BBC's ban on reporting from Zimbabwe has been lifted by the Zimbabwean government. Andrew Harding reports from the capital, Harare, on the current state of the country.

Political correspondent Norman Smith reports on the Tory parliamentary candidate elections for Totnes.

Home affairs editor Mark Easton reports on the findings of a report on the way police tackle drug crime.

The RSPB's Tony Whitehead discusses why the Smooth snake is being reintroduced to Devon.

Thought for the Day with The Reverend Angela Tilby, Vicar of St Bene't's Church in Cambridge.

Defence Secretary Bob Ainsworth discusses the future of compensation for military personnel.

Roger Howard, of the UK Drug Policy Commission, and Iain Duncan Smith, Chairman of the think tank the Centre for Social Justice, discuss a report by the UK Drugs Policy Commission.

Correspondent Andrew Harding reports from Harare, where he has been speaking to John Nkomo, Chairman of the Zanu PF party.

Carol Ann Duffy reads her poem *Last Post*, written to mark the death of the last British soldier to fight in World War One.

Lord Anderson and Sir Menzies Campbell discuss the Iraq war inquiry and what it might find.

Professor Ian Kennedy, former chair of the Healthcare Commission, discusses the importance of having more transparent NHS data.

Correspondent Humphrey Hawksley retraces Graham Greene's 1935 journey through Sierra Leone and Liberia and reports whether, 80 years later, the West's presence in Africa has changed.

Carolyn Regan, Chief Executive of the Legal Services Commission, discusses the implications of reducing the legal aid budget.

Author and former foreign correspondent Ed O'Loughlin and foreign correspondent Martin Bell discuss why foreign

correspondents attract so much interest.

THU 09:00 Inside the Ethics Committee (b00lszh4)

Series 5

Screening

Series in which Joan Bakewell is joined by a panel of experts to tackle the ethics involved in a real hospital case.

They examine the case of Ayesha and her bid to receive fertility treatment. Ayesha has a genetic condition which causes muscle weakness and curvature of the spine. She is in a wheelchair and heavily reliant on her husband and others for day-to-day tasks such as getting out of bed, having a shower and going to the toilet.

By law, the welfare of any child born through fertility treatment has to be assessed, and Ayesha's case is no exception. But how does her disability and future health affect the welfare of a child? Is it ethical to put the needs of someone who doesn't exist yet above those of someone who does? Should a fertility treatment request be treated any differently if one of the parents has a disability rather than a life-threatening illness like cancer? Whose job is it to decide what makes someone adequate parents?

There is a 50 per cent chance that her condition will be passed on to any future child. It is possible to screen out the condition in affected embryos. But Ayesha says she would accept any child regardless of its condition and wouldn't want any screening. The law says you cannot screen in a disability, but says nothing about screening one out. Is it ethical to consider screening for embryos in effect with the same condition as Ayesha's if she was offered fertility treatment?

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00lwttk)

The Accidental Billionaires

Episode 4

Ben Mezrich's new book charts the much-contested history of the genesis of the social networking site Facebook. It is a story of the desire to belong, the desire to make friends and the sometimes conflicting desire to make money. This dramatic narrative account is based on interviews and documentary sources.

In the summer of 2004, Mark moves the team to Silicon Valley, but Eduardo remains behind in New York and Harvard.

A Waters Partnership production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00lr6mb)

Widowhood at 23; Joint family holidays

Amy Molloy on widowhood at 23. Plus, the dos and don'ts of the joint family holiday; and Sylvia Plath's only play Three Women.

THU 11:00 Crossing Continents (b00lszh6)

A Journey Without Maps

Humphrey Hawksley retraces the extraordinary journey undertaken on foot by the novelist Graham Greene from Sierra Leone across Liberia in 1935. He feasts on sardines and luncheon meat, meets the lightning makers and devil dancers and is involved in a near-fatal car crash. How has West Africa changed? Is it better or worse than it was 70 years ago?

THU 11:30 Frequently Asked Questions (b00lszh8)

Writer Ian Sansom examines the changing nature of the relationship, and contact, between authors and their readers. From July 2009.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00lrcq9)

Consumer news and issues with Shari Vahl. Including Face the Facts, presented by John Waite.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00lrl4h)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00lrl98)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Questions, Questions (b00lszhh)

Stewart Henderson answers those intriguing questions from everyday life.

