

## SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2009

**SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00m463q)**

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

**SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00m82yy)**

My Father's Places

Episode 5

Sian Thomas reads from Aeronwy Thomas' memoir of her childhood in Laugharne on the south Wales coast with her father, Dylan Thomas, and mother Caitlin.

The cracks in Dylan and Caitlin's marriage begin to show and Aeronwy feels the effects.

Abridged by Jane Marshall.

A Jane Marshall production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00m463s)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00m463v)**

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

**SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00m463x)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00m463z)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00m4641)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Shaykh Michael Mumisa.

**SAT 05:45 Backstreet Business (b008pxt0)**

Episode 5

Nicola Heywood Thomas visits five small businesses. Peter Nardi invents conjuring tricks and produces the equipment for them at his workshop in Kent.

**SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00m4643)**

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

**SAT 06:04 Weather (b00m52st)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00m52sw)**

One of the proposed sites for the new generation of nuclear power stations is farmland near the villages of Kirksanton and Silcroft on the Cumbrian coast. Helen Mark finds people there fighting the plans, but also some who support the idea.

Kirksanton lies south of Sellafield, and this rural community, nestled between the most southerly fells of White Combe and Black Combe, was shocked to hear of the plans. Many villagers believe that the development would destroy the tranquility and beauty of the area they love. Others welcome the plans and the one opportunity they may bring to reinvent the Millom area as a centre for excellence in the nuclear industry, providing jobs, improving infrastructure and ensuring young people have a future in the area.

Helen considers what would be gained and what would be lost.

**SAT 06:30 Farming Today (b00m52vk)**

Farming Today This Week

Ready meals are here to stay, whether you think it's the height of laziness or a way to feed a time-pressed population. We eat more than 800 million of them each year in the UK, and there is huge variety of them, from a basic frozen lasagne to a fancy risotto.

Charlotte Smith finds out who is now buying ready meals, what's in them and how much of the contents is, or could come, from British farms.

**SAT 06:57 Weather (b00m52vm)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 07:00 Today (b00m52vp)**

Presented by Edward Stourton and John Humphrys.

Who is telling the truth about the background to the Lockerbie bomber's release? Correspondent Christian Fraser and political reporter Alicia Maccarthy reflect on allegations that the release of Abdelbaset Ali al-Megrahi was tied to trade deals.

John Sudworth reports on the first meeting between officials from North and South Korea for almost two years.

Richard Garner, Education Editor of The Independent, discusses the severity of the shortfall of places to university.

Reporter Rajini Vaidyanathan meets The Fortune Group, a number of young performers from Afghanistan, Iraq and Zimbabwe who have all been forced to flee from their countries because of persecution.

Experts Andrei Kortunov and Oksana Antonenko discuss a recent increase in Islamist violence in Chechnya.

EU monitors in Afghanistan are to publish their assessment of the elections in the country. Ian Pannell reports.

The 10th Mobile Phone Throwing World Championships are being held in Finland. Founder of the competition Christine Lund discusses the best technique for competitors.

Thought for the day with the Reverend Roy Jenkins, a Baptist minister.

Former chairman of Lloyds Banking Group Sir Victor Blank has been explaining the decision to go ahead with a merger with Halifax Bank of Scotland which led to his resignation.

Patrick Cockburn, of the Independent, and Michael Clarke, director of the Royal United Services Institute, discuss the worst violence in Iraq for several months.

John Gair, an eyewitness to the Lockerbie bombing and local historian, discusses how the people there have dealt with the tragedy and what he thinks of the current furore.

Former Harlequins rugby director Dean Richards has admitted he ordered the fake blood substitution of Tom Williams that led to his own three-year ban. Actor Nick Asbury explains how one should go about faking an injury convincingly.

Correspondent Christian Fraser reports on why Col Gaddafi chose to meet Lockerbie bomber Abdelbaset Ali al-Megrahi. Shadow Foreign Affairs Minister David Lidington and Lib Dem MP Ed Davey discuss whether Megrahi was released to ensure UK trade deals with Libya.

Headmaster Thomas Packer discusses whether fee-paying schools are at a disadvantage.

How easy is it to establish a bank? Entrepreneur Nigel Brown and Giles Andrew, co-founder of Zopa.com, discuss what can be done to increase competition in the sector.

Jahid Mohseni, of Tolo TV, discusses whether the Afghan election results will have international legitimacy.

Fashion designer Zandra Rhodes explains why she wants to get the creative industries to move out of London.

**SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00m535p)**

Fi Glover is joined by Madness frontman Suggs. With poetry from Kate Fox.

**SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00m535r)**

Sandi Toksvig explores Iraq, Greece, Turkey and Egypt in the footsteps of Greek historian Herodotus, who died around 2,500 years ago, and finds out what India, Tibetan singing bowls and a computerised piece of music lasting 1,000 years have in common.

**SAT 10:30 I Want to Work in... (b00m535t)**

Laurie Taylor - himself a former careers master at a comprehensive school - takes an affectionate look back at 50 years of careers advice.

He goes back to the time when careers were really only for middle-class boys; girls and the lower orders were expected to make do with mere jobs. This was reflected in the inadequate careers advice handed out at the time by school careers masters and by the often patronising schools TV films about everything from working in insurance to the distinctive pleasures of shelf-filling in a supermarket. How much was anyone helped by such sources of information?

Laurie finds out how different the situation is today, when fewer and fewer children follow in their parents' career footsteps and when even the notion of a 'career' itself is under

attack by the proponents of the 'portfolio' society. He talks to experts and visits a jobs fair for graduates, and asks if, over the past 50 years of careers advice, anybody has taken a blind bit of notice.

**SAT 11:00 Beyond Westminster (b00m535w)**

Ben Wright asks if public anger over MPs' expenses could pave the way for a change to politics in Britain. He looks at new ways of connecting voters and politicians, from wiki-bills to twitter.

The programme also explores the growth of direct democracy, including referendums and a scheme that gives voters power over budgets. We hear from Prof James Fishkin, a pioneer of Deliberative Democracy, a new method inspired by ancient Athenian models. We also hear from YouGov's Peter Kellner, a critic of referendum politics, and the former health secretary, Patricia Hewitt, a fan of Citizen Juries.

Plus a discussion about how to revive representative democracy, with contributions from Conservative MP Douglas Carswell, Labour MP Kerry McCarthy and Austen Ivereigh from the grassroots organisation London Citizens.

**SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00m535y)**

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

Including a rare visit to a Catholic shrine in Northern Sri Lanka, why Uganda and Kenya are threatening to go to war over a tiny speck of land, and an Arabic lesson in Damascus.

**SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00m5360)**

Coping with the Recession

Episode 2

Penny Haslam examines how we are coping with the recession. The economic crisis is not just about money and paying bills; it is also about dealing with the psychological pressures of the downturn. Penny investigates whether we focus too much on the negatives when many people will end up better off.

**SAT 12:30 I Guess That's Why They Call It The News (b00m44s1)**

Episode 1

Fred MacAulay chairs a topical panel show in which two teams play games inspired by the week's headlines. The show asks both the big and the little questions, and provides thoroughly silly answers to both.

**SAT 12:57 Weather (b00m53q8)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 13:00 News (b00m53qb)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00m45d0)**

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Middle Wallop, Hampshire. The panellists are writer Kate Mosse, environmental campaigner Jonathan Porritt, writer and broadcaster James Delingpole and lawyer Mark Stephens.

**SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00m53qd)**

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

**SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b00m53qq)**

Slow Boat to Leningrad

Black comedy by David Pownall following events of August 1939, when the British and French were seriously out-maneuvred by Stalin and Hitler when they unexpectedly agreed to sign a non-aggression pact.

Doumenc ..... Keith Drinkel  
Drax/Chamberlain ..... Geoffrey Whitehead  
Burnett ..... Ian Masters  
Ribbentrop ..... Nicholas Boulton  
Hitler ..... Michael Maloney  
Stalin ..... Michael Jayston  
Voroshilov/Churchill ..... Christian Rodska  
Molotov ..... Jonathan Tafler

Directed by Martin Jenkins

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 15:30 Luting the Past (b00m17qg)**

Celebrated soprano Emma Kirkby tells the story of a unique musical instrument, a 400 year old lute whose ancient wood presents a vivid window into a golden age of music making.

**SAT 16:00 Woman's Hour (b00m552d)**  
Weekend Woman's Hour

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

**SAT 17:00 PM (b00m56dt)**  
Saturday PM

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

**SAT 17:30 iPM (b00m56dw)**  
The weekly interactive current affairs magazine featuring online conversation and debate.

**SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00m552g)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 17:57 Weather (b00m552j)**  
The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00m552l)**  
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00m56dz)**  
Clive Anderson presents an eclectic mix of conversation, music and comedy from the Edinburgh Festival, in front of an audience at The Pleasance Theatre.

He is joined by writer, actor and broadcaster Griff Rhys Jones, cultural maverick Malcolm McLaren and actress Diana Quick.

Arthur Smith talks to agony aunt Virginia Ironside.

With comedy from Wilson Dixon and music from Edwyn Collins and Camille O'Sullivan.

**SAT 19:00 Profile (b00m552n)**  
Neil Morrissey

Jonathan Maitland profiles the actor Neil Morrissey, who was rescued from an introverted childhood by the stage and television.

He captured a global market with Bob the Builder and invested his money in property, with rather less success. As his latest play, Rain Man, opens in Bath, he has found himself having to promise his creditors that he will avoid bankruptcy in order to pay them back.

Featuring contributions from Martin Clunes, his business partner Richard Fox and the producers of Men Behaving Badly and Bob The Builder.

**SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00m552q)**  
Inglourious Basterds review, The latest book by novelist Diana Evans and a new online comedy Living with the Infidels

Inglourious Basterds, a title with inventive spelling, is the new film by director Quentin Tarantino. Set during the first year of the Nazi occupation of France, a Jewish girl, Shosanna, witnesses the execution of her family by a Nazi colonel. She escapes and flees to Paris where she forges a new identity as the owner of a cinema. Meanwhile a group of Jewish-American soldiers known as The Basterds are chosen specifically to spread fear throughout the Third Reich by brutally killing Nazis. The Basterds soon cross paths with Shosanna and target her cinema, with explosive results.

Outbreak 1939 is an ITV documentary, accompanied by an exhibition at the Imperial War Museum, marking 70 years of the radio announcement that informed the nation that Britain was at war. The documentary uses the words of those who were there and footage from the time to tell the story, hour by hour, of the day that Britain declared war on Nazi Germany, 3rd September 1939.

The Outbreak 1939 special exhibition at the Imperial War Museum explores the build-up and preparations for war, an overview of the key events of 3rd September and an account of the early months of conflict.

Living with the Infidels is a new online comedy short series about a gang of Bradford-based Muslim extremists who share a flat and spend their days incompetently plotting a huge terror

outrage. Created by Aasaf Ainaopore with the support of the Muslim Council of Britain, it has already received criticism from reviewers for its controversial storyline.

The latest book by novelist Diana Evans explores a young man's search for meaning. Lucas grew up on a narrowboat, believing all children who had lost their parents lived on water. At 25, he still lives there with his sister and is now desperate to find his 'own stride'. Before he can progress, however, he needs to delve into the past and the strange disappearance of his charismatic Jamaican father, the founder of a famous black dance company. The narrative shifts between west London and Kingston, Jamaica, and between generations, as Lucas learns about the events that led to his father's final disappearance.

**SAT 20:00 Meeting Myself Coming Back (b00lxsrj)**  
Series 1

Michael Grade

High-profile figures, in conversation with John Wilson, replay their own sound archive and use it as a basis for a re-examination of their lives.

Michael Grade reflects on the soundtrack to his life drawn through over 30 years of the BBC sound archives.

From his earliest job as a sports writer on the Daily Mirror to his varied career as controller of BBC One, chief executive of Channel 4 and now in charge of ITV, his life has been a very public one. Coming from a showbusiness family, with an agent for a father and uncles Lew Grade and Bernard Delfont in theatre and television, Grade has seen at first hand how the language of variety and vaudeville can work.

In his six-year career at the Daily Mirror, as 'Mike Grade', he had a sports column and learned how to work with the press. His move into TV came in the 1970s, and from the 1980s he was a major player in BBC television, becoming controller of BBC One.

He hears the sound archive of his life and ponders what he has learned and how he has developed, from his earliest writings to his return to the BBC in 2004 and his subsequent move to ITV.

**SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00m0jvz)**  
Ruth

Episode 3

Dramatisation by Ellen Dryden of the novel by Elizabeth Gaskell.

The unexpected return of Bellingham presents real danger, and a distant connection from Ruth's past threatens to reveal the truth about Leonard. Meanwhile Mr Bradshaw's two eldest children face very different dilemmas.

Ruth ..... Laura Rees  
Benson ..... Anton Lesser  
Faith ..... Anne Reid  
Bellingham ..... Rory Kinnear  
Bradshaw ..... David Schofield  
Sally ..... Marcia Warren  
Jemima ..... Amy Ewbank  
Mrs Bradshaw ..... Abigail Thaw  
Farquhar ..... Gus Brown  
Mrs Pearson ..... Anna Francolini  
Dr Davies ..... Tim Hardy  
Leonard ..... Jordan Clarke

Directed by Ellen Dryden.

**SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00m552s)**  
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4, followed by weather.

**SAT 22:15 The Atheist and the Bishop (b00m1nlm)**  
Episode 1

Series in which an atheist and a bishop come together to apply their own philosophies to the experiences of people they meet, with Jane Little chairing the discussion.

Public debates between those who believe in God and those who resolutely do not appear more polarised than ever, often obscuring central human questions about how we should live and how modern ethics should work.

In this programme, atheist philosopher Dr Miranda Fricker and Lord Harries of Pentregarth, the former Bishop of Oxford, tackle suffering and death.

**SAT 23:00 Round Britain Quiz (b00m107y)**

Tom Sutcliffe chairs the cryptic general knowledge quiz, featuring teams from Wales and Northern Ireland.

**SAT 23:30 The Bard of Salford (b00b4wtl)**  
Paul Morley traces the life and works of Manchester punk poet John Cooper Clarke.

Paul looks back at the punk movement in the mid 1970s, its DIY ethic and popular appeal and how Cooper Clarke, as the poet of the people, fit into the scene.

Through exclusive new interviews with Cooper Clarke, Paul delves into the most significant moments of his life and career, from his first job as a lab technician at Salford University to touring with some of the world's most famous punk bands, his domestic partnership and shared heroin addiction with Nico, the use of one of his songs in The Sopranos, his signing to the same label as Bob Dylan and his appearance in a Sugar Puffs advert.

Cooper Clarke has continued to tour and write new work for 30 years and despite being exasperated by the 1980s' flamboyant reaction to punk's DIY ethic, his influence today should not be underestimated. Jarvis Cocker, Noel Gallagher, Alex Turner of the Arctic Monkeys, Lily Allen and Kate Nash have all cited Clarke as an influence, as his distinctive style continues to pervade popular music.

Contributors include Mark E Smith, Pete Shelley, Kate Nash, Phill Jupitus and Clarke himself.

An All Out production for BBC Radio 4.

#### SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2009

**SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00m5qz2)**  
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by Weather.

**SUN 00:30 Afternoon Reading (b0081193)**  
Cheltenham Festival Readings

Tommy Sparkle's Bright Ideas

Five stories from the 2007 Cheltenham Literature Festival. Mother starts praying when father comes up with another bright idea. Written and read by Biyi Bandele.

**SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00m5qz4)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00m5qz6)**  
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00m5qz8)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00m5qzb)**  
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00m5qzd)**  
The sound of bells from St Mary's Church, Andover.

**SUN 05:45 Profile (b00m552n)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00m5qzg)**  
The latest national and international news.

**SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00m5qzj)**  
Laugh and the World Laughs With You

The ability to laugh can help us through the best and worst of times. Irma Kurtz reflects on laughter and its importance to spiritual wellbeing.

**SUN 06:35 Living World (b00m5rbt)**  
Heath Fritillary

The Heath Fritillary butterfly was on the verge of extinction in Exmoor in 2001. Now, thanks to some targeted conservation work between the National Trust and Butterfly Conservation, this checkerboard-marked rare butterfly is increasing in numbers. Lionel Kelleway heads to a valley near Dunkery Beacon in the north of Exmoor National Park in search of one of Britain's rarest butterflies.

**SUN 06:57 Weather (b00m5rrd)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00m5rrg)**

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

**SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00m5rrj)**

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

**SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00m5rri)**

Blood Pressure Association

Timothy West appeals on behalf of the Blood Pressure Association.

Donations to the Blood Pressure Association should be sent to FREEPOST BBC Radio 4 Appeal, please mark the back of your envelope BPA. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144. If you are a UK tax payer, please provide BPA with your full name and address so they can claim the Gift Aid on your donation. The online and phone donation facilities are not currently available to listeners without a UK postcode.

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**SUN 07:58 Weather (b00m5rrn)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00m5rrq)**

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

**SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00m5rrs)**

Faith, Hope and Love

Faith, Hope and Love: Royal School of Church Music choir members celebrate St Paul's words in choral works from across the world and throughout the ages in Bath Abbey. Canon Robert Jones, RSCM course chaplain, leads the service. The preacher is Prebendary Edward Mason, Rector of Bath Abbey. Director of Music: Geoff Weaver. Organist: Stephen Grahl.

**SUN 08:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m45d2)**

Series 1

Faking Fossils

Sir David recalls a key moment in his life, when he broke open a piece of Leicestershire limestone and there in his hand was an ammonite.

Over the intervening years, fossils have fascinated him and he has become a great collector, even of the odd fake.

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 August 2009

**SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00m5rrv)**

This week's BH is presented by Stephen Evans. In a week that saw the release of the Lockerbie bomber, Scotland's First Minister Alex Salmond responds to stinging criticism from the FBI. We ask how Sir Winston Churchill would have coped if he had to deal with a drawn-out, complex, modern war. Steve ponders the meaning of sport and Becky Milligan reports from the People's Republic of Essex.

**SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00m5rrx)**

The week's events in Ambridge.

**SUN 11:15 The Reunion (b00m5rrz)**

Sue MacGregor presents the series which reunites a group of people intimately involved in a moment of modern history.

Sue reunites some of those involved in the great cricket split caused by the launch of World Series Cricket by Australian business tycoon Kerry Packer in 1977. She is joined by former West Indies captain Clive Lloyd, Australian fast bowler Jeff Thomson, Tony Greig, who was England captain at the time, Mike Denness, team manager for Packer's World Series, and the commentator and writer Christopher Martin-Jenkins, who reported the story as it broke

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 12:00 Just a Minute (b00m10h9)**

Series 55

Episode 4

Nicholas Parsons' 60-second challenges to Paul Merton, Kit Hesketh-Harvey, Gyles Brandreth and Shappi Khorsandi. From August 2009.

**SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00m5rs1)**

Chefs' Choices Number 3: Raspberries

Chef and food writer Jeremy Lee indulges his passion for raspberries by returning to his native Scotland to meet raspberry growers, pickers, processors and breeders. He explains how a mysterious combination of soil, rainfall, temperature and sunshine has produced the 'terroir' that makes Scotland the perfect place for that particular crop.

In the 1950s, the Raspberry Express train brought Perthshire 'rasps' every day from Fife to Covent Garden in London, but since those days the growers have faced competition from eastern Europe and from Spanish varieties as well as the ever-present threat of root disease.

How have the growers adapted to changing markets? Jeremy finds optimism in the air, as demand for home-grown raspberries continues to grow.

**SUN 12:57 Weather (b00m5rs3)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00m5rs5)**

A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

**SUN 13:30 The Political Club (b00ljqf5)**

Michael Crick reveals how politicians are increasingly becoming a professionalised and separate class, who use their status to channel taxpayers' money into the coffers of their parties.

The recent scandal over MPs' expenses has revealed how politicians are spending taxpayers' money on themselves, but what has not been revealed - until now - is how much public money is being diverted to political parties, or how that development is intimately related to the rise of a new club of professional politician. Michael reveals the extent - and cost - of this development, and what it means for our democracy.

He speaks to former cabinet ministers and members of both local councils and the European Parliament to find out why this has happened, what it means, and whether it is inevitable.

**SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00m44rv)**

Peter Gibbs chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Pippa Greenwood, Bob Flowerdew and Bunny Guinness answer questions posed by members of Much Marcle, near Ledbury in Herefordshire.

Bunny draws inspiration from a medieval knot garden, adapting forgotten gardening techniques to the modern kitchen garden, and Bob wanders the ancient woodland of Hallwood, investigating the wealth of native British trees. Also, Peter gives his definitive guide to micro-climates, with examples from the Hereford area.

Including Gardening weather forecast.

**SUN 14:45 The Tribes of Science (b00m8plt)**

The Botanists

Peter Curran visits members of the many and varied disciplines of science, from astronomy to zoology, to explore their habitat, customs, rituals and beliefs.

Peter meets the botanists who won the lottery. Seed conservation used to be rather marginal to the main scientific activity at The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. That is, until, the scientists who preserve seeds for future generations asked for and received 30 million pounds.

At the Millenium Seed Bank in Sussex, the gentle world of botany and the rude world of commerce come together in a rampant hybrid.

**SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00m5sr5)**

Thomas Hardy - Two on a Tower

Episode 1

Dramatisation by Jon Sen of Thomas Hardy's tragic tale of star-

crossed lovers in the West Country.

When Lady Viviette Constantine discovers the handsome young astronomer Swithin St Cleve on the lonely tower on her estate, a story of passion and sacrifice begins.

Lady Constantine ..... Maggie O'Neill  
Swithin St Cleve ..... Blake Ritson  
Parson Torkingham ..... Conrad Nelson  
Tabitha Lark ..... Amy Humphreys  
Fellows ..... Stephen Tomlin  
Granny Martin ..... Pauline Jefferson  
Louis ..... Richard Heap  
Joshua ..... Carter Dowland

Directed by Stefan Escreet.

**SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00m5t0p)**

Iain Banks, and the Inspiration for Brideshead Revisited

Muriel Gray talks to novelist Iain Banks, whose latest book, *Transition*, brings together science fiction and the contemporary concerns of terrorism and global financial collapse. Plus biographer Paula Byrne discussing the eccentric family who inspired Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited*.

**SUN 16:30 Poems for Infant Minds (b0076p8n)**

Nigel Forde looks at the development of children's poetry, from the finger-wagging moral tales of the 18th and 19th centuries, which warned girls and boys against the dangers of being naughty, to the zany nonsense of the last century. Has the moral message wrapped in verse really changed all that much? Featuring writing by the Taylor sisters, Lear, Stevenson, De La Mere and Dr Seuss.

**SUN 17:00 An Interior Life (b00m6y96)**

The story of Bernard, an 86-year-old gay man who lives in south London.

Bernard has been alone for five years following the death of his long-term partner, Ron. As he follows his regular routine making breakfast, watching television and feeding the birds, Bernard reflects on how life has changed since his loss. He has become increasingly confined to his home and expresses the profound sense of loneliness and isolation with which he has been afflicted over the last five years.

Bernard charts his life story, recounting his childhood in the 1920s and 30s and, as manhood approached, the inner struggle to accept his homosexuality at a time when sex between men was illegal. He describes the great loves of his life: his first partner George, Ron and classical music.

But just as Bernard's situation becomes desperate, his life takes yet another twist and the chance of an end to his isolation emerges.

**SUN 17:40 Profile (b00m552n)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00m5ts4)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SUN 17:57 Weather (b00m5ts6)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00m5w45)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00m5w47)**

Ian McMillan introduces his selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

Programmes featured this week were:

Fry's English Delight - Radio 4  
Miles Plugs in - Radio 2  
A Pattern - Radio 4  
When Harry Met Sally at 20 - Radio 4  
When Skateboards Will Be Free - Radio 4  
Archive on 4: Meeting Myself Coming Back - Radio 4  
It's My Story: Accepting Jack: Six Years On - Radio 4  
Train Tracks - Radio 4  
No Triumph, No Tragedy - Radio 4  
The Last Tsar - Radio 4  
Between Ourselves - Radio 4  
Words and Music - Radio 3  
That Mitchell and Webb Sound - Radio 4  
Today - Radio 4.

**SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00m5w49)**

Fallon finds Wayne up and dressed, though he's quite worn out from the effort. Wayne's delighted with a picture of Fallon in the band. Wayne tells Fallon he's almost finished his course of tablets, so he'll be out of her hair soon.

Fallon asks Adam how Peggy is. Wayne appears, telling Adam that Fallon's his guardian angel. Fallon tells Wayne never to embarrass her like that again. Wayne offers to collect glasses, but Fallon tells him Sid will be so cross if he finds out Wayne's been in the bar.

