

SATURDAY 09 JANUARY 2010

SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00pm0j8)

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b00pmbw8)

Willie Daly - The Last Matchmaker

Episode 5

Dermot Crowley reads from the memoir by traditional Irish matchmaker Willie Daly. Telling tall tales of true love, this is a fascinating journey through modern rural Ireland and its recent past.

A salutary tale warning against messing with the path of true love.

Abridged by David Jackson Young.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00pm0kp)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00pm0kr)

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

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00pm0kt)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00pm0kw)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00pm1d0)

Daily prayer and reflection with Dr Michael Ford.

SAT 05:45 A Box of Wittgensteins (b00g215j)

The Moody Genius

Margaret Stonborough, the great-niece of philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein, talks to artist and historian Michael Huey as she delves into six boxes of newly-inherited family archives. As she digs deeper into the talented but tortured lives of the Wittgensteins she finds her cramped London house becoming ever more crowded with her larger-than-life forbears.

At the end of the First World War, letters and artefacts show that the surviving Wittgensteins were attempting to pick up their lives but they are rarely far from tragedy. Within a few years, the family history of suicide loomed over them once again.

The readers are Sarah Finch, Nicholas Rowe and Dan Starkey.

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00pm1d2)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00pmdct)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00pn25d)

Purbeck

In May 2008, a huge fire swept across Godlingston Heath National Nature Reserve in Purbeck, Dorset, devastating acres of heathland rich in wildlife, rare reptiles and birds. It was estimated that the landscape could take up to 30 years to recover. Yet, in the right circumstances, fire is still used as a means of controlling the landscape to ensure a healthy environment for plants and wildlife.

Helen Mark discovers more about the various forces at work in our nature reserves and begins by tracking down the increasing population of sika, the small Japanese deer that have taken up home on the moors and heaths. Left unmanaged, the deer can cause problems both for the heathland and for neighbouring farmers and so are now being monitored and managed through a programme of culling.

Helen visits the scene of the devastating fire at Godlingston Heath to meet the people who dealt with the aftermath and who are still working to restore the landscape. She then canoes out onto freshwater Littlesea Lake in search of the invasive crassula plant, which can grow to a meter thick, taking oxygen from the water and suppressing other wild plants.

SAT 06:30 Farming Today (b00pn25g)

Farming Today This Week

The UK has seen a week of freezing temperatures and heavy snow and the severe weather looks set to continue. Cath Mackie visits a farm on the Worcestershire-Warwickshire border to investigate how farmers are coping with the conditions and their impact on cattle, sheep and crops.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00pn25j)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00pn25i)

With Sarah Montague and James Naughtie. Including Sports Desk; Weather; Thought for the Day; Yesterday in Parliament.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00pn25n)

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. Katie Derham is joined by Chris Addison. With poetry from Luke Wright.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00pn25q)

John McCarthy celebrates travelling in a winter landscape with two writers, one in Wales and one in Scotland, and talks to crime writer Barbara Nadel about the lure of Istanbul.

SAT 10:30 What's So Great About ...? (b00pn346)

Series 2

Maths

Lenny Henry questions the iconic status of people or things held dear by many.

Lenny, like so many in the UK, has always found maths tough going, but was he simply badly taught or has he got some sort of number blindness? Defending the art of arithmetical analysis and the joys of number-crunching are Countdown maths maestro Carol Vorderman and former government 'Maths Tsar' Celia Hoyles.

At a national conference on how to make maths more fun and engaging for children, Lenny teams up with a group of primary maths teachers to play number games and fold paper into right-angled triangles, squares, parallelograms and other usefully geometrical shapes - and enjoys it.

On the scientific front, down in his testing room at London's University College neurology department, Professor Brian Butterworth puts Lenny's number ability on trial. Brian has done field-leading work on the way the brain handles arithmetical concepts, so how will Lenny cope with tests that he admits feel like his worst nightmare from schooldays?

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00pn348)

A look behind the scenes at Westminster with Peter Osborne.

MPs expenses raised its head again when the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority published its consultation on MPs allowances and expenses. Will the regulation be tough enough? John Mann (Labour) thinks not, while Nick Harvey (Liberal Democrat) disagrees.

The move to unseat Gordon Brown failed, but how does one mount a successful coup? Two people with experience of the rough and tumble of party politics - Lord Donoghue, former adviser to Prime Ministers Harold Wilson and Jim Callaghan, and Derek Conway, a Conservative whip in the Major years - compare notes.

The Liberal Democrats are now being wooed by both main parties in the expectation of a hung parliament. Lord Rennard and Chris Hulne assess their suitors.

Do political poster campaigns work? Charles Lewington of Hanover PR and formerly John Major's head of communications, talks to Barry Delaney, a former advertising consultant to the Labour Party.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00pn34b)

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

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00pn34d)

Paul Lewis with the latest news from the world of personal finance.

Faster payments not fast enough. Plus: are personal pensions worth it for average earners? Banks slow to adapt to new card fraud rules; the future of banking; scrum for boiler scrappage and cold fuel payment increased.

SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b00pm0pd)

Series 70

Episode 1

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. The panellists are Jeremy Hardy, Sue Perkins, Danielle Ward and Fred Macaulay.

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00pn34g)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News (b00pn34j)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00pm0dr)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from the Baitul Futuh Mosque in Morden, London. The panellists are transport minister Sadiq Khan, Conservative MEP Daniel Hannan, Liberal Democrat energy and climate change spokesman Simon Hughes and writer and columnist for The Guardian Polly Toynbee.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00pn34l)

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

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b00dc4f0)

Just Between Ourselves

Adaptation of Alan Ayckbourn's celebrated 1977 stage play, a bitter-sweet comedy about love, marriages and mothers.

Dennis Stephen Critchlow

Vera Samantha Spiro

Marjorie Auriol Smith

Neil Chris Pavlo

Pam Alison Pettitt

Music composed by David Chilton.

Directed by Gordon House.

SAT 16:00 Woman's Hour (b00pn34q)

Weekend Woman's Hour

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

Ruthie Henshall on Chicago and living with fame; can your relationship ever recover from infidelity?; the American schools' experiment on longer days in school and why it might work here; poet Sinead Morrissey on what inspires her; eavesdropping on dads who do the childcare; and wooing women voters - what would sway how you vote?

SAT 17:00 PM (b00pn34s)

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

SAT 17:30 iPM (b00pn34v)

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

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00pn34x)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00pn34z)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00pn351)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00pn353)

Peter Curran and guests with an eclectic mix of conversation, music and comedy.

Peter is joined by the comedian and bird watcher Bill Bailey, screen writer of The Road Joe Penhall and art historian and presenter Gus Casley-Hayford.

Arthur Smith talks to chef and food writer Valentine Warner.

With comedy from Pappy's and music from Lawrence Arabia and Lulu and the Lamphshades.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b00pn355)

Sir Roderic Lyne

Starting next week some of those most closely involved in the decision to go to war in Iraq will be appearing before the Chilcot Inquiry. Mary Ann Sieghart profiles Sir Roderic Lyne, the Iraq Inquiry panellist who is asking the toughest questions. He is a former Ambassador to Moscow and private secretary to John Major. Alastair Campbell has been a running buddy. So how tough will Sir Roderic be with his friends and former colleagues?

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00pn357)

Tom Sutcliffe is joined by architect Amanda Levete, columnist David Aaronovitch and poet Paul Farley to discuss the cultural highlights of the week - featuring a post-apocalyptic survival tale, President Obama's America and a story of obsessive, unrequited love.

The Road is a film adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's stark, Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. Set in America in the aftermath of an unnamed catastrophe, it follows the trudging progress of a father and his 10-year-old son as they trek south in a desperate search for warmth and food. But the way ahead is fraught with danger and provisions are few and far between.

The new novel by Orhan Pamuk, the winner of the 2006 Nobel Prize for Literature, tells the story of Kemal, the son of one of Istanbul's richest families who is engaged to wealthy Sibel. But Kemal has an obsessive love for Fusun, a poor shop girl and distant relation, which is set to disrupt all their lives.

Following his series The American Future: A History, historian Simon Schama returns with Obama's America, two films considering the daunting challenges facing the president both on the world stage and at home, including tackling a reeling economy. Having first explored the twin pillars that sustained 'the American Century', Schama now seeks an understanding of what is at stake for the future.

This month Sky 1 celebrates 20 years of one of television's most famous and flawed families, The Simpsons. In three programmes we meet cast members, learn how each episode is put together and why the family was painted yellow, and explore the worldwide impact of the series.

SAT 20:00 Archive on 4 (b00pxptv)
Mods!

Phil Daniels presents a look back at the Mod movement, exploring its beginnings in the Soho underground of the late 1950s through to the seafront clashes with the Rockers in the 1960s, and examining the Mods' influence on music, film, fashion and popular culture.

A Brook Lapping production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00pj463)

Edith Wharton - The Custom of the Country

Episode 1

Dramatisation by Jane Rogers of Edith Wharton's 1913 satire of marriage and money in early 20th-century American society.

When the beautiful Undine Spragg arrives in New York, she sets her sights on Ralph Marvell, but will he live up to her expectations?

Undine Spragg Rebecca Night
Mrs Spragg Barbara Barnes
Mrs Heeny Lorelei King
Abner Spragg/Popple Jonathan Keeble
Peter Van Degan William Houston
Mr Dagonet Paul McCleary
Laura Fairford Provence Maydew
Elmer Moffatt Tom Hollander
Ralph Marvell Dan Stevens
Mabel Lipscombe Tessa Nicholson

Directed by Nadia Molinari.