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00lrltq)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00lszhd)

Marmalade for Comrade Philby

Black comedy by Christopher William Hill. When mediocre novelist Patrick Bradyn discovers that his French translator has reworked his latest spy novel as autobiography, he finds himself with a profound moral conundrum.

Patrick Bradyn Bill Nighy
Hannah Olrod Penelope Wilton
Delphine Barbret Rachel Atkins
Ken Geoffrey Whitehead
Lottie Claudia Elmhirst
Barlow Adrian Scarborough

With original music by Lucinda Mason Brown.

A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 15:00 Open Country (b00lqpwl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00lr14g)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00ls21w)

Three Women in a Motorhome

Kate's Story

The last in a trilogy of stories by Sue Teddern about three women who take a short but eventful trip in a motorhome. Kate's story is read by Rebecca Smart.

Kate has given her mother Pam an ultimatum about the motorhome. For her own good; "It can't sit there through another winter. Let's take it on its first and last grand tour, then sell it." The intention was for them to spend some quality time together on the road, away from the pressures of her work so she could let go a little bit and relax. Plans go adrift though as a 'phone call from her colleague turns everything on its head.

Producer: Sarah Langan.

THU 15:45 Joan Armatrading's Favourite Guitarists (b00lrms6)

Russell Lissack

Singer, songwriter and guitarist Joan Armatrading talks to leading guitarists about their music and guitar technique.

Joan meets Russell Lissack, lead guitarist of indie-rock band Bloc Party and her youngest guitar favourite. Using his ever-expanding array of electronic effects, Russell is able to make his guitar sound like nothing else on earth. Be it spiky power chords, immersive walls of sound or the whoosh of an aeroplane taking off, he shows how far modern technology has influenced guitar playing in the wake of the psychedelic experiments of the 1960s.

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 16:00 Open Book (b00lr155)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00lszhh)

As Cambodia reports a rise in tolerance to the Artemisinin class of anti-malarial drugs, calls come from Nature, the Lancet and the WHO to further deploy so-called 'combination therapies' to combat the disease rather than risk a strain of Artemisinin resistant malaria. Quentin Cooper talks to Prof Chris Whitty, director of research at the Department for International Development, about resistance and epidemiology. They are joined by Colin Hill, chair of a consortium that aims to make the shrub Artemisia Annua a UK cash crop in order to make production of the drug cheaper.

As Ofcom reports on variance in UK broadband bandwidth provision, Prof Laurie Cuthbert of Queen Mary, University of London's Department of Electrical Engineering talks about the material nature of the broadband network. What is the difference between a balanced pair and a DSLAM multiplexer? How many mega bytes does it take to bite of bit of the world wide web?

Hailed as the beginning of gene therapy 20 years ago, the discovery of the Cystic Fibrosis Gene had raised expectations of marvellous new cures of gene based diseases - by replacing a mutated gene with a straight one, for example. Quentin catches

up with Prof Eric Alton, whose team are currently doing safety trials on a new therapy to see if the technology has lived up to its initial promise.

And as England take on Australia in the third Test, Quentin pitches a question or four to Dr David James on the state of cricket grounds. How might science help the groundsmen in charge of our first-class pitches to raise the English game?

THU 17:00 PM (b00lrpvr)

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

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00lrl11)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 18:30 Shappi Talk (b00lszjh)

Series 1

Growing Up in the UK

Shappi is joined with black comedian Ava Vidal who'll be looking back at her unusual childhood. Shappi also chats with another 'related' guest- and this week she talks to author Ben Okri who reveals some amazing story from his childhood with a very alternative father and some childhood challenges.

There'll also be a chance for Shappi to chat with the audience and there'll be a song from Hills Barker.

Producer: Paul Russell

An Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00lrts)

Dropping Abbie off with Brenda, Roy asks about tomorrow's graduation. Brenda says she tried to get Vicky a ticket. But Roy says Brenda should forget about it and enjoy tomorrow.

Brenda phones Roy at work. She's just received another ticket, "at the request of Mr Tucker". She can't believe Mike's pestered the university for it. Roy says Mike's just trying to keep everyone happy. But Brenda thinks it's just Vicky he's trying to please.

Jennifer tells Tony her life's rather chaotic at the moment. Jennifer thinks Peggy's worried about her finances. She and Tony don't understand why, so they agree Jennifer should talk to her. Jennifer asks how Tony's managing with his bad back. Tony says Tom's been helping. Tony's sorry things are difficult for Jennifer and asks how long Lilian will be staying. Jennifer says Lilian's got nowhere else to go, has she?