Adam suggests that Ian does a promotion at Grey Gables for British Food Fortnight. They could work together, and with David and Ruth for a 'Meet the farmer, cook the dish' promotion.

Usha's underwhelmed by the camping field. She thinks other peoples' tents look better. Alan says he'll cook her a gourmet meal on the camping stove for their Hindu wedding anniversary on Thursday. Usha says in that case she'll take him to a restaurant for their other one.

Usha and Alan both think being on the beach is blissful. All Usha wants is to stroll gently into the village, find some supper, and curl up in their cosy tent together. What could be more delightful?

Episode written by Caroline Harrington.

**SUN 19:15 Americana (b00m5w4c)**

Kevin Connolly meets a woman who was rejected by Dragon's Den but made it big with her invention in America.

He also hears drag racers' thoughts on the future of the American car industry, and discovers the perennial appeal of Julia Child, the woman who turned America on to the joys of French cooking.

**SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b008dk9l)**

An Audience with Max Wall

Cracks in the Wall

Tony Lidington plays the entertainer Max Wall in this series of shows recorded before an invited audience at the Concert Artists' Association in Covent Garden.

Max describes his tempestuous relationship with his mother Stella. When war breaks out in 1939, Max becomes a wireless operator in the RAF, but continues to entertain.

**SUN 20:00 More or Less (b00m44rq)**

Tim Harford and the team test the reliability of swine flu data and speak to one of the creators of the 'financial weapons of mass destruction' which, two years ago, led to the credit crisis.

An Open University co-production for BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00m44rx)**

Matthew Bannister presents the obituary series.

Matthew Bannister talks to former Ambassador Warwick Morris and journalist Donald Kirk about Former President of South Korea, Kim Dae Jung.

He also talks to musician and friend of Mike Seeger, Ry Cooder, and hears from fellow folk musician Martin Carthy.

Former football managers Terry Venables and Tommy Docherty, and Chelsea Football Club historian, Rick Glanville discuss the former Chelsea chairman, Brian Mears.

Last Word hears from miller and friend of Heritage architect Kenneth Major, Mildred Cookson.

Hildegard Behrens was a German soprano who was widely regarded as one of the greatest Wagnerians of her generation and who dominated the role of Brunnhilde throughout the 1980s and 90s.

**SUN 21:00 Face the Facts (b00m5w4f)**

Losing out to Lehman's

John Waite presents the investigative consumer series.

When the Wall Street bank Lehman Brothers collapsed in September 2008, thousands of UK investors were shocked to learn that the financial products they had bought from other companies were tied up with the humbled financial giant.

As John Waite discovers, many of those who now stand to lose their life savings had never been told their investments were backed by Lehman Brothers. Now they want their money back,

claiming they had no idea that their capital could be at risk.

**SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00m5rrl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

**SUN 21:30 In Business (b00m40wj)**

Battery Power

The world may soon need huge supplies of the lightest metal, lithium, if plug-in cars really are a future replacement for the internal combustion engine. Half the world's supplies of lithium are high up in the Andes in the landlocked country of Bolivia. Peter Day asks if Bolivia really could become what experts are calling 'the Saudi Arabia of lithium'.

**SUN 21:58 Weather (b00m5w4h)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00m5w4k)**

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including The Public Meeting.

**SUN 23:00 The Film Programme (b00m44rz)**

Pedro Almodovar explains why he remade Women On The Verge Of A Nervous Breakdown as part of his new film, Broken Embraces. The outlandish comedy was Pedro's breakthrough hit in the 1980s and the director describes the profound effects of turning the clock back 20 years.

97-year-old cinematographer Wolfgang Suschitzky looks back at a career that took him from mining documentaries to Get Carter.

Mark Gatiss buffs up another neglected gem of British cinema.

Critic Jane Graham struts her stuff on the subject of dance in the movies.

**SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00m5qzj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

**MONDAY 24 AUGUST 2009****MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00m5w7j)**

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

**MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00m1nlh)**

Personal Insecurity and Religious Belief - Oxford Admissions

Tom Rees has conducted research into religion and personal insecurity in 50 countries. Using figures on how much people pray and how unequal income is in each of them, he claims to have found evidence to show that the most religious societies are the most unequal, and concludes the inequality leads to religion. Is it fear and hardship that makes people of one country more religious than another, or is there a mysterious third factor that can explain why some nations pray so much more than others? Laurie Taylor talks to Tom Rees about his findings, and to sociologist of religion David Voas.

What are the key factors that underlie acceptance to Oxford University? New research explores the influence of cultural factors on the decisions that admissions tutors make at the elite university. After allowing for exam results and for cultural knowledge, Alice Sullivan tells Laurie that men were twice as likely to get a Science place than women and that some ethnic minorities faced an even greater disadvantage.

**MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00m5qzd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

**MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00m5w8r)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00m5wbt)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00m5wb9)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00m5x5d)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00m5xgw)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Shaykh Michael Mumisa.

**MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00m5xgy)**

The Birds and the Bees

Birds of prey are thriving, while 20 per cent of the UK's bees died in the winter of 2008. The bee parasite Varroa is one of the reasons for the decline, and Charlotte Smith reports on ways to tackle it.

**MON 05:57 Weather (b00m66k3)**

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

**MON 06:00 Today (b00m5xnx)**

Presented by Edward Stourton and Evan Davis.

Independent MSP Margo MacDonald discusses the release of the man convicted of the Lockerbie bombing Abdelbaset Ali al Megrahi.

Transport Committee Chairman Louise Ellman MP explains why more must be done to reduce non-compliance among foreign-registered lorries, buses and coaches.

Correspondent Hugh Sykes went to talk to Afghan refugees in northern France to gauge their reaction to the presidential elections in Afghanistan.

Correspondent Kevin Connolly reports from a suburban showroom in the US as the deadline for the car scrappage scheme approaches.

Dominic Hughes reports from Athens where wildfires have raged almost unchecked for two days.

Thought for the day with Rabbi Lionel Blue.

Correspondent Colette Hume reports from the Vale of Glamorgan on advice to avoid getting trampled by cows.

Former England captain Mike Gatting and Test Match Special commentator Vic Marks discuss England's urn-winning performance in the Ashes.

Scotland's political editor Brian Taylor examines the political consensus emerging against the man convicted of the Lockerbie bombing, Abdelbaset Ali al Megrahi's release. Lord Steel discusses whether the furor and its foreign policy implications highlights a flaw in devolution.

Columnist Charles Clover and presenter Griff Rhys Jones debate who should have the freedom of Britain's waters.

Professor Nikolas Markatos discusses an early warning system for wildfires in Greece he has designed which is ready for use but has not been put in place.

Councillor John Hannides and Charles Saumarez Smith, of the Royal Academy, discuss whether Southampton Council should sell some of its famous artworks to fund the construction of a museum dedicated to the Titanic.

Correspondent Malcolm Brabant explains how he had to flee his home in Athens as wildfires approached.

Author Jon Entine and sports writer Matthew Syed discuss the importance of genetics in sport.

Mike Perham, aged 17, is set to become the youngest person in the world to sail solo around the world. Evan Davis talks to him on his boat, 540 miles off Land's End.

Terrorism expert Rohan Gunaratna discusses what is going on inside Pakistan's Taliban.

**MON 09:00 Peston and the Money Men (b00m67vv)**

Jim Chanos

As the first anniversary of the 2008 global financial meltdown approaches, the BBC's business editor Robert Peston talks to four key individuals who were in the eye of the storm. Why did they fail to see the warning signs of economic catastrophe and what are the long term consequences?

Hedge fund managers and 'short-sellers': evil market manipulators who contributed to the financial mess, or canny soothsayers who predicted what politicians and bankers wouldn't or couldn't see?

Jim Chanos is a hedge fund pioneer. He made his fortune spotting and exposing irregularities in companies like Enron and gambling that their share price would collapse. He offers an insight in the psychology of short selling and why it allowed people like him to see what others did not.

**MON 09:30 The Call (b00m67vx)**

Series 1

The Win

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

Some people cry, some feel sick, some throw a 24-hour party, and some are millionaires already. Winning the lottery can be a traumatic event, but what is it like for the operators on the other end of the line?

**MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00m0tzf)**

When Skateboards Will Be Free

Episode 1

Josh Hamilton reads from American-Iranian writer Said Sayrafiezadeh's funny and touching memoir.

Confident that his absent father will one day lead a revolution, young Said is content to join in the struggle - until he finds that the rules extend to boycotting certain foods. The more his mother tells him that it is shameful to eat grapes because capitalists are not giving farm workers their rights, the more succulent the forbidden fruit seems.

Abridged by Francois Smit.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

**MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00m62j0)**

Holiday boredom; India's gender ratio

Can boredom be a good thing for children? Plus, India's gender ratio; and mother of two Sarah Gabriel on her experience of breast cancer.

**MON 11:00 Love at First Site (b00m67vz)**

At 11 we join young British Asians in the marriage market. It used to be simple - if you were Asian, all you had to do is wait for your parents to sort it out. But today many of the younger generation want to choose their partners for themselves, and they are turning to the internet and marriage websites for help. Follow their stories in 'Love at First Site', with Sarfraz Manzoor, at 11.

**MON 11:30 The Maltby Collection (b00m67w1)**

Series 3

Episode 1

Massive budget cuts are needed – so who will museum director Walter put forward for the chop?

Geoffrey Palmer and Julian Rhind-Tutt star in series 3 of David Nobbs' sitcom about a small museum of paintings and sculpture.

Rod Millet ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt  
Walter Brindle ..... Geoffrey Palmer  
Prunella Edgecumbe ..... Rachel Atkins  
Susie Maltby ..... Margaret Cabourn-Smith  
Julian Crumb-Looseley ..... Ben Willbond  
Wilf Arbuthnot ..... Geoff McGivern  
Eva Tattle ..... Julia Deakin  
Des Wainwright ..... Michael Smiley  
Stelios Constantinopoulos ..... Chris Pavlo  
Gloria Brindle ..... Helen Atkinson Wood.

Producer: Colin Anderson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2009.

**MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00m64c8)**

Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.

**MON 12:57 Weather (b00m64dp)**

The latest weather forecast.

**MON 13:00 World at One (b00m64f2)**

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

**MON 13:30 Round Britain Quiz (b00m67w3)**

Tom Sutcliffe chairs the cryptic general knowledge quiz, featuring teams from the north of England and the south of England.

**MON 14:00 The Archers (b00m5w49)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

**MON 14:15 Drama (b00m67w5)**

Dog Dazed Afternoon

By Ben Crompton.

Liam and Mickey's dog-walking scheme looks set to fail when, amid stolen cars and local gangsters, they lose their first client. With their friendship at breaking point, their only hope is Mickey's skill in kung fu.

Liam ..... Carl Rice  
Mickey ..... Graeme Hawley  
Alan ..... James Quinn  
Sheila ..... Siobhan Finneran  
Hayley ..... Sara Sadeghi  
Wonky ..... Ryan Pope  
Alison ..... Sally Carman

Directed by Nadia Molinari.

**MON 15:00 Meeting Myself Coming Back (b00lxsrj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Saturday]

**MON 15:45 Cruickshank on New Zealand (b00m64n9)**

Arrivals on the Long White Cloud

Dan Cruickshank explores the consequences of the arrival of the British on the indigenous Maori people after Captain Cook's arrival in New Zealand in 1769, and how the European settlers adapted and exploited the many riches this new world had to offer.

Dan considers the arrival of both the Maori and Captain Cook on the land first known as Aotearoa or The Long White Cloud.

**MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00m5rs1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

**MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b00m67w7)**

Ernie Rea explores the place of faith in today's world, teasing out the hidden and often contradictory truths behind the experiences, values and traditions of our lives.

He and his guests discuss whether or not the days of mass evangelism and stadium crusades are over.

**MON 17:00 PM (b00m64xr)**

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

**MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00m64zh)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b00m67w9)**

Series 55

Edinburgh Festival

Nicholas Parsons' 60-second challenges to Paul Merton, Mike McShane, Paul Sinha and Sue Perkins. From August 2009.

**MON 19:00 The Archers (b00m64gk)**

Nigel is woken by Elizabeth's alarm at 5.30am. Later, Elizabeth tells Lynda her mum's noticed the work in the memorial garden. Elizabeth doesn't know much longer she can keep their secret after her alarm call this morning.