SAT 22:00 Weather (b00pn35c)

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

SAT 22:15 Unreliable Evidence (b00pktp)

The Law and Drugs

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

There is a growing body of opinion in the legal world that the 'war on drugs' has failed and that decriminalisation of drugs is the only way ahead. What are the shortcomings of the existing

Misuse of Drugs Act, and how might drug use be regulated in a decriminalised future?

An Above The Title production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 23:00 Brain of Britain (b00pk7zt)

Russell Davies chairs the first semi-final of the perennial general knowledge contest, with heat winners Mrs Ali Arnold from High Wycombe, Ms Marie Coyle from London, Rob Hannah from Torquay and Roger Johnson from Chelmsford competing for a place in the final.

SAT 23:30 Miles Jupp's Muscular Lines (b00pj4s4)

Can a book of poetry for boys which inspired young men at the beginning of the 20th century work its magic on a new generation? Comedian Miles Jupp revisits his old prep school with a book of Muscular Lines to see if the stirring verse about battles, exploration and moral values is relevant today. Some of today's heroes and explorers reveal the poems that keep them going when times get tough.

SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2010

SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00pn3zg)

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

SUN 00:30 Afternoon Reading (b009fplm)

Pier Shorts

Symbiosis

Stories by new writers, inspired by Brighton's Palace Pier.

By Tom Fox.

Harold and Mary have lived together in the same Brighton house for 50 years. Harold makes all the decisions and Mary cannot leave the house - until a wrongly posted women's magazine lands on the doorstep.

Read by Sian Thomas.

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00pn3zj)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00pn3zl)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00pn3zn)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00pn3zq)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00pn3zs)

The sound of bells from St Martin's Church, Desford in Leicester.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b00pn355)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00pn3zv)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00pn3zx)

Wild Swimming

The writer Sarah Cuddon reflects upon what draws people into the open sea and the wild water of rivers.

She talks to Kate Rew, founder of the Outdoor Swimming Society, about the real experience and metaphorical significance of wild swimming, with reference to Retta Bowen, Charles Sprawson, Iris Murdoch and other writers 'hungry for water'. With music by Benjamin Britten, Portico Quartet and Kathryn Williams.

Readers: Emma Fielding and Jonathan Keeble

Produced by Alan Hall

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4

SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b00pn3zz)

Tom Heap visits Pheasant Oak Turkey Farm near Coventry to see what happens once Christmas dinner is over.

A tasty turkey is the main ingredient of most Christmas dinners, making December one of the busiest months for poultry farmers. But what happens when the presents are all unwrapped and the New Year has begun? Tom meets turkey farmer Rod Adlington at the Pheasant Oak Farm, in search of survivors. He joins in with the mucking-out to find out what happens on the farm once the holiday season is over and why turkeys seem to lose the will to live in the New Year.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00pn401)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00pn403)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00pn405)

Jane Little 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 (b00pn407)

Cambodia Trust

Richard Wilson appeals on behalf of Cambodia Trust.

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SUN 07:58 Weather (b00pn409)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00pn40c)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00pn40f)

A service from Christ Church in Cockermonth, one of the towns devastated by the 2009 Cumbria floods, to celebrate the strength of their community and the place of faith in the most difficult circumstances.

Director of Music: Edward Taylor.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00pn0dt)

Lisa Jardine welcomes the advent of electronic books but retains her passion for the printed page.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00pn40h)

We cast our memories back to the fateful day in November 1990 when the cabinet, one by one, trooped into Mrs Thatcher's office and told her the game was up. Michael Howard and John Gummer relive the emotional event. And why did the present cabinet did not follow their example this week?

We speak to historian of the Raj, Charles Allen, whose forebears fought in both the Afghan wars. Could they teach the CIA a thing or two today? Plus, a delve into the imaginary archive to find lukewarm endorsements of leaders past.

The answer to the Quiz was: David Cameron's gaffe on marriage tax recognition.

The honey spoon goes to the winner, Nicholas Bond.

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00pn40k)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00pn40m)

Mary Portas

Kirsty Young's castaway is Mary Portas.

She's made an art-form out of turning heads, and her galleries have been the enormous plate-glass windows of Harrods, Topshop and Harvey Nichols.

These days she brings retail therapy to small traders, helping them to hold their own against the high street's big names.

Record: Casta Diva from Norma
Book: The works of Rumi, Persian poet and philosopher
Luxury: 'A set of different fragrances from the people I love'.

SUN 12:00 Just a Minute (b00pk8z6)
Series 56

Episode 1

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game. Panellists Paul Merton and Julian Clary reveal, among other things, what they think of New Year's Eve parties, and David Mitchell and Gyles Brandreth discuss the art of writing a book.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00pn410)
Speciality Tea

Speciality teas are the biggest growth area in the fairly static tea sector, as tea drinkers go in search of more interesting flavours, and stories. Sheila Dillon asks what's driving this growth, and finds out what is on offer both in the mass market and the speciality tea companies, including The Rare Tea Company.

The British are second only to the Irish in the amount of tea they drink but Henrietta Lovell wasn't convinced they were getting a decent cuppa, so set up the company to bring 'the good stuff' to the nation's mugs, including a surprising new tea from Malawi. African tea is traditionally regarded as low quality commodity tea best used in blended teabags, and lacks the cache of China tea or Indian Darjeeling. Henrietta has been working with a third-generation Malawian tea producer to bring a single estate 'gourmet' tea to the market, fit to rub shoulders with traditional premium teas.

Sheila is joined in the studio by Bill Gorman from the UK Tea Council, which represents all the major tea brands in the UK, and Edward Eisler, founder of internet-based Jing Tea.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00pn4c1)
The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00pn4c3)
A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

SUN 13:30 Moments of Genius (b00pr7c5)
Geoff Watts introduces an omnibus edition of the Moments of Genius which have aired throughout the past week on Radio 4, from the moment a Dutch draper stared at a drop of pond water to an experiment that put Einstein to the test.

Geoff and guests enjoy and discuss the choices of, among others, mathematician Marcus du Sautoy, writer Eoin Colfer, Professor Lord Winston, Carol Vorderman and comedian Ben Miller. They consider if scientists really do have moments of genius or if it is just a useful fiction, and what it takes to be a genius.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00pm0dh)
Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Bunny Guinness, Bob Flowerdew and Matthew Biggs answer questions from gardeners in Wallasey, Merseyside.

Matthew tells the story of Liverpool cotton merchant Arthur Bulley and his love of plants.

Bunny explores the skills needed for willow weaving by meeting a group of students on a course, and explains how to create some stunning designs.

Including gardening weather forecast.

SUN 14:45 Gameboy v The Mongolian Steppe (b00chwzb)
Episode 1

Series following the exploits of a computer games-obsessed 14-year-old with learning difficulties who is taken to Mongolia by his father to experience the more exciting side of life.

Dexter, his dad and his step-mum Sarah, who suffers from ME, head off on an adventure of a lifetime, hunting with nomads in the far West of Mongolia. Will real life be more exciting than computer games?

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00pnp9c)
Edith Wharton - The Custom of the Country

Episode 2

Dramatisation by Jane Rogers of Edith Wharton's 1913 satire of marriage and money in early-20th century American society.

Leaving her husband and child in New York, Undine travels to Paris where she meets a charming French aristocrat.

Mrs Heeny Lorelei King
Elmer Moffatt Tom Hollander
Undine Spragg Rebecca Night
Mrs Spragg Barbara Barnes
Abner Spragg Jonathan Keeble
Ralph Marvell Dan Stevens
Clare Van Degen Lucy Gaskell
Peter Van Degan William Houston
Mabel Lipscombe Tessa Nicholson
Laura Fairford/Princess Estradina Provence Maydew
Raymond De Chelles Joseph Kloska

Directed by Nadia Molinari.

SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00pnp9f)

Mariella Frostrup talks to the novelist and biographer Edmund White about two new books: his collection of short fiction, Chaos, and City Boy, a memoir of his life in New York in the 1960s and 70s. He talks about his attitude to mortality, and remembers coming of age as a gay writer at the time of the Stonewall riots.

As last year's reference books are superseded by the 2010 editions, Open Book talks to the author of Schott's Almanac 2010, Ben Schott, the writer Kevin Jackson and the editor of Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, Camilla Rockwood, who reveal why they enjoy curling up with a reference book.

And in this week's Reading Clinic, Michael Carlson chooses some titles for an Open Book listener who's in search of 1920s gangster fiction.

SUN 16:30 And Go To Innisfree (b00pnp9h)

Poet Kenneth Steven explores WB Yeats's The Lake Isle of Innisfree.

In his famous poem, Yeats declared that he will 'arise ... and go to Innisfree', and Kenneth does exactly that: journeying from the Strand in London, where Yeats had the idea, to the Lake Isle of Innisfree in Lough Gill, near Sligo, investigating why the poem strikes a chord with so many people.

Yeats spent many childhood summers on Lough Gill, a large lake with several small islands. Then his family moved to London, to a depressingly grey area of Kensington. One day while he was walking along the Strand he saw in a shop a fountain with a ball balanced on top of the jet and, somehow, the water transported him imaginatively back to the lough and the Isle of Innisfree. So he wrote the short poem which became perhaps his best known, somewhat to his chagrin (he was once faced by 10,000 boy scouts, chanting it in unison).

The poem is a work of contrasts, opposing the city with the country, crowds with solitude, and peace not with war (though the situation in Ireland at the time was tense) but with stress and anxiety. It also demonstrates the poet's early philosophical thinking. When he speaks of planting nine rows of beans and living in 'the bee-loud glade', it is clear that he has been reading Henry Thoreau's Walden Pond, which, as well as being radical in its environmental concerns, is about freedom, about the individual in relation to society (it was published with his great essay On Civil Disobedience) and about that society in relation to other powers.