Brenda's thrilled to be out with Helen. Brenda's looking forward to tomorrow, as long as Vicky keeps a low profile. Helen spots Jazzer with his arm round a girl. Furious that Jazzer was only with Annette yesterday, Helen storms over, demanding an explanation. Jazzer's not pleased and Brenda drags Helen away. Helen tells Jazzer to stay clear of Annette.

Episode written by Carole Simpson Solazzo.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00lrlq2n)

Arts news and reviews.

Starring Audrey Tautou, Coco Before Chanel charts the tough early life of the legendary fashion designer whose name became synonymous with simple, unadorned chic. Linda Grant, author of *The Clothes on Their Backs* and *The Thoughtful Dresser*, gives Front Row her verdict.

Award-winning Iranian author Shahriar Mandanipour was banned from publishing anything in his own country for seven years. Now living in America, he's just brought out his first novel in English: a playful observation on the absurdities of life in modern Iran and on the impossibility of writing a love story set in a country where men and women are not permitted to be alone together.

The new film *G-Force* is about a specially trained squad of guinea pigs who are dispatched to stop a diabolical billionaire from taking over the world. Film critic Mark Eccleston gives an A-Z of animals in the movies.

There are over 700,000 disabled children in the UK, but they are rarely depicted in books and illustrations. An exhibition at The Foundling Museum in London aims to redress the balance and provide them with literary role models. Illustrator Jane Ray tells Kirsty Lang how disabled children have responded to the exhibition.

As the Mariinsky Ballet arrives at The Royal Opera House in London, Judith Mackrell reflects on the increasing internationalisation of the world of dance.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00lsqcf)

The Help

Episode 9

Dramatisation of Kathryn Stockett's novel set in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, about three brave women who dare to cross the racial lines.

Minnie worries that Miss Celia is about to make a fool of herself at the Jackson Junior League Annual Benefit. Meanwhile, Skeeter has a deadline to meet.

Aibileen Alibe Parsons
 Minny Octavia Spencer
 Skeeter Laurel Lefkow
 Elizabeth/Celia Lydia Parker
 Hilly Madeleine Potter
 Miss Walters/Mrs Phelan Debora Weston
 Raleigh/Johnny Nathan Nolan
 Mae Mobley Edward Prout

Adapted by Penny Leicester.

THU 20:00 The Report (b00lszhl)

Dog Fighting

Organised dog fighting is believed to be on the increase among some young British Asians. Dog fighting is a long-established tradition in parts of Pakistan but here in the UK, it is being linked to other violent criminality - with drug money being used to wage bets on the outcome of the fight. Amardeep Basseyy investigates.

THU 20:30 In Business (b00lszhh)

Learning Curve

A 21st-century corporation needs a different kind of organisational structure from the old command and control mechanisms that built the world's biggest companies. Peter Day finds out how people can create learning organisations without commanding and controlling.

THU 21:00 Inside the Ethics Committee (b00lszh4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:45 Top of the Class (b00cq602)

Series 1

Bill Morris

John Wilson meets leading figures in their fields and takes them back to the places and people they left behind but who influenced their later success.

Former Trade Union leader, Lord Bill Morris returns to the car component manufacturer in Birmingham where he began work as an 18 year old in overalls on the factory floor drilling holes in 1954.

John Wilson takes Lord Bill Morris back to the company he worked for in Birmingham for nearly twenty years before he ascended the union ranks to become Britain's first black trade union leader. He is reunited with his then union mentor, Graham Gold and manager Maureen Constantine - both people who Bill regards as instrumental to his later success. Bill first worked in the car manufacturing firm in 1954 as an 18 year old in overalls drilling holes. All the time he was a quietly ambitious man with his eye on greater things. He quite fancied the "white coat" supervisor's job but found success first in the union.

Producer - Sarah Taylor.

THU 21:58 Weather (b00lrq7r)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00lrqb8)

National and international news and analysis with David Eades.

Laws on assisted suicide to be clarified.

The Boko Haram sect: Nigeria's Taleban.

President Obama buys 'race cop' a beer.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00lw0cb)

The Rapture

Episode 4

Denise Black reads from Liz Jensen's eco-thriller.

Bethany predicts a powerful earthquake in Turkey, and Gabrielle has a disturbing encounter with her predecessor at the psychiatric hospital.