David tells Ruth that for his actual birthday, he'd like supper with the whole family. Ruth's hesitant and David realises it's a lot of work for her. Just the immediate family will be fine. Later, Ruth drops Ben round at Lower Loxley. Ruth tells Nigel and Elizabeth about David's request. Nigel says they could do it - that would be their present to him. And they can make it a surprise.

Lynda walks past while David's moving the cows. Lynda says she and Robert are going on holiday, maybe to the south west. David says he's heard Combe Martin's very nice.

Adam asks David and Ruth if they'll help out with British Food Fortnight. They'd love to. It's a great marketing opportunity. David asks Ruth where Usha and Alan have gone on holiday, and Ruth says it's Combe Martin. Mortified David says he accidentally told Lynda it's lovely there! But the chances of them bumping into each other are vanishingly small. Aren't they?

Episode written by Caroline Harrington.

**MON 19:15 Front Row (b00m662d)**

Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson.

Mark Lawson talks to John Carey, who has written the first biography of Nobel Prize-winning novelist William Golding, author of Lord of the Flies.

The Emmy Award-winning director, producer and screenwriter Judd Apatow has found huge box office success with comedies like Knocked Up and The 40-Year-Old Virgin. The former stand-up comedian has won critical acclaim as well as popular appeal. His new film Funny People, which follows the fortunes of two stand-up comics, is now being released.

The writer Christopher Hampton is reported to have thought the subject of cricket too difficult to have as a theme for a feature film. But word is that Hampton has finally agreed to write the screenplay for Sam Mendes' adaptation of Joseph O'Neill's novel *Netherland*, about a group of British ex-pats who play cricket in post-9/11 New York. Actor and cricket aficionado Michael Simkins, author of cricket book *Fatty Batter*, ponders the dilemma faced by writers and filmmakers when dealing with the subject.

**MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00m662g)**

The Quest

Episode 1

By Jonathan Holloway. Loosely based on the works of Sir Thomas Malory and Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

King Arthur has been mortally wounded, and talks to Merlin as death approaches.

Arthur ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt  
Merlin ..... Mark Gatiss  
Percival ..... Mark Meadows  
Morgan Le Fay ..... Jasmine Hyde  
Lancelot ..... Stephen Noonan  
Leodegrance ..... Paul Mundell  
Guinevere ..... Eleanor Treman  
Lot ..... David Collins

Directed by Tim Dee.

**MON 20:00 It's My Story (b00m68c0)**

Accepting Jack - Six Years On...

In 2003, Kim Normanton spoke to a set of parents coming to terms with having a child with special needs. She revisits them to see how their stories have developed.

In the original programme Kevin, father to Jack who has Down's Syndrome, felt unable to celebrate his son's birth. Now Kevin is a secondary school teacher and talks regularly to his students about his son. Jack, now eight, has two siblings and several good friends in his mainstream school.

In the original programme Jo, mother to Briony who was born with learning difficulties and is partially deaf, couldn't bring herself to even hold her daughter, fearing that she wouldn't be able to bear the pain of losing her. Briony is now a healthy 15-year-old and a day pupil at a school for deaf children. She has a close relationship with her mother, who works for Mencap and champions the cause of families with children with special needs.

**MON 20:30 Crossing Continents (b00m36bj)**

Afghanistan

Eight years into the war in Afghanistan, many fear it is unwinnable. In response, the US-led international force has decided to adopt a counter-insurgency strategy, abandoning 40 years of military doctrine. It emphasises security and development for the civilian population rather than simply battling the Taliban.

Lyse Doucet investigates if the US army can embrace a radical new strategy and if it will be successful.

**MON 21:00 Who Knows What the Dogs Nose Knows? (b00h6xik)**

Sue Broom investigates the world of the sniffer dog. She visits Bas Wood and his golden labrador Hattie, one of 16 Fire Investigation Dog Units operating in the UK. Hattie can find a drop of petrol in a burnt-out house, making the investigation of possible cases of arson rapid and relatively indisputable. She finds out if any dog can be trained as a detection dog, or whether it takes a special breed or individual to make the grade.

**MON 21:30 Peston and the Money Men (b00m67vv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**MON 21:58 Weather (b00m66dv)**

The latest weather forecast.

**MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00m66fk)**

With Ritula Shah.

Scottish Justice Minister under fire over Lockerbie release.

Israel's Prime Minister heads for UK amid hopes for peace.

Farewell to the pint glass?

CIA reveals controversial interrogation techniques.

California's water crisis.

What does a census really tell you?

**MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00m9g30)**

A Sentimental Journey Through France and Italy

Episode 1

Bill Nighy reads from Laurence Sterne's 1768 comic riposte to his contemporary Tobias Smollett's travel journal.

The difficulties of hiring the perfect coach and four, especially when you are distracted by a beautiful unaccompanied woman.

Abridged by Robin Brooks.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

**MON 23:00 Word of Mouth (b00m17ql)**

The Plain English Campaign is 30 years old this summer, but are they champions of common sense and clarity, or a self-appointed censor? Chris Ledgard talks to their founder and gets some lessons in language.

**MON 23:30 Lives in a Landscape (b00fgpt5)**

Series 4

Stars, Stripes and Chalfont St Giles

Documentary series telling original stories about real lives in Britain today.

Alan Dein meets members of the Chiltern American Women's Club, a 200-member club which caters for expat women whose husbands have been seconded to work in the UK. The club ensures that there is something to do almost every day of the week, from newcomers' coffees with advice on how to drive around roundabouts and use UK washing machines, to organised hikes in the local countryside and volunteering for the annual charity bazaar. Alan follows the lives of the club's president, Louise Fortier, and some of the newcomers who have yet to fully settle into their temporary life in the UK.

**TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2009**

**TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00m5w65)**

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

**TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00m0ztf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

**TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00m5w7l)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00m5wbc)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00m5w8t)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00m5x47)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00m5x5g)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Shaykh Michael Mumisa.

**TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00m5xh1)**

Plans to reintroduce the sea eagle to Scotland go back 50 years. Now 45 pairs are nesting and more than 30 young hatched this

year. But its return has been controversial with many farmers claiming they feed on their lambs. To test the extent of the problem, a lamb tagging scheme was run in the Highlands. As Charlotte Smith hears, it has yielded interesting results.

**TUE 06:00 Today (b00m5xj2)**

Presented by Evan Davis and Edward Stourton.

Uri Geller discusses whether Michael Jackson's death should be considered as a homicide.

Media correspondent Torin Douglas explains why a large number of prosecutions against retailers selling adult content to children are being dropped.

Where can signs of an economic recovery be found? Reporter Rajini Vaidyanathan investigates some unusual sources of economic data.

Former US defence department official Charles Stimson discusses a report detailing the allegations of abuse against terror suspects by CIA agents.

Former Europe minister Denis MacShane and Conservative MP John Redwood discuss whether the European Union costs the taxpayer too much.

Quentin Sommerville reports on his attempt to reach a village in China where 1,300 children fell sick with lead poisoning.

Nick Troop, a lecturer in health psychology at the University of Hertfordshire, explains the relationship between the words of a song and the song's effect.

Thought for the day with the novelist and columnist Anne Atkins.

Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority, Salam Fayyad, discusses whether he was enjoying the current tension between Israel and the Americans.

Production at the Corus hot strip mill at Llanwern near Newport is to restart next month, the steel giant says. Reporter Jack Izzard returns to the area to test the mood of the city's steel sector. Anatole Kaletsky, of the Times, and Martin Leach, former head of Ford Europe, Maserati and Mazda, discuss whether the economic recovery is now well underway.

Iran has placed several senior reformers - including former ministers - on trial. Correspondent Jon Leyne says these trials seem to operate as a philosophical denial of the reformist era.

Andy Woodward, chief executive of Farm Stay UK, which represents working farms, and art critic Brian Sewell discuss cultural heritage of the countryside.

Dangerous levels of the anaesthetic propofol was found in Michael Jackson's body when he died, coroner's office documents show. Anaesthetist Dr Andrew Hartle explains why someone might use such a powerful anaesthetic.

Maryon Stewart, whose daughter Hester Stewart died after taking GBL (which is used as a substitute for GBH or liquid ecstasy) explains her story about the dangers of taking drugs which are currently legal.

Controversial world champion athlete Caster Semenya is set to receive a heroine's welcome when she arrives back in South Africa. Correspondent Jonah Fisher reports from the airport in Johannesburg on the athlete at the centre of a gender row.

President of RIBA Sunand Prasad and architectural commentator Lucinda Lambton discuss the design of public conveniences.

Technology correspondent Rory Cellan-Jones examines the popularity of anonymous blogging. Paul Staines, who writes a blog under the name Guido Fawkes, and Dr Vince Miller, discuss whether writers have the right to keep their identity a secret.

**TUE 09:00 Fry's English Delight (b00m68s5)**

Series 2

Hallo!

Stephen Fry explores the highways and byways of the English language.

Hallo! Stephen says 'goodbye' with a programme about 'hallo', and how it came to be one of the world's favourite words.

**TUE 09:30 Lost, Stolen or Shredded (b00m68s7)**

Series 2

Has Anybody Seen a Copy of Et Tu Healy?

Series of programmes in which antiquarian book dealer Rick Gekoski tells the stories that lie behind five very different missing works of art.

Written by James Joyce in 1891 when he was just nine years old as a protest at the death of the Irish nationalist leader Charles Parnell, the poem Et Tu Healy was printed by his proud father and distributed to friends and family; even the Pope was sent a copy.

But it was never published, and, apart from three lines, no copy of it has ever been found. Rick Gekoski asks where might one be, and, if one were to be found, how much it might be worth.

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00m0tpq)**

When Skateboards Will Be Free

Episode 2

Josh Hamilton reads from American-Iranian writer Said Sayrafiezadeh's funny and touching memoir.

Said, now aged ten, and his mother move from Brooklyn to Pittsburgh and into a squalid apartment. While she attends Socialist Workers Party meetings, a lonely Said faces the horrors of strange noises and eerie shadows which only the TV can keep at bay. So when his mother hides the cord to the TV set, he is bereft.

Abridged by Francois Smit.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00m8qum)**

Uninsured midwives; Gender testing; Buying school shoes

The future of independent midwifery discussed. Plus; what is a gender test? And, the rights and wrongs of buying shoes for children.

**TUE 11:00 Nature (b00m68s9)**

Series 3

Restoring Heathlands

Brett Westwood investigates the potential for restoring large areas of heathland that could be unlocked by the thinning of Forestry Commission woodlands.

Made famous by Thomas Hardy and purple with heather in late summer, lowland heaths are some of the UK's rarest habitats and are home to some of our most specialised wildlife including sand lizards, insectivorous plants and the strange nightjar. They have steadily declined over the last century, but a new open habitats consultation could spell the restoration of large tracts of heathland from Forestry Commission woodland.

Brett talks to foresters and conservationists about the possibilities that opening up our woods present for people and for wildlife.

**TUE 11:30 With Great Pleasure (b00m69jw)**

Clive Stafford Smith

Guest performers select their favourite pieces of writing.

Lawyer and human rights activist Clive Stafford Smith chooses a selection of the writing which has inspired, amused or uplifted him.

In 1999 Clive founded the pressure group Reprieve, which fights for the human rights of prisoners.

Clive's readers for the programme, which was recorded in front of an audience in Dorset, are Pippa Haywood and Peter Marinker.

**TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00m62ys)**

Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.

**TUE 12:57 Weather (b00m64cb)**

The latest weather forecast.

**TUE 13:00 World at One (b00m64dr)**

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

**TUE 13:30 Train Tracks (b00m69ws)**

Pianist and broadcaster Simon Townley samples the many different ways in which trains and railways have inspired

composers and songwriters and what it is about this particular form of travel that makes it so influential.

They may be a shadow of their former infrastructural selves, but railways still hold a curiously affectionate place in our national life. Nowhere is this more true than in the world of music, where chuffing, whistling, steaming and clackety-clacking have been the inspiration for hundreds of songs. Simon has never described himself as a railway enthusiast, but he has always had an ear for the things that inspire composers and songwriters.

He explores the rhythms, themes and metaphorical uses of the train in music, from Honneger's Pacific 231 to American blues tracks such as Love in Vain and Freight Train Blues.

Country and western star Laura Cantrell, music professor Alan Moore and composer Sir Richard Rodney Bennett contribute their thoughts on this mass transit system which has provided such a rich seam of inspiration over the last 200 years.

**TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00m64gk)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

**TUE 14:15 Drama (b00m69wv)**  
The Incomplete Works of Dave Mc Cabe

Romantic comedy, with music, by Nick Underwood.

Singer-songwriter Dave is given the opportunity to meet his muse and woo her with a song. But he has a problem: he cannot get past the opening lines.

Dave ..... Simon Donaldson  
Mike ..... Sandy Grierson  
Malena ..... Claire Knight  
Lola ..... Lorraine M McIntosh  
Queenie ..... Ann Scott-Jones  
Frank ..... Finlay Welsh

Directed by Kirsty Williams.

**TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b00m69wx)**  
Richard Daniel and the team are out and about for the British Birdwatching Fair at Rutland Water. Unsurprisingly many of the questions are bird related: do seagulls eat insects on the wing, are jays on the increase and do kestrels eat birds as large as wood pigeons?

We also take a broader view of the universe, in fact the broadest possible, as one listener challenges our resident astronomer to provide an answer posed by her children: 'What is there beyond the stars?'

On the panel are astronomer Carolin Crawford, conservationist and ornithologist Derek Moore and Professor Philip Stott.

**TUE 15:30 Comic Fringes (b00m69wz)**  
Comic Fringes: Series 5

May Contain Nuts

Written and read by Janey Godley.

"If I'm slowly turning into my dad, then I'd better start collecting owl calendars and squirrels."

A woman glimpses her own mortality when she calculates that only twenty-seven years separate her from her cantankerous father. Brilliant, un sentimental insight into the father / daughter relationship.

Another chance to hear this series of short stories by leading comedians recorded live in front of a packed audience at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2009. Coming up, at the same time over the next three Wednesdays, are stories by Sarah Millican, Jon Richardson and Susan Calman.

Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

**TUE 15:45 Cruickshank on New Zealand (b00m84p6)**  
Better Relations with the Natives

Dan Cruickshank explores the consequences of the arrival of the British on the indigenous Maori people after Captain Cook's arrival in New Zealand in 1769, and how the European settlers adapted and exploited the many riches this new world had to offer.

Dan is ferried out to sea, to a cove where Cook encountered friendly and inquisitive Maori, and both sides learned from each other.

**TUE 16:00 A Small Business (b00m6b04)**  
Episode 1

Liz Barclay travels the UK meeting the passionate owners of the small businesses which keep our economy running.

Starting up in a recession.

**TUE 16:30 Great Lives (b00m6c3y)**  
Series 19

Freya Stark

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

Travel writer Dervla Murphy discusses the life of another fearless woman traveller, Freya Stark. Stark roamed across Arabia and Persia, frequently risking her life, and during the Second World War set up a pro-British intelligence network in Cairo. She was brave but also infuriating, and was liable to make impossible demands on her friends, such as John Murray, who joins the discussion.

**TUE 17:00 PM (b00m6419)**  
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

**TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00m64xt)**  
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 18:30 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (b00m6bhh)**  
Series 4

Episode 1

How to talk to an emperor and inventing Saturday night TV shows. Stars David Mitchell and Robert Webb. From August 2009.

**TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00m64g3)**  
Mike comes down for breakfast. Vicky tells Mike she'll be working two days a week from now on - she's got a husband to look after.

Brenda helps Helen with the yoghurt. Brenda's grateful for the work. She's applied for at least fifty jobs and still nothing. When Brenda goes to pick up Abbie, Vicky tells her about their honeymoon. Brenda's horrified when Vicky says they went to a nudist beach. Mike appears. Brenda tells him the job hunting isn't going well. Mike suggests she retrains. Brenda says she's in debt already; who's to say things will be better next year.

Helen has tea with Ian. Her date with Leon was fantastic. She's going to enjoy it while it lasts, and if it doesn't then it's not the end of the world.

Ed tells Mike he approached Brian about their milk expansion idea. Brian was fairly positive. Ed now has to write a proposal, but Mike says he'll have a go at it. Vicky appears. She's been to see Lynda, who's off on holiday in a motorhome tomorrow. Mike thinks that sounds fun but Vicky says holidays are for being waited on. Like on a cruise - that's what she's always fancied.

Episode written by Caroline Harrington.

**TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00m657v)**  
Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson.

The latest film from the Spanish director Pedro Almodovar, Broken Embraces, stars Penelope Cruz and tells the story of a writer who has lost his sight and the love of his life in a car crash. The critic Mark Eccleston gives his verdict.

The playwright Lee Hall found huge commercial success with his screenplay of Billy Elliot, the feature film for which he received an Oscar nomination and which has since become a long running West End musical. His latest play, The Pitmen Painters, tells the story of a group of miners who take up painting and is set to return to the National Theatre after its first highly successful run. Hall is also set to present a series of films at the British Film Institute celebrating a century of British coalmining on film.

The novelist Justin Cartwright joins Mark Lawson to discuss the latest book from South African author and Nobel Prize-winner JM Coetzee. Summertime is the third in a series of fictionalised memoirs and has been longlisted for the 2009 Man Booker Prize for fiction, which Coetzee has won twice before.

The violinist Jennifer Pike won the BBC Young Musician of the Year at the age of 12 in 2002, and has subsequently established

a full-time career as a performer. She is taking part in a series of BBC concerts to celebrate 10 years of their New Generation Artists scheme, aimed at developing and nurturing exceptional young musical talent. Jennifer comes to the studio to discuss life as a professional musician when she's not yet 20 years of age.

**TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00m9gft)**  
The Quest

Episode 2

By Jonathan Holloway. Loosely based on the works of Sir Thomas Malory and Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

King Arthur has fallen for the wrong girl; there will be trouble ahead.

Arthur ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt  
Merlin ..... Mark Gatiss  
Morgan Le Fay/Agravain ..... Jasmine Hyde  
Lancelot ..... Stephen Noonan  
Guinevere ..... Eleanor Tremanin  
Galahad ..... Paul Mundell

Directed by Tim Dee.

**TUE 20:00 Says Who? The Rise of the Community Leader (b00m6c40)**

Playwright and actor Kwame Kwei-Armah investigates the changing role of the community leader. The media turns to them to respond to the latest crisis and they are happy to oblige, but on whose authority do community leaders speak?

Kwame visits Birmingham to meet leaders from the Muslim and Afro-Caribbean communities. He discovers how these individuals are selected to voice the concerns of others, finds out how their agendas have responded to our increasingly diverse society and questions whether the idea of 'community' is still realistic in a world of multiplying lifestyles and opinions.

**TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00m6c42)**  
Peter White with news and information for the blind and partially sighted.

The organisation National Talking Newspapers and Magazines has a largely voluntary workforce which produces a wide range of material available in accessible formats, and it's a much-appreciated service. Readers of national newspapers, consumers of celebrity magazines and enthusiasts of specialist transport journals are catered for in some format or other.

But what does it take to get this material out and is it economically viable? Reporter Richard Lane (also web editor of The Lancet) looks at how the material is selected, issues of censorship and how the navigation of dense text can be improved.

The chief executive of National Talking Newspapers and Magazines, John Kerby, joins Peter in the studio to discuss these issues and explain why there are advanced talks to become affiliated to the RNIB.

**TUE 21:00 Case Notes (b00m6c44)**  
IVF

Dr Mark Porter visits the London Women's Clinic to learn about the latest developments in the field of in-vitro fertilisation (IVF), and clarifies what the NHS now offers and to whom.

It has been over 30 years since Louise Brown entered the world as the first test tube baby. Now, one per cent of all children born in the UK are conceived through IVF, and couples who would previously have been called infertile are starting their own happy families. Mark visits the London Women's Clinic to find out about the latest developments in IVF, what's available on the NHS, and who can get treatment for free.

The increasing success of IVF means that the number of twins being born is rising. This has led the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority to set targets for reducing twins - but why? And what are the risks associated with twin pregnancies?

Not all women find it hard to produce eggs and this can cause problems during IVF. Women with polycystic ovaries are particularly at risk of a serious disorder known as OHSS, or ovarian hyper-stimulation syndrome. Consultant gynaecologist Tim Child from Oxford University talks about a solution.

**TUE 21:30 Forbidden Families (b00d0sJ8)**  
Episode 3

Bettany Hughes tells the stories of remarkable women denied

their families by the march of history.

Brilliana Harley was an aristocrat whose husband's Parliamentary sympathies led to her being besieged in her own castle home on the Shropshire borders during the English Civil War. She died emaciated and ill, but wrote 375 letters, smuggled out in vegetable boxes, describing her hopes, her frustrations and her faith in her absent husband and son. Throughout her ordeal, her faith in the power of love and the delight of having a family never wavered.

**TUE 21:58 Weather (b00m6675)**

The latest weather forecast.

**TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00m66dx)**

National and international news and analysis with David Eades.

Preliminary results from Afghanistan point to a second round contest for the Presidency

President Sarkozy takes on the bonus culture at France's big banks

Why women in business need testosterone to succeed.

**TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00m9g32)**

A Sentimental Journey Through France and Italy

Episode 2

Bill Nighy reads from Laurence Sterne's 1768 comic riposte to his contemporary Tobias Smollett's travel journal.

Yorick encounters Smelfungus and is pressed to hire a French manservant while meeting a man mourning for the death of his donkey.

Abridged by Robin Brooks.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 23:00 Heresy (b00bzdgj)**

Series 5

Episode 5

Victoria Coren chairs the programme which challenges established ideas. Guests are Sue Perkins, Rev Richard Coles and Simon Evans.

**TUE 23:30 The Hollow Men (b008erlg)**

Series 2

Episode 4

Comic sketch show written and performed by David Armand, Rupert Russell, Sam Spedding and Nick Tanner, with Katy Brand.

**WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2009**

**WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00m5w67)**

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

**WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00m0tpq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00m5w7n)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00m5wbf)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00m5w8w)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00m5x49)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00m5x5j)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Shaykh Michael Mumisa.

**WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00m5xh3)**

Charlotte Smith reports on a row over how many chickens it is fair to keep in a square metre, and the search is on for British plums in our supermarkets.

**WED 06:00 Today (b00m5xj4)**

Presented by John Humphrys and Evan Davis.

North America editor Justin Webb and Bob Carolina, of Democrats Abroad, reflects on the life of US Senator Edward Kennedy.

Paul Wood reports from Ramallah, in the West Bank, on how an 'economic peace' could ease tensions over other issues.

Chief Superintendent Helen Ball discusses the policing of planned climate change protests this week.

Investigations have begun into 'large-scale trouble' at West Ham's Upton Park ground during a match against Millwall. Ben Jacobs reports.

Author Maria Latella explains what Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's estranged wife, Veronica Lario, has said in a book about her estranged husband.

Anne Glover, chief scientific advisor for Scotland, discusses comedian Ricky Gervais's stand-up show Science.

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

Former Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott, now a rapporteur for the Council of Europe on climate change, and environmentalist Jonathan Porritt discuss whether a landmark agreement on climate change can be reached.

Senator Edward Kennedy, a major figure on American politics for nearly half a century and brother of President John F Kennedy, has died at the age of 77. Former Foreign Secretary Lord Owen considers whether Kennedy could have been US president.

Ron Prossor, Israeli ambassador to the UK, discusses whether a deal between Israelis and Palestinians is close.

Professor Stephen Glaister, a member of the government's working group reviewing high speed train lines, discusses the planning problems for a new high speed railway.

Edward Hadas, a writer for the financial website breakingviews.com, examines an initiative not to pay bonuses until three years after they are awarded.

Nicola Stanbridge reports on dancer and choreographer Michael Clark's new work, set to the music of David Bowie, Lou Reed and Iggy Pop.

Author Clare Lockhart, a former adviser to Nato, the UN and Afghan governments, considers whether violence from insurgents will be kept up after the Afghanistan election results are released.

US Senator Edward Kennedy, brother of former President John F Kennedy, has died at 77 after battling a brain tumour. Louis Susman, US Ambassador to Britain, reflects on a dominant force in liberal US politics for almost half a century.

Author Francis Wheen and columnist Bryan Appleyard discuss paranoia in the 1970s and now.

**WED 09:00 Between Ourselves (b00m6dfq)**

Series 4

Episode 4

Olivia O'Leary presents the series which brings together two people who have had profound and similar experiences, to hear their individual stories and compare the long-term effects on each of their lives.

Olivia talks to two barristers, prosecutor Nicholas Hilliard and defence lawyer Dexter Dias, about whether justice can be bought by getting a good barrister, if their reputation for arrogance is deserved and the cases that still haunt them.