Kenneth Steven's own life and work share similar concerns. He too is drawn to the remote and rural, and is deeply concerned with the cultural and political integrity of his country, Scotland. Here Kenneth explores all this on his journeying to the Lake Isle of Innisfree, starting, like Yeats, on the Strand in the rain, and while speaking to Yeats experts, historians and other poets, journeys from London to Sligo to Lough Gill and rows across to the Isle itself.

SUN 17:00 Under Surveillance (b00pkbmk)

Journalist and writer Phil Harding investigates and evaluates Britain's rapidly increasing use of CCTV systems for tackling crime and asks if they are really being effective. Closed circuit television has become part of our every day lives: on high streets, on the bus and in most of our shops we are frequently being watched by CCTV cameras. But how likely are they to prevent crime and how useful are they as a detection method? Also, who is watching us and are their systems and methods working? What is the evidence that backs up our obsession with CCTV?

SUN 17:40 Profile (b00pn355)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00pnp9k)
The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00pnp9m)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00pnp9p)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00pnp9r)

Hardeep Singh Kohli makes his selection from the past seven days of BBC Radio

Elvis the Brand - Radio 2
Beatrix Potter's Guide to Business - Radio 4
In Search of the British Work Ethic - Radio 4
The Vox Project - Radio 4
When the King Met the President - Radio 2
Six Suspects - Radio 4
I.D - Radio 4
Rona - Radio 3
No Going back - The Stand - Radio Scotland
Jon Ronson on... - Radio 4
My Mother Was a Blackshirt - Radio 4
The Fight - Radio 4
PM - Radio 4
Africa Kicks - World Service.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00pnpbz)

Helen asks Annette to consider all her options but Annette's mind is made up - she's already booked her appointment at the abortion clinic.

Jazzter tells Tom he's playing it cool with Fallon and is happy to see how things develop. Tom jokes that if he's playing it too casual, Fallon may have forgot they've arranged to go out to a club later. Jazzter panics and quickly phones Fallon to check she's still on for tonight, and is relieved to know she's remembered.

Pat enjoys her birthday lunch with Helen, Brenda and Tom. Pat thinks Helen seems quiet but Helen insists she's fine. Brenda's applied for an office manager job at an insurance firm. It's not great but it's a job - if she gets it. Tom suggests they meet up with Fallon and Jazzter to take her mind off job-hunting.

Fallon tells Brenda she's having a great time, and is pleased things are back to normal with Jazzter. Brenda asks if Jazzter feels the same way and Fallon insists he must do or he wouldn't have suggested tonight. When Jazzter asks Fallon if she'd rather be out with her band, Fallon declares she wouldn't want to be anywhere else right now.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

SUN 19:15 Americana (b00pnpc1)

It's sex, drugs and rock and roll on Americana.

Matt Frei tackles the week's top news with the help of cultural commentator and blogger Jimi Izrael. The two discuss the future of American security and civil liberties, fancy gadgetry, marijuana and pornography.

Matt talks to restaurant owner Steve Horwitz about his new dispensary, Ganja Gourmet. The restaurant's t-shirts read, 'Our food is so great, you need a license to eat it!' Serving only marijuana-enhanced foods, only prescription-carrying customers can enjoy the cuisine but the business model could be replicated in other cities and states.

In Las Vegas a huge convention is taking place showcasing the newest gadgets and technological advancements, but it's not the Consumer Electronics Symposium - it's the Adult Entertainment Expo. The two Las Vegas conventions overlap in timing and in content. Reporter David Willis shows Americana the place where porn meets tech.

Americana wouldn't be complete with just sex and drugs - it needs rock and roll too. Friday 8th January would have been Elvis Presley's 75th birthday. Americana pays tribute.

SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b00b0t4q)

An Italian Bestiary

The Devil of Carpasio

Stories by Julia Blackburn about life and survival for the animals and people of Liguria in Northern Italy, where she has made her home.

A beetle as big as a human hand appears on a pillow.

SUN 20:00 More or Less (b00plzyj)

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

An Open University co production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00pm0dk)

Matthew Bannister marks the lives of Rear Admiral Sam Salt, Percy Sutton, Yves Rocher, the Right Reverend Monsignor Graham Leonard and Craigie Aitchison.

SUN 21:00 Money Box (b00pn34d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00pn407)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 In Business (b00pl1h3)

New Age

Many of the world's biggest countries are on the threshold of a new era where an increasing number of old people will have to be supported by a shrinking younger workforce. Peter Day finds out whether this is a threat to the way we live now or an opportunity for new kinds of business.

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00pnplq)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00pnpls)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including More Than A Game.

SUN 23:00 The Film Programme (b00pm0dm)

Francine Stock talks to Lord Of The Rings star Andy Serkis about playing singer Ian Dury in a new biopic, Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll.

Director John Hillcoat discusses the challenges of adapting Cormac McCarthy's award-winning novel The Road

Writer and director James Dearden looks back at the career of his father Basil Dearden, the film-maker responsible for Victim, The League Of Gentlemen and The Blue Lamp.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00pn3zx)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2010

MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00pnpm8)

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

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00pktr5)

The First World War was the first conflict in which Britain used conscription, and it was the same law, the 1916 Military Service Act, which made it possible for people to 'conscientiously object' and opt out of bearing arms. It was not an easy status to achieve or an easy option to take, however, because 'conchies', as they were known, were attacked, stigmatised, imprisoned and considered effeminate. Laurie Taylor discusses a new study which explores the mixed feelings and confused anxieties the British public felt toward conscientious objectors in a period when traditional masculinity was already under great strain.

Also, Laurie talks to Emma Robertson about her study into music at work. It was banned in most factories in the 19th century, until Cadbury and Rowntree started introducing hymns in their workplaces to raise morale as well as productivity.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00pn3zs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00pnpv0)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00pnpy7)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00pnpxx)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00pnqlc)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00pnrlb)

Daily prayer and reflection with Dr Michael Ford.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00pnr3v)

Farmers battle through freezing fields but the unpredictable weather is here to stay according to one leading scientist.

Sea-Eagles may make a return to the skies of East Anglia but not in the next 12 months, as Natural England continue their impact assessment.

And we check up on the progress of the Farming Today pregnant sow as her due date approaches.

MON 05:57 Weather (b00pqfh6)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b00pnrkj)

With Justin Webb and James Naughtie. Including Sports Desk; Weather; Thought for the Day.

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00pqfjh)

Andrew Marr talks to the Turkish novelist Orhan Pamuk about obsessive love and his decision to blur the distinction between fiction and reality with the opening of The Museum of Innocence in Istanbul; Barbara Ehrenreich exposes the downside of America's culture of positive thinking and irrational optimism; Simon Schama investigates the Obama effect; Russian expert Susan Richards explores the importance of national myths.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b00pnsv4)

Must You Go?

Episode 1

Antonia Fraser reads from her diary of her life with Harold Pinter.

A glimpse in a restaurant and an altercation before Fraser attends the opening night of a production of Pinter's The Birthday Party in 1975. At dinner afterwards they do not talk until Fraser gets up to leave and say goodbye. 'Must you go?' Pinter asks. Three short words that were to change their lives.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00pqbsj)

Grandparents' rights; Post-cancer care

Should grandparents be given better rights and official recognition of their role in society? Plus, life after cancer; and is beauty really in the eye of the beholder?

MON 11:00 Playing for the Common Ground (b00pxvdq)

Gerry Anderson grew up playing football and cricket and remains a fan of both. But when he went to the Christian Brothers school he was made to play GAA - Irish football and hurling - as football and cricket were deemed to be Protestant sports.

Like most things in Northern Ireland, sport has been divided down sectarian lines, but in the last 10 years great efforts have been made to change this way of thinking. Gerry talks to fans, players and coaches to find out if sport can be reclaimed to be enjoyed by the many instead of the few.

MON 11:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00pqh8s)

Series 6

The Charterhouse Redemption

Ed is happily ensconced in Berkhamsted's premier accommodation for the financially distressed. With Christopher Douglas, Stephanie Cole. From January 2010.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00pqbv1)

Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00pqbxj)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00pqc00)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

MON 13:30 Brain of Britain (b00pqh8v)

Russell Davies chairs the second semi-final of the perennial

general knowledge contest, with heat winners Dr Ian Bayley from Oxford, Bernard Fyles from St Helens, Chris Quinn from Huyton and Martin Wyatt from Accrington competing for a place in the final.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00pnphz)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 McLevy (b00pqh8x)

Series 6

Queen of Spades

Series of stories about David Ashton's Victorian detective based on real-life Edinburgh policeman Inspector James McLevy.

The deadly battle with Caleb Grant has heartbreaking consequences for Jean Brash's household, and leads McLevy to a final reckoning on the windswept coast of Northumberland.

McLevy Brian Cox
Jean Brash Siobhan Redmond
Mulholland Michael Perceval-Maxwell
Roach David Ashton
Hannah Colette O'Neil
Caleb Grant Graham Crowden
Donald McIver Andrew Neil
Aidan James Anthony Pearson
Patch Coltrane Simon Donaldson
Emma Fairchild Joanna Tope

Directed by Patrick Rayner.

MON 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00j24rk)

Radio Sales

Brian Hayes looks back over 80 years of advertising on radio in the UK. Amid the changing fashions he finds some of the most finely-crafted, punchy, emotional and entertaining radio, as well as some of the most amateurish.