Abridged by Fiona McAlpine.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 23:00 Bigipedia (b00lszss)

Series 1

Episode 2

The omniscient friend you know from your computer and laser watch takes over Radio 4 for 30 minutes in a unique experiment in broadcastcasting.

Written by Nick Doody and Matt Kirshen with Carey Marx and Sarah Morgan.

Featuring Ewan Bailey, Sam Battersea, Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Nick Doody, Neil Edmond, Pippa Evans, Kobna Holdbrook-Smith and Lewis MacLeod.

THU 23:30 Will Smith Presents the Tao of Bergerac (b007tz8w)

Episode 1

Jersey-born comedian Will Smith is obsessed with 1980s BBC TV detective series Bergerac.

So when he found an audio book of John Nettles reading the ancient Chinese text of the Tao, it's become a guiding force to navigate the minefield of his life.

For starters, Will is seeking justice.

With Adam Buxton, Matt Holness, Simon Greenall, Dan Tetsell and John Nettles.

Written by Will Smith and Roger Drew.

Producer: Tilusha Ghelani

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2007.

FRIDAY 31 JULY 2009**FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00lr2md)**

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00lvttk)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00lr2nm)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00lr48c)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00lr2s6)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00lr4by)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00lr4g3)

Daily prayer and reflection with Rev Clair Jaquiss.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00lr4k2)

The British summer may have failed to materialise so far, but plenty of us are still holidaying in the UK, which is good news for rural areas. Some parts of the tourism industry are reporting increases of as much as 20 per cent. They are crediting the recession and the weakening pound for attracting more foreign visitors.

Also, Charlotte Smith gets farmers' reaction to research which says that organic food is not nutritionally any better than conventionally-grown food and finds out why a major campaign is being launched to persuade 15 to 24-year-olds to drink more milk.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00lr4qr)

Presented by James Naughtie and Evan Davis.

England's Chief Medical Officer Sir Liam Donaldson discusses whether swine flu is peaking.

Ander Chinchurreta reports on the aftermath of a bomb explosion in Majorca, which has been blamed on the Basque separatist group Eta.

Correspondent Rajini Vaidyanathan talks to computer hacker Gary McKinnon's mother Janis Sharp about why she believes her son should not be extradited to the US.

Elisabeth Buggins, former Chair of the Organ Donation Taskforce, discusses a ban on private organ transplants.

Multiple sclerosis sufferer Debbie Purdy and her husband Omar Puente discuss the end of their long legal battle to clarify the law on assisted suicide.

Arts correspondent David Sillito reports on the two million pound restoration project at Dover Castle.

Thought for the Day with the writer Rhidian Brook.

Treasury Select Committee chair John McFall discusses what needs to be done to shore up the banking system.

The Director of Public Prosecutions is to clarify the law on assisted suicide. Professor David Jones and Liberal Democrat peer Lord Goodhart discuss the landmark judgement.

Author Victor Sebestyen and lecturer Mark Almond discuss whether the relatively hardline policies of Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher should be given the credit for the fall of the Iron Curtain.

Financial Secretary to the Treasury Stephen Timms discusses who is responsible for financial stability in the banking system.

Middle East correspondent Tim Franks reports on the haredim riots which stem from the Jerusalem mayor's plans to open a car park on Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath, and the arrest of an ultra-orthodox mother suspected of starving her toddler.

A GP who was struck off the medical register after he tried to help his friend to commit suicide is involved in a fresh right-to-die case, it has been revealed. Dr Michael Irwin discusses the possibility of facing a long prison sentence for 'aiding and abetting' a suicide.

Economics editor of the Telegraph Edmund Conway and Andrew Lilico, chief economist at the Policy Exchange think tank, debate whether the the so-called 'efficient markets hypothesis' remains intact.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00ltn9m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00lwtv6)

The Accidental Billionaires

Episode 5

Ben Mezrich's new book charts the much-contested history of the genesis of the social networking site Facebook.

As Facebook's users begin to grow exponentially, the sums of money being bandied around by prospective investors also grow. So do the egos and anxieties of those involved with the company.

A Waters Partnership production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00lr6ml)

Health in Hartlepool; Shabby chic

Women's health in Hartlepool discussed. Plus, living in families with a gender imbalance; and how to create the shabby chic look on a budget.