**WED 09:30 Very Amazing: Behind the Scenes at the V and A (b00m6f4k)**

Episode 4

Rosie Goldsmith goes behind the scenes at London's Victoria and Albert Museum as it attempts to transform itself from 'the nation's attic' to a 'very amazing' modern museum.

Rosie finds out how an exhibition is put together, from concept to reality.

**WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00m0tps)**

When Skateboards Will Be Free

Episode 3

Josh Hamilton reads from American-Iranian writer Said Sayrafiezadeh's funny and touching memoir.

Said has a treasured photo of his father giving a speech, which hangs above his bed. It is blurred and eventually Said conflates his father's image with that of another hero his mother tells him about: Che Guevara. One night his mother receives a rare phone call from her estranged husband and is so distraught that she takes the phone off its hook every night. Just as Said feels that his father has abandoned them, he receives a letter from him. Oddly, his dad congratulates him for selling a record number of Militants at a demonstration but Said, at ten, is too young to have been given such a task, although now he badly wants to make money for the revolution.

Abridged by Francois Smit.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00m8gnp)**

Over-empowerment of children; Michelle Paver

Do children have too much power in the family? Plus, children's author Michelle Paver; and how can losing your hearing change a relationship?

**WED 11:00 Rebooting RBS (b00mbvy1)**

After the catastrophic collapse of the Royal Bank of Scotland, Douglas Fraser goes inside the bank that came to symbolise the worst of the financial crisis to discover if, and how, the new management are turning the brand, and the bank, around.

**WED 11:30 Ayres on the Air (b00m6f4m)**

Series 3

In the Doghouse

Pam Ayres returns with a new series packed with poetry, anecdotes and sketches.

Poems include Toaster, about Pam's son's dog and its phobia; I'm the Dog Who Didn't Win a Prize, written by Pam after she was asked to be a judge at a competition; and Tippy Tappy Feet, about the things you miss when your best friend goes to the great kennel in the sky.

Pam is joined on stage by actors Geoffrey Whitehead and Felicity Montagu for sketches on what dogs talk to each other about and how a new puppy can cause more excitement in some families than a new baby.

**WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00m62yv)**

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson.

**WED 12:57 Weather (b00m64cd)**

The latest weather forecast.

**WED 13:00 World at One (b00m64dt)**

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

**WED 13:30 The Media Show (b00m6f4p)**

Lord Mandelson's department has published new measures that could see people who illegally download films and music cut off from the net. But is such action proportionate and practicable when an estimated seven million people in the UK are involved in illegal downloads?

The online video provider Blinkbox has just struck a deal with BBC Worldwide to make hundreds of hours of shows including Top Gear and Doctor Who available via its UK online video service. How will this and other similar services on the market alter the way in which we watch television?

As The X Factor returns with its sixth series and the line-up for this year's Strictly Come Dancing is revealed, former Strictly contestant Esther Rantzen and the News of the World's showbiz editor Dan Wootton deliver their verdict on the latest measures to keep the Saturday night TV behemoths fresh in the fight for ratings.

And with the news that Rupert Murdoch's London Paper is going to close, what does the future hold for the freesheet?

**WED 14:00 The Archers (b00m64g3)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 14:15 Drama (b00m6gg7)**

My Lovely Man

Comedy by Paul Watson about the world of the 'blue blood' debutantes, set in 1958.

Jemima Courtney's parents advise her in her bid to secure a match with Claude, son of the ageing Viscount Tudely. Unfortunately, however, there are many others in the cattle market who are competing for a noble but crumbling pile garlanded with the title Viscountess, the Lady Tudely.

Jemima ..... Honeysuckle Weeks  
 Claude ..... Bertie Carvel  
 Viscount Tudely ..... David Collings  
 Viviane Courtney ..... Jemma Redgrave  
 Coral ..... Sarah Kants  
 Sarah Jane ..... Lydia Leonard  
 Sally/Victoria ..... Amanda Ryan  
 Margaret Pownall ..... Sarah Badel  
 Madame Vacani/Boues ..... Rachel Atkins  
 Plant/Butler ..... Keith Drinkel  
 Stanley ..... Daniel Weyman  
 Daddy/General ..... Guy Henry  
 Henry ..... Samuel Yeomans

Directed by Paul Watson.

**WED 15:00 Money Box (b00m5360)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

**WED 15:30 Comic Fringes (b00m8qc4)**

Comic Fringes: Series 5

Hair of the Dead

Written and read by Sarah Millican.

Kitty does the hair of the dead. Just the front... A moving (and very funny) short story about a compassionate undertaker's assistant.

Another chance to hear this series of short stories by leading comedians recorded live in front of a packed audience at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2009. Still to come - at the same time over the next couple of Wednesdays - are stories by Jon Richardson and Susan Calman.

Produced by Kirsteen Cameron.

**WED 15:45 Cruickshank on New Zealand (b00m84nt)**

Wars, Treaties and Missionaries

New Zealand: 4 Extra Debut. Dan Cruickshank explores the devastating inter-tribal and land conflicts that wreaked havoc on the Maori population.

**WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00m6gg9)**

Richard Hoggart

Laurie Taylor discusses the life and work of leading cultural commentator Richard Hoggart, asking why his time is coming again.

Hoggart's evidence in the Lady Chatterley trial changed censorship for ever, his influence on the Pilkington Committee established the norms of public service broadcasting still in operation today and his academic work led to the invention of cultural studies in the UK.

He is considered a titan of contemporary culture and his famous book *The Uses of Literacy* combined sociology with literature and biography, going on to have a huge influence on the way popular culture was viewed. That influence has been on the wane in recent decades, but now a new edition of Hoggart's book is about to be published, a biography is being written and a recent conference was dedicated to his work.

**WED 16:30 Case Notes (b00m6c44)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 17:00 PM (b00m64tc)**

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

**WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00m64xw)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**WED 18:30 The Odd Half Hour (b00m6ggc)**

Series 1

Episode 4

Sketch show that looks at the pains of modern life. With Stephen K Amos, Jason Byrne, Justin Edwards and Katherine Parkinson.

**WED 19:00 The Archers (b00m64g5)**

The Snells have found the perfect spot for their holiday, in the perfect campsite. It's in Combe Martin, and who do they find there - Alan and Usha! Usha points out their little tent. She is keen to get straight in to the Snells' campervan, to look enviously at all the mod cons inside.

Eddie tells Sid he and the family are moving into Brookfield while the Archers are away. Wayne appears and Eddie encourages him to have a drink. Wayne is slowly getting better. He tries to give Sid a hand in the pub, but Sid isn't keen to let him. Sid persuades Wayne that now he's up and about, he's got no reason to stay. He could leave on Friday, couldn't he?

David shows Eddie how to use the grass plate meter and to enter the results into the computer. They've just about finished when David gets a call on his mobile. It's Usha, with a bone to pick with him - he told Lynda they were going to be in Combe Martin. David's very apologetic. Usha says it hasn't completely ruined their holiday but David thinks Usha will never forgive him.

Episode written by Caroline Harrington.

**WED 19:15 Front Row (b00m657x)**

Arts news and reviews with Mark Lawson.

How does television treat poverty? Mark Lawson and Kate Saunders discuss ITV's two-part documentary *The Duchess on the Estate* and Channel 4's *Benefit Busters*.

Armando Iannucci discusses his new book *The Audacity of Hype*, a satirical portrait of politics and modern life.

With the news that Channel 4 is to broadcast its final series of *Big Brother* in 2010, *Front Row* reflects on a decade of a show which gave the tabloids plenty of front page material while dividing opinion among the public.

Writer Nicholson Baker gained notoriety with his inventive erotic novels *Vox* and *The Fermata*. He tells Mark Lawson why the protagonist of his new novel is a poet.

**WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00m9gfw)**

The Quest

Episode 3

By Jonathan Holloway. Loosely based on the works of Sir Thomas Malory and Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

Mordred, the result of King Arthur's ill-judged frolic with his half sister, comes to call.

Arthur ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt  
 Merlin ..... Mark Gatiss  
 Percival ..... Mark Meadows  
 Lancelot ..... Stephen Noonan  
 Guinevere ..... Eleanor Tremain  
 Galahad ..... Paul Mundell  
 Mordred ..... Samuel Barnett  
 Baron the First ..... David Collins

Directed by Tim Dee.

**WED 20:00 The Atheist and the Bishop (b00m6ggf)**

Episode 2

Series in which an atheist and a bishop come together to apply their own philosophies to the experiences of people they meet, with Jane Little chairing the discussion.

Public debates between those who believe in God and those who resolutely do not appear more polarised than ever, often obscuring central human questions about how we should live and how modern ethics should work.

Here, Professor AC Grayling and Lord Harries of Pentregarth, the former Bishop of Oxford, visit a faith school and then meet the organiser of an atheist summer camp to explore where we get our values from and whether you need God to be Good.

**WED 20:45 The Public Meeting (b00mbhyk)**

Sparsely attended, frequently heckled, the public political meeting fell out of favour in the television age. John Beesley investigates the contribution of public meetings to democracy, and asks if they are due a resurgence.

**WED 21:00 Nature (b00m68s9)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 21:30 Between Ourselves (b00m6dfq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 21:58 Weather (b00m6678)**

The latest weather forecast.

**WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00m66dz)**

National and international news and analysis with Roger Hearing.

After Ted: The Kennedy legacy

Who needs high-speed rail?

A day with the climate campers.

**WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00m9g34)**

A Sentimental Journey Through France and Italy

Episode 3

Bill Nighy reads from Laurence Sterne's 1768 comic riposte to his contemporary Tobias Smollett's travel journal.

Upon stepping into a glove seller's to ask directions, Yorick is so enchanted by the glove seller that he feels compelled to buy several pairs, whether they fit him or not.

Abridged by Robin Brooks.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 23:00 Cowards (b00776sr)**

Series 1

Episode 1

Talking coins and cows in the bizarre world of the comedy sketch show team.

Featuring the talents of writers and performers Tom Basden, Stefan Golaszewski, Tim Key and Lloyd Woolf.

Producer: Victoria Lloyd

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in April 2007.

**WED 23:30 Kicking the Habit (b007wjxh)**

Series 1

Old Spots Before the Eyes

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.

Unholy writ states that, 'Pig movements must be accompanied by a completed AML2 document. The movement must be reported by the recipient of the animals to their Local Authority within three days of the movement taking place using the appropriate AML form.' And that applies as much to Carmelite friars as to anyone else.

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

Pilgrims and Friars ..... Kenneth Danziger, Alan Shearman, Tracy Patten, and Moira Quirk.

Directed by Pete Atkin

A Jarvis and Ayres production for BBC Radio 4.

**THURSDAY 27 AUGUST 2009****THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00m5w69)**

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

**THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00m0tps)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00m5w7q)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00m5wbh)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00m5w8y)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00m5x4c)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00m5x5l)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Shaykh Michael Mumisa.

**THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00m5xb5)**

Charlotte Smith hears how stocking more British dairy products in UK supermarkets could save the industry. Plus how farmers could do more to help the environment.

**THU 06:00 Today (b00m5xj6)**

Presented by Justin Webb and John Humphrys.

The Rugby Football Union chief executive Francis Baron discusses injury-feigning allegations against Harlequins player Tom Williams.

Sir Mike Tomlinson, former chief inspector of schools, says GCSE exams are a very expensive exercise.

Sam Zarifi of Amnesty International says the Chinese government is right to encourage voluntary organ donation.

Correspondent Kevin Connolly visits the site of the oldest African American church in the United States, the African Methodist Episcopal in downtown Philadelphia, to ask how the people there will remember Senator Edward Kennedy.

Can climate change be tackled using mechanical trees and algae? Science correspondent Tom Feilden reflects on the first 100-year action plan to tackle climate change to be published.

Dr Tim Fox, Head of Environment and Climate Change at the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, discusses whether an artificial environment could be the solution to global warming.

Reporter Huw Williams visits Stirling to hear the music that could have formed a soundtrack to the time when Mary, Queen of Scots lived in Stirling Castle.

Thought for the day with Professor Mona Siddiqui, of the University of Glasgow.

Reporter Jack Izzard speaks to two former hooligans about what makes people get involved in this kind of violence. Author Caroline Gall considers the extent of damage that violence does to the glossy image of the Premier League.