MON 15:45 The Call (b00lrsmn)

Series 1

The Siege

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

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

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00pn410)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b00pqh8z)

Ernie Rea and his guests discuss forms of spiritual healing and the belief systems which underpin them.

MON 17:00 PM (b00pqc3z)

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

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00pqc5g)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b00pqh91)

Series 56

Episode 2

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game. Panellists Josie Lawrence and Charles Collingwood reveal how they know when they are in love (though not necessarily with each other), and Paul Merton and Chris Neill remember what it was like to be sweet sixteen.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00pqc0d)

Pip's come home early to revise, and needs to email some notes to Zoe. Ruth and David assume Zoe's part of the new crowd and are glad she's making new friends - at last!

Vicky sees Lynda's notices about the proposed green burial site, and offers to go to the meeting. Lynda's disappointed to see that the butterfly egg survey for the Borseshire Wildlife Trust has been postponed. Lynda had kept next Monday clear. As Vicky's got nothing planned for next Monday, they agree to go for a

walk instead.

Mike's checking out some pasteurisers tomorrow but Vicky's concerned about him travelling in the current conditions and says she'll join him - then if the weather turns to blizzards again she'll be able to keep him warm. She goes for a cup of tea with Lynda, and they look on the internet for somewhere she and Mike can stop off for lunch. Mike tells Ed that he'd rather be going on his own but he knows what Vicky's like once she's set her heart on doing something. In the end, Mike stands firm and tells Vicky he's going on his own. Vicky takes offence and, feeling sorry for herself, declares she'll be just fine by herself.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00pq6c)

Antonia Fraser discusses her memoir about life with Harold Pinter, which is also Radio 4's Book of the Week.

As Sandra Bullock's latest film in America becomes the first ever driven by a female star to make more than 200 million dollars, *Front Row* explores 'The Sandra Bullock Phenomenon'.

Today Radio 2 and 5 Live change their presenter line-ups, with Chris Evans at breakfast on Radio 2 and Simon Mayo in the drivetime seat. Over on 5 Live, Gabby Logan and Richard Bacon have new shows. Stephen Armstrong spent the day listening to the new schedules.

MON 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00pqd5k)

Six Suspects by Vikas Swarup

Episode 6

Dramatisation by Ayeesha Menon of the novel by Vikas Swarup, author of *Q and A*, which was filmed as *Slumdog Millionaire*. Vicky Rai, notorious son of a prominent Indian politician, shoots dead a waitress at a trendy Delhi restaurant. At a lavish society party to celebrate his acquittal, he is himself murdered. Who did it?

Suspect number one is phone thief Munna Mobile, who has a bag of money that doesn't belong to him and is secretly dating Vicky's sister. He finds himself at the party with a gun.

Arun Advani, an investigative journalist Rajit Kapur
Vicky Rai, a rich Delhi playboy Zafar Karachiwala
Mamta Rai, a politician and Vicky's mother Radhika Mital
Munna Mobile, a mobile phone thief Anand Tiwari
Shabnam Saxena, a Bollywood actress Shernaz Patel
Larry Page, an American tourist Gary Richardson
Eketi, a tribesman Rohit Malkani
Ashok Rajput, a welfare officer Kenny Desai
Champi/Drunk girl in car Radhika Apte
Reshma/Barkha Das Anahita Uberoi
Ritu Ira Dubey
Bilal/Inspector Brar Ankur Vikal
Saira/Ruby Gill Megha Burman
Pappu Pager Jaimini Pathak
Chief Minister Pandey/Chief Melambe/Abu Khaled Jayant Kripalani
Detective Gupta, private detective Kenny Desai
Abu Technical/Tribesman Pushan Kripalani
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MON 20:00 In Search of the British Work Ethic (b00pqh93)

Episode 2

Journalist Melanie Phillips embarks on a personal journey to explore what work means to some of the most vulnerable and socially-excluded people in Britain. Melanie is known for her uncompromising views on the 'workshy' beneficiaries of the welfare state but will her theories stand up in the face of the complex and difficult lives of the people she meets?

Melanie spends time with cleaners and catering staff working on the minimum wage and asks what motivates them to work. Would Melanie's own assiduous work ethic survive night shifts, low pay and cleaning laboratories?

MON 20:30 Crossing Continents (b00pkxy2)

Uganda: Battling the Witch-Doctors

Tim Whewell investigates the causes of a horrific spate of child sacrifices in Uganda and follows a former witch doctor who is now committed to stamping out the practice.

MON 21:00 The Vox Project (b00pqh95)

Commentators and Animals

Clare Balding, with the help of the Cognitive Neuro-Science department of University College, London, investigates all aspects of the human voice and the way we use it.

Clare asks why animals can't speak and what it takes to become a sports commentator.

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00pqfjh)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00pqdhd)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00pqdqv)

News from a global perspective with Robin Lustig.

Peter Robinson stands aside as Northern Ireland's first minister.

Canvassing the views of ordinary Afghans.

Sarah Palin joins Fox News.

Gordon Brown meets Labour Party members.

Mexico drugs violence becomes ever more brutal.

Why leaving the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community can be difficult.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00pqfby)

Rebecca Stott - *The Coral Thief*

Episode 1

Dan Stevens reads from Rebecca Stott's love story, set in Paris in 1815 in the aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars.

Daniel Connor, a brilliant and ambitious student, is in Paris to take up a new position with some of the leading scientists of the day. The chaos of an occupied city, a beautiful and enigmatic woman, and the swirl of revolutionary and heretical ideas about how life began create a heady atmosphere that is all too seductive.

On a hot August night, Daniel Connor is travelling towards Paris and a new vocation when he is captivated by a mysterious woman.

Abridged by Viv Beeby

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

MON 23:00 Word of Mouth (b00pkbh9)

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

MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00pqff2)

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

TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2010

TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00pnpmy)

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

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b00pnsv4)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00pnpsn)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00pnpxz)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00pnvp2)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00pnqkx)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00pnqx3)

Daily prayer and reflection with Dr Michael Ford.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00pnr1d)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

Farmers face dead livestock and a downturn in business due to the big freeze. One farmshop owner says the weather has proved catastrophic for his livelihood. But while they struggle to cope with the current temperatures, what impact will climate change have on farming in the future?

And a fisherman reveals how his industry is supporting England's first maritime Conservation Coast at Lundy, off the coast of Devon.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00pnrk8)

With Justin Webb and Evan Davis. Including Sports Desk; Weather; Thought for the Day.

TUE 09:00 Taking a Stand (b00pqhf1)

Fergal Keane talks to Barbara Cherish. Adopted at the age of 13, she assumed a new identity in the United States. It would take traumatic events much later in life to propel Barbara to take a stand to uncover the full truth about the father she had never known - a man who had, for a time, been Commandant of Auschwitz.

TUE 09:30 Famous Footsteps (b00pqhf3)

Episode 1

Author and journalist Fiona Neill explores the experience of growing up in a creatively successful family.

Fiona considers the challenges of maintaining a creative career while bringing up small children. How does a writer, working at home, manage to carve out the mental and physical space to work? Is the 'pram in the hallway' really a barrier to creative thought?

She talks to Jennifer Saunders, Adrian Edmondson, Daphne Du Maurier's daughter Tessa Montgomery and songwriter Guy Chambers about their experiences of balancing these conflicting demands.

A Paladin Invision production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b00pnst5)

Must You Go?

Episode 2

Antonia Fraser reads from her diary of her life with Harold Pinter.

Fraser remembers the reactions in the 1970s to her decision to live with Harold Pinter. Disapproval from her father Lord Longford on the one hand, and the media glare from the paparazzi on the other are balanced by the joy of togetherness in Europe and New York.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00pqhpb)

Women on Incapacity Benefit; Virtual assistants

Why are so many more women claiming incapacity benefit? Plus, the emerging industry of virtual assistants; and women in the British popular cinema of the 1950s.

TUE 11:00 Nature (b00pqj0v)

Series 4

Juan Fernandez Islands

Four hundred miles off the Chilean coast, the Juan Fernandez

Islands are the home of many plants and animals found nowhere else in the world. They are also the source of Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe story. Paul Evans visits the archipelago in search of the endemic Juan Fernandez firecrown hummingbird and discovers that introduced plants and animals, such as cats, goats and even blackberries, are causing severe problems for the uniquely-adapted wildlife of the islands.

TUE 11:30 Midnight Feasts and Lashings of Ginger Beer (b00pqj0x)

Food is everywhere in children's literature.

The Famous Five were constantly eating enormous amounts of food. Midnight feasts an essential part of life at St Clare's and Hogwarts. Not forgetting squashed fly biscuits, and even food which comes to life - children's books luxuriate in lavish descriptions of meals, picnics and treats.

Food is always delicious and written about with such enthusiasm that the reader is left wishing they could dive into the story and feast on the treats within. But why is British children's fiction so preoccupied with all this fictional feasting?

Former Children's Laureate, Michael Rosen, among others, discusses the meaning of all this gluttony with presenter Sheila McClenon.

Producer: Cecile Wright.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010

TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00pqbsl)

Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00pqbvn)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00pqbsl)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

TUE 13:30 Ken Clarke's Jazz Greats (b00pqj0z)

Series 8

Humphrey Lyttelton

Ken Clarke MP profiles great jazz musicians of the 20th century.

Many Radio 4 listeners knew 'Humph' as the hilariously deadpan chairman of I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. But the much-loved broadcaster was also an exemplary and influential jazz musician. Louis Armstrong dubbed him 'the top trumpet man in England today', and not without reason. A master of his instrument as well as several others, he spearheaded the post-war traditional jazz revival in Britain, later forming his own band that set the standard for British jazz for several decades.