FRI 11:00 Anatomy of a Car Crash (b00f4ryn)

The Sony Radio Academy Award-winning documentary about a fatal car crash in Cornwall involving a nursery nurse and a former policeman.

In their own words, the survivors explain the life-changing consequences of the sort of car crash which happens every day in the UK but which is often overlooked. Their story shows how a moment's inattention can trigger traumatic physical and psychological effects, exploring the chain of events set in motion from the moment of the collision to the conclusion of legal proceedings.

FRI 11:30 Cabin Pressure (b00lt16c)

Series 2

Ipswich

When the crew have to go on a refresher Safety & Emergency Procedures course, it spells trouble for Douglas's inner dog and Martin's inner ear. Plus Arthur gets a chance to show off his exceptional eating skills.

With special guests Phil Davis ('Vera Drake') and Alex MacQueen ('The Thick Of It').

Starring

Carolyn Knapp-Shappey Stephanie Cole
1st Officer Douglas Richardson Roger Allam
Capt. Martin Crieff Benedict Cumberbatch
Arthur Shappey John Finnemore
Mr Sargent Phil Davis
Dr Peter Duncan Alex MacQueen

Written by John Finnemore.

Produced & Directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00lrqce)

Consumer news and issues with Peter White.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00lr14k)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00lr19b)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00lt16f)

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

Sir Michael Lyons, chairman of the BBC Trust, faces a selected panel of Feedback listeners and addresses their concerns about topics including presenter salaries, Thought For The Day and the 2015 DAB switchover.

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00lr1ts)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b00lt16h)

Telling the Bees

By Rebecca Trick-Walker.

After the death of her husband, May struggles to come to terms with her grief. Solace is at hand, but from an unexpected quarter - and only if May can summon the courage to face some long-held fears.

May Kika Markham

Alex Victoria John

Ed Howell Evans

The Story of the Bees Dorian Thomas

Music by Jane Watkins.

Directed by Sam Hoyle.

FRI 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00lt16k)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Bob Flowerdew, Pippa Greenwood and Anne Swithinbank answer questions posed by members of Letchworth District Gardeners Association.

Letchworth was the world's first garden city, founded in 1903 by social reformer Ebenezer Howard. Planners gave its citizens a generous space for each garden, and one of the founding principles was that the town should have the space to grow its own food. The panel find out whether Letchworth's history gives its gardeners an advantage today, given that the concept of self-sufficiency and the 'grow your own' movement are increasingly popular.

Also, Anne Swithinbank unearths a local colony of rare - but temperamental - black squirrels and Pippa Greenwood explores ways of getting children interested in gardening during the summer holidays.

Including Gardening weather forecast.

FRI 15:45 Joan Armatrading's Favourite Guitarists (b00lrms9)

Bert Jansch

Singer, songwriter and guitarist Joan Armatrading talks to leading guitarists about their music and guitar technique.

Joan meets Bert Jansch, widely acknowledged as one of the most influential musicians of all time. Since the mid-1960s, every generation has been held spellbound by his extraordinary fingerpicking and stringbending techniques. He continues to be revered as the master guitarist of folk music.

A Just Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00lt16m)

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

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00lt16p)

The star of La Haine, Vincent Cassell, discusses the life and death of Jacques Mesrine, France's Public Enemy Number One, the subject of his new movie.

David Warner, the star of Morgan: A Suitable Case For Treatment, reveals how Sam Peckinpah saved his career.

Mark Gatiss from The League Of Gentlemen continues his alternative guide to British cinema.

Jane Graham offers tips for movie mobsters on how to dress for a heist.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00lrpvt)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00lrq13)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 18:30 The Now Show (b00lt16r)

Series 28

Episode 6

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

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00lr1tv)

Arriving to look after the pigs, Jazzer moans about Helen's outburst last night. Tom can see Helen's point. Jazzer has to tell Annette it's over.

Annette asks Helen if she had a good night. Helen doesn't elaborate! Annette clears her phone's inbox, to make sure new texts can get through. Annette is pleased when guilty Helen says they should have a night in together.

Brenda, Tom, Mike and Vicky arrive for the graduation ceremony. Vicky spots some empty seats and she and Mike make a dash for them. But there are only three. Tom offers Roy his seat but Roy has spotted one elsewhere.

Vicky takes pictures of everyone. Brenda asks Roy where he was sitting - she couldn't see him, and she really wanted her family together, so she could wave to them all.