Michael Summers, Vice-Chairman of the Patients Association, and Dame Christine Beasley, the Chief Nursing Officer for England, discuss whether the NHS is offering a satisfactory service.

Angela Knight, of the British Bankers Association, discusses Lord Turner's comment that much of the activity of the City of London is 'socially useless'.

Today's new presenter, Justin Webb, joins a 'bicycle convoy' from the suburbs into central London, a scheme designed to tempt new urban cyclists into the saddle.

Professor Peter Braude, of the Department of Women's Health at King's College, London, explains the medical potential of germline gene therapy.

Timothy Knatchbull remembers the day his grandfather, Lord Mountbatten, was killed by an IRA bomb.

Journalists John Micklethwait and Jonathan Freedland discuss Edward Kennedy's liberal reputation.

James Berresford, of VisitEngland, and Tracy Corrigan, of the Daily Telegraph, discuss the appeal of 'staycations'.

**THU 09:00 No Triumph, No Tragedy (b00m6zpk)**

Peter White talks to disabled people who have bucked the odds and achieved outstanding success in a variety of fields.

Peter meets British fashion designer Betty Jackson. Although it is often reported in the press that she lost one of her legs in a car accident when she was 21, she actually had her leg amputated when she was just six years old. She describes how

difficult it must have been for her parents to make the decision to have her leg removed and why she is thankful they took that decision.

Betty led an active and normal life with her artificial leg, but when she had a serious car accident aged 21, she then developed walking difficulties and medical complications which left her unable to have children.

For Betty, having only one leg is irrelevant to how she does her job and to her success. She does confess, though, that rather than being a role model for disabled people coming into the fashion world, she counsels caution: it is fine for them to become pattern cutters or designers, but the catwalk is not the place they should aspire to.

**THU 09:30 Islam, Mullahs and the Media (b00m6zpm)**  
Changing Perceptions

Writer Kenan Malik explores how perceptions of Islam have been shaped by the media.

Kenan considers how our perceptions of Muslims have changed over the years. What has been the effect of events such as 9/11 and their coverage by the media?

**THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00m0tpv)**

When Skateboards Will Be Free

Episode 4

Josh Hamilton reads from American-Iranian writer Said Sayrafiezadeh's funny and touching memoir.

It is the time of the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis and Said is bullied at school because he says that the American diplomats were spies. Out of the blue, his mother leaves the Socialist Workers Party and devotes herself to writing magazine stories, which are all rejected. One night Said discovers that she has taken all her medication but he is able to get her to a doctor, even as she repeatedly tells him she does not want to live.

Abridged by Francois Mit.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00m8qnr)**

Male midlife crisis; Mouth cancer causes

Broadcaster Nicky Campbell on male midlife crisis. Plus, the causes of the rise in oral cancer discussed; and American poet Sharon Olds.

**THU 11:00 Crossing Continents (b00lyrb4)**

Bihar

David Goldblatt reports from a small town in the Indian state of Bihar that has turned into something of an academic hothouse. More than 50 students from the poor weaving community of Patwatoli have gained entry to the IITs, India's scientific equivalent of Oxbridge, in the last ten years. It is the week before the annual entrance exam, and the tension among the students is mounting.

**THU 11:30 When Harry Met Sally at 20 (b00m6zpr)**

4 Extra Debut. Film critic Sarah Churchwell celebrates the classic romantic film comedy with its writer, Nora Ephron. From August 2009.

**THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00m62yx)**

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson. Including Face the Facts, presented by John Waite.

**THU 12:57 Weather (b00m64cg)**

The latest weather forecast.

**THU 13:00 World at One (b00m64dw)**

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

**THU 13:30 Questions, Questions (b00m6zpt)**

Stewart Henderson answers those intriguing questions from everyday life.

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 14:00 The Archers (b00m64gy)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 14:15 Drama (b00m721l)**

A Pattern in Shrouds

By Christopher Lee. On August 27th 1979, two linked terrorist attacks by the IRA assassinated Earl Mountbatten and killed 18 British soldiers. Two days later, and in utmost secrecy, three Whitehall grandees discuss how the tragedy is likely to resonate down the years.

Sir Richard Coke ..... Ian Ogilvy  
George Lothbury ..... Jared Harris  
Henry ..... Alfred Molina

Other parts played by Kenneth Danziger, Matthew Wolf and Shay Duffin.

Directed by Martin Jarvis

A Jarvis and Ayres production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 15:00 Open Country (b00m52sw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

**THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00m5rll)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

**THU 15:30 Comic Fringes (b00m8qbt)**

Comic Fringes: Series 5

Gone Phishing

Series of short stories written and performed by leading new comedians at The Pleasance Theatre in Edinburgh as part of the Festival Fringe.

By Jon Richardson. A tale of love and betrayal set in a remote village in the Yorkshire Dales.

**THU 15:45 Cruickshank on New Zealand (b00m84nw)**

The Whale Rider, The Meeting House and the Haka

New Zealand: Dan Cruickshank investigates Maori ritual and tradition - including a modern take on the famous ceremonial dance.

**THU 16:00 Open Book (b00m5t0p)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

**THU 16:30 Material World (b00m721n)**

Quentin Cooper hears about the English astronomer who spotted an extraordinary solar eruption in September 1859 that created the most brilliant and extensive auroras ever witnessed on Earth, and which put out of action the newly-built telegraph networks. The impact of such a storm on today's telecommunications infrastructure could be huge.

Solar storms are just one possible catastrophe that could strike the Earth, but how can science be used to help the financial markets assess risk and predict material losses from catastrophic events? The process is beginning in the USA with the trading of 'catastrophe bonds'. Florida-based climatologist James B Elsner talks about how science is joining forces with the markets.

Reports estimate that one fifth of the UK's honey bees died during last winter. We find out about new research that is trying to understand why Colony Collapse Disorder is threatening honey bee populations around the world. But are we any nearer a definitive answer to the disappearance of the honey bee? Quentin talks to leading entomologist May Berenbaum.

The next generation of Taser guns seems to be on the way. On sale in the USA and being looked at by the Home Office in the UK, the XREP (extended range electronic projectile) has a range of almost 100 feet, over three times that of current models. It has already been dubbed the 'Taser shotgun'. Supporters say it will help police bring down suspects from a much greater distance; critics say it will greatly increase the risk of serious injuries. Quentin talks to David Wilkinson, who for four years led research into Taser use at the Home Office Scientific Development Branch.

**THU 17:00 PM (b00m64tf)**

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

**THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00m64xy)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**THU 18:30 4 at the Fringe (b00m721q)**

2009

Episode 1

4 At The Fringe is a stand up comedy show for Radio 4 which features some of the best comedy acts appearing at Edinburgh Festival Fringe in 2009, recorded at Pleasance Beyond.

Host Micky Flanagan introduces John Gordillo, Lucy Porter Alistair McGowan and Tom Basden

4 At The Fringe brings the best of the acts appearing at The Edinburgh Festival Fringe in one bite sized audio chunk!

The producer is Paul Russell, and this is an Open Mike production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 19:00 The Archers (b00m64g7)**

Ruth wishes Pip luck with her GCSE results. Pip hopes Ruth will still love her if she fails. Ruth says that won't happen. Jill tries to distract nervous Ruth by telling her about the flower and produce show. There's a new family category this year, called The Versatile Bee: they present five items related to bees. Would the children like to get involved? Pip finally calls!

Later, Jill brings a special celebration cake round for Pip - they're all so proud of her. Pip is disappointed that Izzy's decided against going to college. Pip tried to persuade Izzy otherwise. College won't be the same without Izzy.

Lynda, Robert, Alan and Usha enjoy a coastal walk together. Robert wishes Alan and Usha a happy anniversary.

Later, Alan cooks a banquet on their camping stove, as they toast their anniversary. There's a distant rumble of thunder which Usha doesn't like the sound of, and a closer clap of thunder makes her scream.

Lynda and Robert hear the thunder and Lynda says she must save Alan and Usha. At that moment, they appear. They've brought their anniversary feast and hope that the Snells will share it with them.

Episode written by Caroline Harrington.

**THU 19:15 Front Row (b00m657z)**

Arts news and reviews with Kirsty Lang.

Johnny Marr, former guitarist with The Smiths, has joined indie rock band The Cribs, made up of the three Jarman brothers. The band's first album release with Marr on guitars will be available in three regional formats called The Roses Edition. It can only be found in Yorkshire, where two of the Jarman brothers are based; Lancashire, where Marr is originally from; and Portland, Oregon, where bassist Gary Jarman is living. Johnny Marr and Gary Jarman discuss the thinking behind The Roses Edition and the enduring legacy of Marr's first band, The Smiths.

Kathryn Hughes reviews ITV's latest adaptation of Emily Bronte's gothic classic Wuthering Heights.

As he prepares to bring his one-man show to London's West End, Alan Cumming tells Kirsty about his terror of singing, getting an OBE and why President Obama inspired him to become an American citizen.

The Egyptian novelist Bahaa Taher won the inaugural International Prize for Arabic Fiction last year and his latest novel, Sunset Oasis, is now being published. Bahaa Taher discusses this work and reflects on the cultural and political atmosphere of his home country.

**THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00m9gfy)**

The Quest

Episode 4

By Jonathan Holloway. Loosely based on the works of Sir Thomas Malory and Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

Merlin worries he is losing his mind. Star Trek might be to blame.

Arthur ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt  
Merlin ..... Mark Gatiss  
Guinevere ..... Eleanor Tremain  
Galahad ..... Paul Mundell  
Teenager ..... Samuel Barnett  
Sir Kay ..... David Collins  
Welsh King ..... Mark Meadows

Directed by Tim Dee.

**THU 20:00 The Report (b00m721s)**

The Fertility Drugs Black Market

Babies are big business: more than 35,000 women undergo fertility treatment in the UK each year. With many couples facing a postcode lottery for free IVF treatment on the NHS, some have turned to an illegal market in fertility drugs to make the process affordable. Nadene Ghouri investigates the trade and examines claims that it could lead to women taking big risks with their health.

**THU 20:30 In Business (b00m721v)**

Squeaky Clean

WD40 is one of those rare products that users deeply identify with. In San Diego, Peter Day investigates the company's secret formula and finds out how to run an international business by using the promise of the original brand to navigate into the future.

**THU 21:00 The Great Climate Change Hijack (b00m721x)**

The BBC's environment correspondent Richard Black investigates if climate change is diverting attention away from other environmental problems such as air pollution, acid oceans and species extinction.

Talk about climate change is everywhere, from the classroom to the UN. It is undoubtedly an important issue, but has our enthusiasm for tackling climate change led us to neglect other pressing and arguably more immediate environmental concerns, such as poor air quality in our major cities? Why has climate change attracted so much political attention and the loss of plant and animal species so little?

Far from being an 'inconvenient truth', could the climate change debate actually be rather politically convenient?

**THU 21:30 No Triumph, No Tragedy (b00m6zpk)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 21:58 Weather (b00m667b)**

The latest weather forecast.

**THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00m66f1)**

With Ritula Shah.

Has there been a serious row between the US and President Karzai?

Population in the UK soars to 61 million, the biggest increase for almost 50 years.

Could a bank tax be a solution to prevent excessive bonuses?

Another record-breaking round of GCSE results, but why do so many still fail?

And we go back to 1989 - to look at Ukraine's road to independence.

**THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00m9g36)**

A Sentimental Journey Through France and Italy

Episode 4

Bill Nighy reads from Laurence Sterne's 1768 comic riposte to his contemporary Tobias Smollett's travel journal.

After checking into a hotel, Yorick is struck by the prettiness of his chambermaid; although nothing would induce him to consider anything improper. Moments later, however, he is given an advanced lesson in the art of begging.

Abridged by Robin Brooks.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 23:00 I've Never Seen Star Wars (b00dkzls)**

Series 1

Paul Daniels

Marcus Brigstocke invites Paul Daniels to try new experiences.

**THU 23:30 Jon Ronson On (b0071z6n)**

Series 3

The Internet Date from Hell

Journalist Jon Ronson investigates the extraordinary story of Mary Turner Thompson, who experienced the worst internet date ever which lasted seven years and was to cause the total

devastation of her life.

Edinburgh-based Mary met and married a man who told her he was a CIA agent. Jon visits her in Scotland and hears the incredible twisting and turning love story of Will and Mary. Will carried a gun and had to dash off to Israel at a moment's notice; Mary was left holding the baby, never knowing when he would come back, and was unable to contact him. She even feared a terrorist attack on her home. But the most bizarre twist was still to come.