Friend and fellow BBC jazz presenter Alyn Shipton joins Ken in the studio to discuss Britain's most important jazz musician.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00pqc0d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b00pqj11)

DC Jackson - My Romantic History

Poignant and witty drama by DC Jackson about love and memory.

Charlie Sandy Grierson
Amy Cora Bissett
Sasha/Alison Gabriel Quigley
Calvin/Jessie Jordan Young
Mum/Receptionist Juliet Cadzow

Directed by Kirsty Williams.

TUE 15:00 Home Planet (b00pqj13)

We have a heady mix of energy, biology and a little bit of physics this week. First for the energy. You want to know if the ultra-green claims made for wood pellet burners really stand up to scrutiny. And then there's the issue of demand. Unless we have accurate ways of predicting future energy demand then any discussion on energy production is more or less pointless. At least that's what one listener contends, and the panel chews over the idea.

Next up is the biology. Why do birds eat seeds that pass through their gut unchanged and what happens to us if we eat the same seeds? And what was the extraordinary worm that was seen emerging from a Nepalese praying mantis, which then flew

away unharmed?

For the physics one listener wants to know why a bottle of water he picked up from an icy car froze solid in a matter of seconds. Is there a simple explanation or does he have superhuman powers?

Tackling this eclectic mix are ecologist Dr Lynn Dicks of Cambridge University, planning expert Professor Yvonne Rydin of University College, London and Professor Philip Stott, an environmental scientist from the University of London.

TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00pqj9d)

The Curiosities of the Egyptian Hall

Between Isis and Osiris

Introduced by Tony Lidington as Alfred, Custodian of the Hall.

A series of three specially commissioned stories inspired by London's Egyptian Hall - 'England's Home of Mystery & Many Illusions', which stood in Piccadilly for most of the 19th Century. The recordings were made in front of an invited audience at the Record Artistes' Association in Covent Garden. The first tale is read by award-winning radio actor, Miriam Margolyes.

London's Egyptian Hall was originally built in 1812 to house collections of curiosities brought back from the most remote and mysterious parts of the globe - from the South Seas, North & South America and Africa. But it soon became the venue for extraordinary spectaculars, panoramas and pseudo scientific demonstrations - such as Britain's first ever films, illusions, magic and freak shows. By the end of the 19th Century, it had become known as 'England's Home of Mystery and Many Illusions', under the management of the renowned magician, Maskelyne. It became the centre of magic and spiritualism where new acts were demonstrated and charlatans exposed.

It is this rich legacy that has inspired these three stories - which are as quirky, mysterious and surprising as the curiosities themselves!

Each tale is introduced by Alfred - the custodian of the Hall (played by Tony Lidington) - who tells us a little of the Hall's history, before each story.

Miriam Margolyes tells the tale of artist Benjamin Robert Haydon, whose exhibition at the Egyptian Hall was eclipsed by the hugely popular American midget, General Tom Thumb. With Tony Lidington as Alfred, the Custodian of the Hall.

Written by John Peacock
Read by Miriam Margolyes

Producer: David Blount
A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 15:45 The Call (b00lvlg16)

Series 1

The Adoption

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

After months of form-filling bureaucracy and disappointment, educationalist Fiona Byerley made a late-night call to a Thai orphanage and was told that a baby girl was waiting to be collected.

TUE 16:00 Word of Mouth (b00pqj57)

Michael Rosen investigates lying. Does the sound of our voice change when we are trying to deceive, and do we use different words?

TUE 16:30 Great Lives (b00pqj59)

Series 20

Lise Meitner

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

Actress Jenny Agutter champions the life and work of pioneering Austrian physicist Lise Meitner, one of the scientists responsible for the discovery of nuclear fission.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00pqc24)

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

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00pqc41)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 18:30 Sneakiepeeks (b00pqn27)

Two of Our Spies Are Missing

When Bill meets the organisation's most effective but least sane assassin, it's up to Sharla and Mark to find them.

Comedy by Harry Venning and Neil Brand about a team of inept, backstabbing surveillance operatives.

Bill Richard Lumsden
Sharla Nina Conti
Mark Daniel Kaluuya
Ian Paterson Joseph
Mrs Davies Lucy Montgomery
Channing Ewan Bailey
Tim the Tea Boy Joe Thomas
Secretary Tessa Nicholson

Other parts played by the cast.

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in January 2010.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00pqc02)

Vicky's got over her disappointment about not going with Mike and apologises for her outburst. She just wants him to drive carefully. Mike's touched when she gives him a picnic for the journey. But it turns out to be Vicky who loses control of her car in their lane, and she phones Mike in a panic. Fortunately he's almost home, and is able to help push her out.

Vicky and Ed are delighted to hear that Mike got a great deal on a pasteuriser. It's cause for celebration.

Kenton's been on a course for the level two national certificate for personal licence holders. Susan questions Kathy about her role as secretary of the community shop committee, and wonders if Pat has something more in mind for Kathy. Pat's pleased that Oliver's happy to be on the committee if he's elected. Kathy thinks Brian's diverse business experience could prove useful but Pat's not sure a community non-profit making business would be Brian's cup of tea. Kathy thinks it's important they spread the work out, so it doesn't all land on Pat's shoulders. Pat agrees. They need to cross their fingers that Susan doesn't throw too many spanners in the works.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00pqc5j)

Mark Lawson reviews George Clooney's latest film. Up in the Air; Meatloaf talks about becoming a reality TV judge; American author EL Doctorow on his book Homer and Langley; why pop lyrics don't make sense.

TUE 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00pqd55)

Six Suspects by Vikas Swarup

Episode 7

Dramatisation by Ayesha Menon of the novel by Vikas Swarup, author of Q and A, which was filmed as Slumdog Millionaire. Vicky Rai, notorious son of a prominent Indian politician, shoots dead a waitress at a trendy Delhi restaurant. At a lavish society party to celebrate his acquittal, he is himself murdered. Who did it?

Suspect number two is Bollywood actress Shabnam Saxena, one-time girlfriend of Vicky, who is now being blackmailed by him.

Arun Advani, an investigative journalist Rajit Kapur
Vicky Rai, a rich Delhi playboy Zafar Karachiwala
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Produced and directed by John Dryden

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TUE 20:00 Closing Guantanamo (b00pqn29)

President Obama has admitted that the process of closing the controversial prison camp in Guantanamo Bay will take longer than the 12 months he promised in his first major announcement as president. Jon Manel reveals the inside story of what went wrong.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00pqn2c)

Peter White talks to ex-army colonel Geoff Draper about plans for his role as principal at the Royal National College at Hereford, and to two guide dog owners with very different perspectives who will be keeping audio diaries for the programme throughout 2010.

TUE 21:00 Case Notes (b00pqn2f)

Military Medicine

In the week when it was revealed that one in five of Britain's infantry soldiers are not fit enough for full deployment, often as a result of injuries sustained in battle, Mark Porter visits Selly Oak Hospital in Birmingham.

The soldiers, injured mostly in Afghanistan, are flown here and cared for by a combination of NHS and military medical staff. The casualties make up an unusual group of patients. They have often sustained a complex set of injuries, from gunshots and multiple fractures to amputations, loss of sight or hearing and brain injury.

As Mark Porter discovers, despite quite devastating injuries, the fitness and determination of this unique group of patients helps them to cope with the challenges of recovery.

Selly Oak Hospital primarily treats the physical impact of war, but identifying and treating the psychological scars is also important. Soldiers are now being trained to identify warning signs in their peers while in Afghanistan, so that they can be treated early. Efforts are also being made to help soldiers cope with the transition from the war zone to civilian life.

TUE 21:30 Taking a Stand (b00pqhf1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00pqdgf)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00pqdhg)

National and international news and analysis with Jane Hill.

Alastair Campbell faces the Iraq inquiry.

RBS boss says even his mum thinks he's paid too much.

Venezuelans go on a supermarket sweep.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00pwn16)

Rebecca Stott - The Coral Thief

Episode 2

Dan Stevens reads from Rebecca Stott's love story, set in Paris in 1815 in the aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars.

Daniel reports the theft of irreplaceable fossils and a precious manuscript intended for one of France's leading scientists to Henri Jagot, the notorious chief of Paris' security police.

Abridged by Viv Beeby

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

TUE 23:00 Jon Ronson On (b00pkbmr)

Series 5

When Small Talk Goes Wrong

Jon Ronson talks to Denis Fillion who was behind one of the first major internet hoaxes. Denis used to post threads and make small talk on a technical forum called Anandtech. Irritated by the misogyny he found on the site, he invented a female character to join in the chat.

Soon he found himself flirting with his own character and weaving a tale so believable that the character took on an air of reality, even for him. As the relationship deepened, Denis was forced to take drastic action to get out of his own hoax. With additional contributions from comedian Josie Long and Charlie Brooker.

Producer: Laura Parfitt

A Unique Production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00pqff4)

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

WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY 2010

WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00pnpn0)

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

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b00pnst5)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00pnps4)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00pnpyl)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00pnpv4)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00pnqkz)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00pnqx5)

Daily prayer and reflection with Dr Michael Ford.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00pnr1g)

Anna Hill hears fears that sheep may be losing their inbred knowledge of how to cope in heavy snow, while scientists explain how the cold weather can be beneficial for agricultural pests. And the government's new food strategy is criticised as being long on rhetoric and short on detail.