At drinks later, Brenda stands with Tom. She tells him Vicky didn't correct the Dean when he assumed Vicky was her mother. Tom asks Vicky to show him and Roy what's what with the buffet. Mike hands Brenda a box. It's a watch. Mike tells Brenda this is one of the proudest days of his life. And her Mum would have been just as proud too.

Episode written by Carole Simpson Solazzo.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00lrq2q)

It was the book that caused a scandal, with one reviewer calling it 'sheer, unrestrained pornography'. That book was Nabokov's Lolita and Front Row interviewee George Weidenfeld was the man responsible for publishing it. On the advent of his 90th birthday, Weidenfeld looks back over his career, from his early years at the World Service during the war, to how he narrowly escaped criminal prosecution; revealing how he persuaded Pope John Paul II to write his memoirs, and what Nabokov thought of Saul Bellow.

In the nineteenth century, despite the gruesome trade plied by bodysnatchers, the demand for cadavers that could be used in anatomy classes far outstripped supply. Wax anatomical models, which could be split into sections, were used instead. Prof Lynda Nead gives Front Row her verdict on the Wellcome

Collection's exhibition of these eerie - and sometimes beautiful - models.

As the original cast recording of Stephen Sondheim's musical Road Show is released for the first time, theatre critic Matt Wolf reflects on the many different incarnations and name changes of what may be the composer's most-revised show.

Author David Hewson discusses his latest novel about a corrupt Italian president and how Silvio Berlusconi has caused him problems.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00lsqej)

The Help

Episode 10

Dramatisation of Kathryn Stockett's novel set in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, about three brave women who dare to cross the racial lines.

The collaborators hold their breath as their book reaches the bookstores. Will the ladies of Jackson recognise themselves as described by their maids?

Aibileen Alibe Parsons

Minnie Octavia Spencer

Skeeter Laurel Lefkowitz

Elizabeth/Celia Lydia Parker

Hilly Madeleine Potter

Miss Walters/Mrs Phelan Debora Weston

Raleigh/Johnny Nathan Nolan

Mae Mobley Edward Prout

Adapted by Penny Leicester.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00lt16t)

Eddie Mair chairs the topical debate in Fishguard, Pembrokeshire. The panellists are secretary of state for Wales Peter Hain, Conservative home office spokesman Damian Green, columnist Tanya Gold and writer Tony Sewell.

FRI 20:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00lt16w)

Series 1

Salamander

Sir David's first pet was a fire salamander, given to him by his father on his 8th birthday.

He also gave his own son a salamander on his 8th birthday, the legacy of which is very much alive and kicking today.

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 Friday Drama (b00lt16y)

Series 2

The Prodigal Fraudster

Second series of three political dramas.

By Mike Harris.

MP Bobby Khan has his sights set on a ministerial post, but things don't go quite to plan. Bobby's mother Elizabeth is also delivered a shock which changes the family dynamics forever. An unexpected visitor brings danger to the Khan household as the murky world of fraud and double dealings are brought to the fore.

Bobby Khan Zubin Varla

Elizabeth Khan Barbara Marten

Lucy Khan Nicola Stephenson

Imran Khan Bhasker Patel

Mike Winters Michael Feast

Wasim Christopher Bisson

Barry Lee Boardman

Isabella Fiona Clarke

David Hart James Quinn

Sara Khan Millie Rose Kinsey

Directed by Pauline Harris.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00lrq7t)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00lrqbb)

National and international news and analysis with Roger Hearing.

Hacker Gary McKinnon loses his appeal against extradition to the United States.

More civilian deaths in Afghanistan; are allied forces in danger of losing their battle for Afghan hearts and minds?

Tributes flow in after the death of the football great Sir Bobby Robson.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b001w1bs)

The Rapture

Episode 5

Denise Black reads from Liz Jensen's eco-thriller.

Gabrielle confronts Leonard Krall, Bethany's father. Bethany's predictions are turning out to be disturbingly and destructively accurate.

Abridged by Fiona McAlpine.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b001s65w)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Listen Against (b0088nmz)

Series 1

Episode 1

A cheeky round-up of a week's worth of BBC radio that never happened.

Alice Arnold and Jon Holmes rewind and mangle real programmes from across the networks - featuring Scott Mills, Gordon Brown, Steve Wright and John Humphrys - and put them back together the wrong way round.

The brain-child of writer, comic and broadcaster Jon Holmes.

Producer: Bill Dare

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2007.