**FRIDAY 28 AUGUST 2009****FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00m5w6c)**

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

**FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00m0tvp)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00m5w7s)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00m5wbk)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00m5w90)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00m5x4f)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00m5x5n)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Shaykh Michael Mumisa.

**FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00m5xh7)**

Successful reintroduction programmes, improved habitat and a reduction in attacks on birds of prey has meant that raptor numbers are growing. But while they are admired by some, they can also be a nuisance to others, as they prey on farm birds and other creatures. The National Gamekeepers Organisation tells Charlotte Smith that it condemns attacks on birds, but says that there will soon be the need for humane control of their numbers.

**FRI 06:00 Today (b00m5xj8)**

Presented by John Humphrys and Justin Webb.

Prof John Salt discusses the growth of the UK population by 408,000 in 2008.

Torin Douglas reports on James Murdoch's James MacTaggart Memorial Lecture. 20 years after his father, Rupert, gave the same keynote address.

Afghan expert Michael Semple says the idea that President Hamid Karzai won 70 per cent of the vote in the Afghanistan elections is a fairy story.

Martin Parry discusses whether governments will be willing to invest 300 billion pounds a year to cope with climate change.

A US woman found after being abducted as a girl in 1991 gave birth to two children fathered by her alleged kidnapper. Rajesh Mirchandani reports on how Jaycee Dugard was kept isolated for so long.

Correspondent Jon Leyne reflects on the confessions made by opposition leaders during trials in Iran.

Thought for the Day with John Bell of the Iona Community.

Broadcaster Andrew Neil and Dawn Airey, chief executive of Five, discuss how Sky TV has influenced television over the last 20 years.

Nurses Bob Purcell, Maureen Hamilton and 'Rachel' discuss their profession, following a report into NHS care.

Author Rose Prince and contributor Pamela Caff discuss the updated version of the wartime classic, Make Do And Mend, which has been issued for today's recession-hit generation.

Criminal psychologist Dr David Holmes discusses the mental state of the alleged kidnappers of Jaycee Dugard, a US woman found after being abducted as a girl in 1991.

Former defence secretary Sir Malcolm Rifkind and Major

General Patrick Cordingley discuss the challenge facing new army chief General Sir David Richards.

Correspondent James Fletcher considers whether or not there is still a market for Polaroid pictures in a digital age.

Iranian state television will show more defendants sitting in rows in a courtroom in Tehran, as they face trial for taking part in a plot to undermine the Islamic Republic. Mansour Farhang, revolutionary Iran's first ambassador to the UN, considers whether Iranians would be surprised by allegations that these defendants have been tortured.

**FRI 09:00 The Reunion (b00m5rrz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

**FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00m0tpx)**

When Skateboards Will Be Free

Episode 5

Josh Hamilton reads from American-Iranian writer Said Sayrafiezadeh's funny and touching memoir.

Now grown up, Said takes a job in the corporate offices of the lifestyle expert Martha Stewart. He loves buying designer accoutrements for his tiny apartment and falls in love with a co-worker, Karen. His mother comes to visit and asks if he has heard from his father. He has not, but he reminisces about the last time they met. He was 17 and it was a very uncomfortable meal. He hugs his now frail mom and rides away on the subway with Karen.

Abridged by Francois Smit.

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00m8qnt)**

Induced lactation; Evolution of fashion advertising

The changing face of fashion advertising. Plus, breastfeeding without having been pregnant; and the woman still fencing at 76.

**FRI 11:00 It's My Story (b00lb2cq)**

The 99

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

**FRI 11:30 The Pickerskill Reports (b00j67mn)**

Series 1

Harry Hindle-Rand

Ian McDiarmid stars as Dr Henry Pickerskill, retired English master of Haunchurst School for boys, looking back on his favourite pupils and their fortunes in the adult world - based on their school reports and their letters to him after they left.

Harry Hindle-Rand, an apparently saintly pupil and school chorister, secretly encourages one of the master's weakness for altar wine in exchange for answers to end of term exams. While the boy may be a heavenly singer, Pickerskill uncovers Hindle-Rand's darker motives and predicts correctly that he will become successful as an adult. Just not in the way one might have expected.

Dr Henry Pickerskill ..... Ian McDiarmid  
Harry Hindle-Rand ..... Thomas Sangster  
Lefty Rogers ..... Tony Gardner  
The Chaplain ..... Mike Feast  
The Colonel ..... Richard Johnson  
Elfyn Wynn Thomas Evans ..... Philip Madoc  
Collyer ..... Tom Kane  
Stealgroynes ..... Louis Williams

Written and directed by Andrew McGibbon.

Producers: Nick Romero and Jonathan Ruffle  
A Curtains For Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00m62yz)**

Consumer news and issues with Peter White.

**FRI 12:57 Weather (b00m64cj)**

The latest weather forecast.

**FRI 13:00 World at One (b00m64dy)**

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

**FRI 13:30 More or Less (b00m74g6)**

Tim Harford and the More or Less team examine more numbers in the news, including whether Britain's record on prosecuting rape is as bad as headlines suggest.

An Open University co production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00m64g7)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 14:15 Drama (b00m74g8)**

The Last Tsar

Ian Curteis's drama examines an enduring mystery of the First World War - the apparent refusal of King George V to give sanctuary in England to his cousin Tsar Nicholas and his young family after the Tsar had been forced to abdicate following the Russian Revolution.

King George V ..... Derek Jacobi  
Queen Mary ..... Phyllida Law  
Lord Stamfordham ..... David Hargreaves  
Lloyd George ..... Owen Teale

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

**FRI 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00m74gb)**

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Anne Swithinbank, Bob Flowerdew and Pippa Greenwood answer questions posed by gardeners in Hertfordshire.

Anne Rowe, a landscape historian at Cambridge University, discovers the lost gardens of Hertfordshire. Pippa Greenwood is joined by a leading bulb expert to reveal next year's exciting daffodil trends.

**FRI 15:45 Cruickshank on New Zealand (b00m84ny)**

Walking Backwards to the Future

Dan Cruickshank explores the consequences of the arrival of the British on the indigenous Maori people after Captain Cook's arrival in New Zealand in 1769, and how the European settlers adapted and exploited the many riches this new world had to offer.

Dan hears from the Maori about their attitude to the past, what they hope for in the future and how they are coming to terms with the threat to their land and culture set in train by Cook's arrival 240 years ago.

**FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00m74n4)**

The lives of Senator Edward Kennedy; geologist and African adventurer Campbell Bridges; Gregory's Girl producer Clive Parsons; jazz guitarist Lawrence Lucie. With Matthew Bannister.

**FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00m74rm)**

Described by some as the world's greatest living cinematographer, Douglas Slocombe has worked on films including Kind Hearts and Coronets and Raiders of the Lost Ark. Now in his 90s, he talks to Matthew Sweet about his extraordinary career.

Mark Gatiss from The League of Gentlemen concludes his alternative guide to British cinema.

Listeners, screenwriters and directors including Bertrand Tavernier, Alex Cox, Frank Cottrell Boyce and Jake Arnott nominate the British classics they think have been neglected by posterity.

**FRI 17:00 PM (b00m64th)**

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

**FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00m64y0)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 18:30 I Guess That's Why They Call It The News (b00m74rp)**

Episode 2

Fred MacAulay chairs a topical panel show in which two teams play games inspired by the week's headlines. The show asks both the big and the little questions, and provides thoroughly silly answers to both. With Andy Parsons and Justin Edwards.

**FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00m64g9)**

Miserable Usha didn't sleep, she was damp and uncomfortable. Alan says it was dry in the tent, but Usha reminds him they got drenched coming back from the Snells. She just wants a hot bath. Alan says they should find a hotel. He wants Usha to be happy.

Later, Alan and Usha lounge on their hotel bed and Usha confesses she'd been dreading their holiday. Alan says she should have said, but Usha says the damp night makes her appreciate the hotel - they should stay there all afternoon. It's their anniversary after all.

Sid tells surprised Jolene that Wayne had agreed to leave today.

Ed chats to Fallon in the Bull. She tells him Wayne's still there and the atmosphere's terrible. Hopefully he'll be out of their hair soon. Mike arrives and he and Ed go through their Borchester Land proposal, which Brenda had helped to write. They're both pleased with it.

Jolene tells Sid none of them want Wayne back on the streets, getting ill again. Fallon joins in. She doesn't want Wayne ill again - she'll feel responsible. Sid can't believe it. How long before Wayne's back on his feet? Jolene says no-one can foretell the future.

Episode written by Caroline Harrington.

**FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00m6581)**

The former Soft Cell singer Marc Almond discusses Orpheus in Exile, his tribute to Vadim Kozin, the Gypsy folk singer sent to the Gulags after falling out of favour with Stalin for refusing to write a song for him. Kozin died in self-imposed exile in a northern Russian Gulag city in 1994 at the age of 91. Almond discovered Kozin's songs during a visit to Russia in 1992, and recorded and mixed the new CD in Moscow.

Natalie Haynes reviews a new rom-com, (500) Days of Summer, starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zooey Deschanel, which offers a new twist on the traditional boy-meets-girl template.

Frank Cottrell Boyce talks about the new BBC drama Framed, based on his bestselling children's novel. Starring Trevor Eve and Eve Myles, it is the story of 10 year-old Dylan Hughes and his family's struggle to survive the recession in a small Welsh village and the plan Dylan and his sister conceive when a cosmopolitan art curator called Quentin arrives in the village.

**FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00m9gg0)**

The Quest

Episode 5

By Jonathan Holloway. Loosely based on the works of Sir Thomas Malory and Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

Galahad meets an angel and Arthur meets his end.

Arthur ..... Julian Rhind-Tutt  
Merlin ..... Mark Gatiss  
Guinevere ..... Eleanor Tremain  
Galahad ..... Paul Mundell  
Percival ..... Mark Meadows  
Mordred ..... Samuel Barnett  
Angel ..... Jasmine Hyde

Directed by Tim Dee.

**FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00m74rr)**

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. The panellists are former Conservative deputy leader Lord Heseltine, former Labour cabinet minister Tony Benn, columnist Yasmin Alibhai-Brown and Professor Colin Mayer, Dean of Oxford University's Saïd Business School.

**FRI 20:50 David Attenborough's Life Stories (b00m74rt)**

Series 1

Coelacanth

The Coelacanth is a primitive bony fish thought to be an important ancestor to all back-boned animals that ventured onto land.

David Attenborough brought to TV the first film of a living fish in Life on Earth. But is it the living fossil it was claimed to be?

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 August 2009.

**FRI 21:00 Friday Drama (b00m74rw)**

The Black Bono

By Gabriel Bisset-Smith. Gideon Gordon, film star and celebrity campaigner for human rights, is murdered in Africa, and the main suspect is his brother Ken. What can have driven the brothers apart?

Christine Giddis ..... Chipu Chung  
 Simon Giddis ..... Gabriel Bisset-Smith  
 Gideon Gordon ..... Kobna Holdbrook-Smith  
 Ken Gordon ..... Jude Akuwudike  
 Juliet Gordon ..... Clare Perkins  
 Peter Champion ..... Philip Fox  
 Detective Bolton ..... Paul Rider  
 Danni/African Woman ..... Janice Acquah  
 Sian ..... Caroline Guthrie

With Matt Addis, Stephen Hogan, Jonathan Tafler.

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

**FRI 21:58 Weather (b00m667f)**

The latest weather forecast.

**FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00m66f3)**

National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah.

How effective is child protection in the United States?

A look ahead to the Japanese elections.

Has the SNP been damaged by the Lockerbie affair?

**FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00m9g38)**

A Sentimental Journey Through France and Italy

Episode 5

Bill Nighy reads from Laurence Sterne's 1768 comic riposte to his contemporary Tobias Smollett's travel journal.

Forced to take refuge in a roadside inn, Yorick is forced to share a bedroom with a stranger and her maid. The precautions for managing such a situation border on the Baroque.

Abridged by Robin Brooks.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 23:00 Great Lives (b00m6c3y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

**FRI 23:30 Listen Against (b00fgt0r)**

Series 2

Episode 1

An Archers convention, a live pitbull on Radio 4's Today programme and a Popmaster crisis for Radio 2.

The show that prises the back off your radio, fiddles around with the programmes inside and then puts it all back together the wrong way round.

Written by and starring Jon Holmes.

With Alice Arnold.

Producer: Sam Bryant

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2008.