WED 06:00 Today (b00pnrkb)

With James Naughtie and Sarah Montague. Including Sports Desk, Yesterday in Parliament, Weather, Thought for the Day.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b00pr3fl)

Lively and diverse conversation with guests including Diana Moran, 'the Green Goddess'.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b00pnst7)

Must You Go?

Episode 3

Antonia Fraser reads from her diary of her life with Harold Pinter.

2001 was a year of fear and loss. For Fraser the first loss is her father's death, and her great fear comes with Pinter's cancer diagnosis. But there is happiness too, and the strength of love tested by adversity.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00pqbdp)

Women in the armed forces; Government and the family

Should female soldiers be allowed to take part in close combat? Plus, to what extent should the government regulate behaviour in society?

WED 11:00 At Any Cost (b00pr3vl)

It's now possible to preserve and nurture a baby born as early as the 23rd or 24th week of a normal 40 week pregnancy. The challenges facing the child are significant but the instinct of the majority of parents is to do anything they possibly can to preserve the life of their child. As medical science has produced ever more sophisticated incubators and ventilation systems, both the challenges and the hopes of parents have increased.

Joan McFaddon talks to parents who are going through or have gone through the often agonising process of watching a premature baby being nurtured through the first weeks of life. They talk about their emotions, the highs, the lows and the looming danger of losing hope. They also reveal the challenges of trying to enjoy all the parental bonding of a normal birth amidst breathing apparatus, feeding systems and monitoring equipment.

At the core of their situation is the uneasy relationship between what medical science can do and what is best for their child - a child they'd do anything to preserve in spite of all the challenges that might lie ahead.

WED 11:30 Agatha Christie (b00pr3vn)

Towards Zero

Episode 1

Towards Zero

By Agatha Christie
dramatised by Joy Wilkinson
Part One

Against her better judgment, Lady Tresselien permits dashing Neville Strange and his wife to come to her house party at the same time as his ex-wife, and sure enough, as soon as everyone arrives, the tensions are evident.

Neville.....Hugh Bonneville
Lady Tresselien.....Marcia Warren
MacWhirter.....Tom Mannion
Audrey.....Claire Rushbrook
Mary.....Julia Ford
Kay.....Lizzy Watts
Latimer.....Joseph Kloska
Royde.....Stephen Hogan
Treves.....David Hargreaves
Umpire/Butler.....Philip Fox
Receptionist.....Annabelle Dowler
Porter.....Benjamin Askew

Directed by Mary Peate.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00pqbsn)

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00pqbvq)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00pqbxp)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

WED 13:30 The Media Show (b00pr4c0)

Is the BBC still committed to entertainment on television? Four years ago, the government called entertainment 'central to the BBC's mission'. This month, though, it's been revealed that entertainment is not on a list of the Director General's top priorities for the future. Steve asks Jana Bennett, who heads the BBC's TV channels, if there is a change and if Jonathan Ross's departure is a symptom of that change.

Media commentator Roy Greenslade gives his views on the future of The Independent newspaper, which is locked into takeover talks with Alexander Lebedev. If the takeover goes ahead, will The Indy become a free paper like Mr Lebedev's London Evening Standard?

An announcement is due about who will go through to the next round in the bid to run TV news in some of the ITV regions. Richard Hooper is heading the advisory panel working on the shortlist. Can this process guarantee that viewers will still get local news on ITV?

And, with Google announcing it may withdraw from China, we hear what Chinese internet users are saying.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00pqc02)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b00pr4c2)

The Jonestown Letters

The compelling true story of two sisters, Annie and Carolyn Moore, who died at the Jonestown mass suicide in Guyana in 1978. It is told through the extraordinary actual letters that passed between the girls and their family back home. The letters are abridged by Sarah Daniels, and introduced by the surviving sister, Rebecca Moore. Every word you hear in the drama is the truth.

The Moores were a close and loving middle-class American family. The father, John, was a Methodist preacher and the mother, Barbara, was warm and caring. They had three daughters. Two of the daughters were strongly attracted early on by the utopian ideals of Jim Jones and his socially progressive, racially integrated church: the Peoples' Temple.

Carolyn, a serious young socialist, later became Jim Jones' lover and had a son by him. When Jones took his church out to the inhospitable jungles of Guyana to pioneer a new way of living, Carolyn was there as his most loyal lieutenant. She died in the final mass suicide.

Annie, her funny, likeable and outgoing younger sister, was dedicated to nursing, unusually passionate about social justice, yet ended up in charge of doling out the Kool-Aid at the end of Jonestown, and then shot herself.

How could this have happened?

Through this tense and compelling dramatised correspondence we uncover the truth of Jonestown as experienced by the families involved, as it unfolded. In hearing Carolyn and Annie's own words, we are forced to the realisation that Jonestown wasn't simply a 'cult', as it has been painted. That cliché obscures the unavoidable fact that those who joined weren't less intelligent or principled than the rest of us. In fact they could have been us.

Annie Moore Greta Clough
Carolyn Moore Jennifer Lee Jellicorse
John Moore Nathan Osgood
Barbara Moore Laura Brook.

WED 15:00 Money Box Live (b00pr4tk)

Vincent Dugleby and a panel of guests answer calls on general insurance.

Guests:

Malcolm Tarling, Association of British Insurers
Graeme Trudgill, British Insurance Brokers' Association
John Miles, gocompare.com.

WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00pqj9g)

The Curiosities of the Egyptian Hall

The Great Mephisto!

A series of three specially commissioned stories inspired by London's Egyptian Hall - 'England's Home of Mystery & Many Illusions', which stood in Piccadilly for most of the 19th Century. The recordings were made in front of an invited audience at the Concert Artists' Association in Covent Garden.

London's Egyptian Hall was originally built in 1812 to house collections of curiosities brought back from the most remote and mysterious parts of the globe - from the South Seas, North & South America and Africa. But it soon became the venue for extraordinary spectacles, panoramas and pseudo scientific demonstrations - such as Britain's first ever films, illusions, magic and freak shows. By the end of the 19th Century, it had become known as 'England's Home of Mystery and Many Illusions', under the management of the renowned magician, Maskelyne. It became the centre of magic and spiritualism where new acts were demonstrated and charlatans exposed.

The Great Mephisto! written by Tony Lidington

A young illusionist from the Punjab takes revenge on his cruel master.

Read by Medhev Sharma

Introduced by Tony Lidington as Alfred, Custodian of the Hall.

Producer: David Blount

A Pier Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 15:45 The Call (b00ly7j9)

Series 1

The Abduction

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

In March 1999, Martin Friend was on a gorilla trek in Uganda when he was taken hostage and killed by Hutu rebels on the run

from neighbouring Rwanda. His parents, Ron and Pauline Friend, have built a school in the region in memory of him.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00pr4wz)

Professor Jytte Klausen maintains that the crisis following the publication of cartoons depicting Mohammed in the Jyllands-Posten newspaper in Denmark back in 2005 was stirred up by different sets of people all with something to gain from precipitating a crisis.

Her detailed analysis of the course of events claims to show that irresponsible newspaper publishers, vested interests in elections in Denmark and Egypt, and later Islamic extremists seeking to destabilise governments in Pakistan, Lebanon, Libya and Nigeria all played a part in orchestrating the upset.

Also, Laurie Taylor talks to Les Back and Mike Robinson, editor of The Framed World: Tourism, Tourists and Photography, about the hidden significance of holiday snaps. What are people hoping to achieve when they 'capture' a scene and what does the holiday pose tell us about modern mores?

WED 16:30 Case Notes (b00pqn2f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b00pqc26)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00pqc43)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 18:30 Ayres on the Air (b00mbz1c)

Series 3

On Yer Bike

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

Pam is joined by Geoffrey Whitehead and Felicity Montagu for poems about French cycling holidays, the up-side to riding a tandem, getting fit on gym bikes and how to banish the middle-age blues by getting kitted out with a motorbike and leathers.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00pqc04)

There's a good turn out for the meeting, and Susan's thrilled by Lynda's support, especially when she learns she'll be offered a place on the committee without having to be voted in. Pat's surprised that Brian wants to be on the committee but in the end the final composition of the committee is agreed: Pat as chair, Kathy as secretary, Usha as legal advisor, Susan as retail expert and postmistress, Lynda as parish council member and fundraiser, David also representing the council, Richard as treasurer, and Oliver and Brian as business advisors.

Pat's convinced that Brian's got his own motives, and hopes he's not going to make trouble. Lynda's sure that once they get down to work they'll all get along fine.

Helen confides in Brenda about Annette's pregnancy. Brenda understands Annette's decision to have an abortion, even when Helen explains how strongly she feels about it, and how she could support them both. Brenda's surprised that Helen would want to take on such a huge commitment. She reminds her that it's still up to Annette, but Helen passionately feels this could be a really positive thing in her life, and she's got to make Annette see that too, before it's too late.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00mb139)

Writer William Trevor rarely gives interviews, usually preferring to let the words on the page speak for him. But in a special edition of Front Row with Mark Lawson, the author reflects on his long career as a novelist, short story writer and sculptor. Trevor's work has won him many awards and he has also successfully adapted several of short stories, including The Ballroom of Romance, for television and film.

In conversation with Mark Lawson he remembers Ireland, discusses the future of literature and reveals why preachers in a church near Daventry are indebted to him.

WED 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00pqd57)

Six Suspects by Vikas Swarup

Episode 8

Dramatisation by Ayesha Menon of the novel by Vikas Swarup, author of Q and A, which was filmed as Slumdog Millionaire. Vicky Rai, notorious son of a prominent Indian

politician, shoots dead a waitress at a trendy Delhi restaurant. At a lavish society party to celebrate his acquittal, he is himself murdered. Who did it?

Suspect number three is American Larry Page, who Vicky left for dead in a deserted building site. After being kidnapped by Kashmiri separatists he finds himself at Vicky's party with a gun.

Arun Advani, an investigative journalist Rajit Kapur
Vicky Rai, a rich Delhi playboy Zafar Karachiwala
Mamta Rai, a politician and Vicky's mother Radhika Mital
Munna Mobile, a mobile phone thief Anand Tiwari
Shabnam Saxena, a Bollywood actress Megha Burman
Larry Page, an American tourist Gary Richardson
Eketi, a tribesman Rohit Malkani
Ashok Rajput, a welfare officer Kenny Desai
Champi/Drunk girl in car Radhika Apte
Reshma/Barkha Das Anahita Uberoi
Ritu Ira Dubey
Bilal/Inspector Brar Ankur Vikal
Saira/Ruby Gill Megha Burman
Pappu Pager Jaimini Pathak
Chief Minister Pandey/Chief Melambe/Abu Khaled Jayant Kripalani
Detective Gupta, private detective Kenny Desai
Abu Technical/Tribesman Pushan Kripalani
Abu Omar/Biddy/Driver Nadir Khan
Jay Chatterjee/Judge Mishra Sohrab Ardeshr
Gulabo/Mrs Gill/Reporter Ayesha Menon
Raman Johar/Bill Bakshi Ashwin Mushran
Elizabeth Brookner Karla Singh
Inspector Yardav Ravi Khote
Sohrab Caran Arora

Production team:

Line producer in India: Nadir Khan
Assistant director: Toral Shah
Photography: Ameet Mallapur
Script editor: Mike Walker
Sound: Ayush Ahuja
Additional editing: Steve Bond
Music: Sacha Putnam
Sound design: Nick Russell-Pavier

Produced and directed by John Dryden

A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 20:00 Decision Time (b00pr52d)

How would a government, facing a huge deficit, cut middle-class benefits? Nick Robinson and a panel of politicians, civil servants and journalists examine how this controversial proposal would fare in Whitehall and Westminster.

WED 20:45 More Than A Game (b00pr52g)

Revolution, the Melbourne Olympics and Water Polo

Professor Anthony King reports on the brutally suppressed revolution against Soviet rule in Hungary; the Melbourne Olympics of 1956 and the most infamous water polo match in history. For a time in '56 it looked as though the popular uprising in Budapest against Soviet rule might succeed, but it wasn't long before the Soviet tanks rolled back in. But at the same time, the Hungarian team had been able to set out for the Olympics in Melbourne. It wasn't until they reached Darwin that they learned that the uprising had been put down. The water polo team were the reigning Olympic champions and determined to defend the title. In the semi-finals, they were drawn against the Soviet Union. The game turned into a bloodbath, it became known as the "blood in the water" match, but the Hungarians won and did eventually retain their Olympic title.

WED 21:00 Nature (b00pqj0v)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

WED 21:30 Midweek (b00pr3fl)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00pqdgh)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00pqdhj)

National and international news and analysis with David Eades.

An earthquake in Haiti kills hundreds.

A new wave of migration from Ireland.

Roma children are 'segregated' in the Czech Republic.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00pwmzj)

Rebecca Stott - The Coral Thief

Episode 3

Dan Stevens reads from Rebecca Stott's love story, set in Paris in 1815 in the aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars.

The beautiful thief, Lucienne Bernard, makes Daniel a promise. Meanwhile, the chief of the security police Henri Jagot shows renewed and unsettling interest in his affairs.

Abridged by Viv Beeby

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

WED 23:00 Weird Tales (b00vknrq)

Series 2

Split the Atom

Hoarder of horror Lovecraft returns to share three more chilling tales.

By Lynn Ferguson. Frank Ivory is full of anger: burning, simmering, steaming anger. On his way home one night, after making his colleagues lives a misery, he meets Gwen, who is determined to tell him the story of the Morrigan, the Celtic goddess in charge of who should live and who should die.

FrankDerek Riddell

GwenRachel Ogilvy

Lovecraft Stephen Hogan

Louise Emma Stansfield

Bill Rhys Jennings

Barbara/Delivery Woman Tessa Nicholson

George Ewan Hooper

William Perkins/Homeless Guy Piers Wehner

Directed by Luke Fresle.

WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00pqff6)

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

THURSDAY 14 JANUARY 2010**THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00pnpn2)**

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

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b00pnst7)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00pnps5)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00pnpy3)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00pnpv6)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00pnql2)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00pnqx7)

Daily prayer and reflection with Dr Michael Ford.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00pnrlj)

The government has announced that it will set up a supermarket ombudsman. Farming Today finds out what difference it will make to farmers, retailers and shoppers. Charlotte Smith talks to the secretary of state for environment, food and rural affairs, Hilary Benn, about what the ombudsman will set out to do and how it will operate.

THU 06:00 Today (b00pnrkd)

With John Humphrys and Sarah Montague. Including Sports Desk; Weather; Thought for the Day; Yesterday in Parliament.

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b00pr54s)

The Frankfurt School

Melvyn Bragg and guests Raymond Geuss, Esther Leslie and

Jonathan Rée discuss the Frankfurt School. This group of influential left-wing German thinkers set out, in the wake of Germany's defeat in the First World War, to investigate why their country had not had a revolution, despite the apparently revolutionary conditions that spread through Germany in the wake of the 1918 Armistice. To find out why the German workers had not flocked to the Red Flag, Theodor Adorno, Max Horkheimer, Walter Benjamin and others came together around an Institute set up at Frankfurt University and began to focus their critical attention not on the economy, but on culture, asking how it affected people's political outlook and activities. But then, with the rise of the Nazis, they found themselves fleeing to 1940s California. There, their disenchantment with American popular culture combined with their experiences of the turmoil of the interwar years to produce their distinctive, pessimistic worldview. With the defeat of Nazism, they returned to Germany to try to make sense of the route their native country had taken into darkness. In the 1960s, the Frankfurt School's argument - that most of culture helps to keep its audience compliant with capitalism - had an explosive impact. Arguably, it remains influential today. Raymond Geuss is a professor in the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Cambridge; Esther Leslie is Professor in Political Aesthetics at Birkbeck College, University of London; Jonathan Rée is a freelance historian and philosopher, currently Visiting Professor at Roehampton University and at the Royal College of Art.

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b00pnst9)

Must You Go?

Episode 4

Antonia Fraser reads from her diary of her life with Harold Pinter.

Pinter directs, performs and celebrates his 75th birthday, in spite of the debilitating effects of his cancer medication. Then comes an unexpected phone call: 'I seem to have won the Nobel Prize.'

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00pqbbg)

Celia Imrie; Christina Schmid

Christina Schmid, widow of a bomb disposal officer killed in Helmand, on rebuilding her life. Plus, actor Celia Imrie on acting, pantomimes and Mrs Malaprop.

THU 11:00 Crossing Continents (b00pr5b6)

24 Hours in Tulsa

24 Attacks by midget gangsters; incompetent thieves who resort to stealing air-conditioning units; a teenage girl with a crack habit who gets shot a few days after promising to go clean. These are just some of the criminals and junkies encountered by one police officer cruising the streets of one Midwestern US city.

But this is Officer Jay Chiaro-Mazarrella, who created a cult following for his Street Story podcasts, vivid vignettes of his work for the Tulsa Police Department. Hugh Levinson hears the best of the Street Stories, giving a fresh, funny and sometimes downright scary insight into policing from the horse's mouth.

Producer: Hugh Levinson.

THU 11:30 The Frost Collection (b00pr5b8)

Series 2

Episode 4

Sir David Frost and guests look back at some of the most memorable interviews of his long career. With Joan Bakewell, Peter Kellner and Esther Rantzen.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00pqbsq)

Consumer news and issues with Shari Vahl.

THU 12:30 Face the Facts (b00pr5bb)

Fraud in France

John Waite presents the investigative consumer series.

A British man who swindled ex-pats in the Dordogne out of almost two million pounds was convicted of fraud by a French court in June 2009 and sentenced to two years in prison. So where is he now? He has been selling double-glazing in England. Graham Templeton is one of more than 80,000 people given jail sentences in France but allowed to roam free for as long as it takes to call them back to prison. Templeton's victims despair of justice ever being done and are preparing to sue a leading French bank which was used to commit the fraud.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00pqbvs)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00pqbxr)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Questions, Questions (b00pr5jh)

Stewart Henderson answers those intriguing questions from everyday life.

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00pqc04)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00pkbfh)

Solace

By Andrea Earl. Maggie Fortune is a respectable, middle-class mother and grandmother with a dependency on prescribed tranquilisers that is taking over her life.

Maggie Frances Barber

Lucy Deborah McAndrew

India Hester Cox

Paul/Doctor/Neil Robert Pickavance

Dr Linus/Chemist Greg Wood

Helpline advisor Kate Layden

Pianist: Jonathan Scott

Directed by Pauline Harris.

THU 15:00 Open Country (b00pn25d)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00pn407)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00pqj9j)

The Curiosities of the Egyptian Hall

Curious Shadows

Series of three stories inspired by the Victorian venue in Piccadilly, famed as the home of magic, spectacle, freak shows and pseudo-scientific demonstrations.

By Jerome Vincent. The early film makers guarded their technical secrets closely. In this tale their rivalry leads to murder. Read by Gunnar Cauthery.

With Tony Lidington as Alfred, the Custodian of the Hall.

Directed by David Blount

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 15:45 The Call (b00m0z1p)

Series 1

The Transplant

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

Tony Roth suffered his first heart attack when he was in his early 30s. Within six months he had a triple bypass operation, but two more heart attacks and more bypass surgery followed. In failing health, he was forced to give up work, and waited for the call to tell him that a donor heart was available.

THU 16:00 Open Book (b00pnpr9f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00pr5jm)

It may have been rather chilly in the UK this week, but that's nothing compared to July 1983 at the Russian Vostok Research Station in Antarctica, where it got down to minus 89.2 degrees Celsius. Professor John Turner of the British Antarctic Survey describes how it happened and how it's helping him to perfect climate models to reveal future change.

ALMA -Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array - is under construction on the Chajnantor plain of the Chilean Andes, 5,000 metres above sea level. It will be made up of 80 high-precision antennas and will transform our understanding of the physics of the 'cold universe'. The cold universe is made up of regions that are optically dark to us but shine brightly in the

millimetre portion of the electromagnetic spectrum. By exploring the cold universe scientists hope to study the formation of stars and planets underway in star nurseries. Gareth Mitchell finds out how work is going after the recent first successful measurements taken by ALMA.

Neanderthals have a reputation as dim-witted brutes, but that's not fair, says Professor João Zilhão of Bristol University. He tells Gareth about the discovery of Neanderthal shell jewellery in Spain, and of traces of pigment probably used as body paint or make-up. He also has new evidence that our own ancestors inherited both genes and culture from Neanderthals.

There are more than 400 recognised breeds of domestic dog in the world, a huge diversity of shapes and sizes that, says Professor Josh Akey of the University of Washington in Seattle, makes them a natural laboratory for the genetics of selective breeding. His studies have revealed the gene that gives the Sharpei its wrinkly skin and hopes that this and other traits will help us understand both human and canine disease.

THU 17:00 PM (b00pqc28)

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

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00pqc45)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 18:30 Deep Trouble (b00tb9t4)

Series 2

Episode 2

It's a case of 'goodbye Samantha, hello Sam' for Jack Trainor as he meets an old chum. Stars Ben Willbond. From May 2007.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00pqc06)

Jolene tells Jazzer that Fallon enjoyed her night out on Sunday, so he should encourage her to get out more often. Fallon's trying to put together a flatpack computer desk for Sid. Jazzer gets it done in no time and Fallon thanks him with a kiss. Jazzer invites her to go to a Laser Tag centre next week.

Fallon sings Jazzer's praises to Jolene, who questions whether Jazzer is still just a mate. When Fallon protests, Jolene promises not to say another word. But Fallon feels she at least owes him a drink, and offers to buy him one later.

Annette's talking to a counsellor who needs to know that Annette is absolutely sure she wants an abortion. Annette makes it clear that she is, and so she's offered the 'abortion pill' but is dismayed to learn that she'll need to register with a GP before they can give it to her.

Helen tells Annette that she'd be around to support her and could help her look after the baby, if she changed her mind. Annette insists she doesn't want to hear this but Helen persists until she upsets Annette. Helen apologises. Annette insists it's not her fault, but heads off to her room.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00pqc5n)

Review of Legally Blonde, The Musical; review of the Ray Winstone gangster film, 44 Inch Chest; former film censor Paul Hoffman on his acclaimed fantasy novel, The Left Hand of God; and writer Dea Birkett on her Kids in Museums manifesto.

THU 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00pqd59)

Six Suspects by Vikas Swarup

Episode 9

Dramatisation by Ayesha Menon of the novel by Vikas Swarup, author of Q and A, which was filmed as Slumdog Millionaire. Vicky Rai, notorious son of a prominent Indian politician, shoots dead a waitress at a trendy Delhi restaurant. At a lavish society party to celebrate his acquittal, he is himself murdered. Who did it?

Suspect number four is Vicky's mother, the Home Minister Mamta Rai, who undergoes a radical character transformation after a car crash.

Arun Advani, an investigative journalist Rajit Kapur Vicky Rai, a rich Delhi playboy Zafar Karachiwala Mamta Rai, a politician and Vicky's mother Radhika Mital Munna Mobile, a mobile phone thief Anand Tiwari Shabnam Saxena, a Bollywood actress Shernaz Patel Larry Page, an American tourist Gary Richardson Eketi, a tribesman Rohit Malkani Ashok Rajput, a welfare officer Kenny Desai

Champi/Drunk girl in car Radhika Apte Reshma/Barkha Das Anahita Uberoi Ritu Ira Dubey Bilal/Inspector Brar Ankur Vikal Saira/Ruby Gill Megha Burman Pappu Pager Jaimini Pathak Chief Minister Pandey/Chief Melambe/Abu Khaled Jayant Kripalani Detective Gupta, private detective Kenny Desai Abu Technical/Tribesman Pushan Kripalani Abu Omar/Biddy/Driver Nadir Khan Jay Chatterjee/Judge Mishra Sohrab Ardeshir Gulabo/Mrs Gill/Reporter Ayesha Menon Raman Johar/Bill Bakshi Ashwin Mushran Elizabeth Brookner Karla Singh Inspector Yardaw Ravi Khoté Sohrab Caran Arora

Production team:

Line producer in India: Nadir Khan Assistant director: Toral Shah Photography: Ameet Mallapur Script editor: Mike Walker Sound: Ayush Ahuja Additional editing: Steve Bond Music: Sacha Putnam Sound design: Nick Russell-Pavier

Produced and directed by John Dryden

A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 20:00 The Report (b00pr72b)

Counting the Cost of Britain's Snow Storms

The arctic weather has brought Britain close to shutdown. Morland Sanders investigates the cost of the snow storms to the country's economy and asks if better planning might have lessened their impact.

THU 20:30 In Business (b00pr72d)

Doing It Wrong

Russell Ackoff was a great subversive - a business school professor who thought that business schools were a block on management thinking and who delighted in pointing out the flaws in the way companies work. Before he died at the age of 90 in October 2009, this business rebel gave Peter Day some insights into his unconventional approach to getting things done.

THU 21:00 Jon Ronson and the Quest for the Aryan Cow (b00hc946)

Jon Ronson investigates the controversial story of the work of Lutz Heck, the director of Berlin Zoo who attempted to resurrect several pure-blooded, extinct animal species as part of the Nazi programme to control the genetic destiny of all creation.

He visits Munich Zoo, which proudly advertises its 'formerly extinct aurochs' - a type of large and powerful cow - but does not refer to the fact that behind this apparent triumph lies the story of Heck's collusion with Goering's aspiration to replace Europe's 'racially degenerate' wildlife and plant life with pure, 'noble' and extinct species.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00pr54s)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00pqdjk)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00pqdhl)

A special edition with Robin Lustig in Washington.

Help for Haiti.

Obama's first year in office: what difference has it made to the rest of the world?

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00pwmzl)

Rebecca Stott - The Coral Thief

Episode 4

Dan Stevens reads from Rebecca Stott's love story, set in Paris in 1815 in the aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars.

Chance encounters and a card game lead Daniel to make breathtaking new discoveries.

Abridged by Viv Beeby

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

THU 23:00 House on Fire (b00pr7sg)

Series 1

Party

Vicky and Matt have pooled their resources to buy a house together.

Things have not been going too smoothly - in fact, they haven't been going smoothly at all. But will a house-warming party settle their differences and put them back on track towards a harmonious co-ownership?

Vicky - Emma Pierson Matt - JODY LATHAM Col. Bill - RUPERT VANSITTART Julie - JANINE DUVITSKI Peter - PHILIP JACKSON Donny - Sebastian Cardinal Wendy - Sophie Black

With Fergus Craig & Colin Hoult

Directed by Clive Brill & Dan Hine Produced by Clive Brill

A Pacificus Production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00pqff8)

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

FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2010

FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00pnnp4)

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b00pnst9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00pnpsv)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00pnpy5)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00pnpv8)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00pnql4)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00pnqx9)

Daily prayer and reflection with Dr Michael Ford.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00pnr1l)

When you are shopping, do you look at the labels to see where products such as meat and fish come from? And do you understand what 'country of origin' means? New research from the Food Standards Agency has found people are still confused over what 'produced in the UK' actually means.

The FSA's study also reveals that while people are confused, knowing where their food comes from is not a top priority for many. Price and food safety information on labels were considered by consumers to be more important than country of origin labelling.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00pnrkq)

With John Humphrys and James Naughtie. Including Sports Desk; Weather; Thought for the Day; Yesterday in Parliament.

FRI 08:57 DEC Haiti Earthquake Appeal (b00qhr1b)

Mariella Frostrup presents an appeal on behalf of the Disasters Emergency Committee for people affected by the earthquake in Haiti.

The DEC, which is made up of 13 leading UK humanitarian charities, has launched an appeal for Haiti. The money you give will be used to provide food, water, temporary shelters and medicines to the people of Haiti who are now in desperate need.

You can give by phone, call 0370 60 60 900 or online at www.dec.org.uk.

Or you could write a cheque to DEC Haiti Earthquake Appeal and send it to:

PO Box 999
London
EC3A 3AA.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00pn40m)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b00pnstc)
Must You Go?

Episode 5

Antonia Fraser reads from her diary of her life with Harold Pinter.

Pinter is still working, still grasping at the joy of life, until a double blow falls. First the death of his oldest friend, the playwright Simon Gray, and then his own fateful diagnosis.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00pqbpj)
Northern Ireland's victims of abuse

Woman's Hour looks at the campaign for justice for the victims of institutional abuse in Northern Ireland. Plus, why has the white working class lost society's respect?

FRI 11:00 NHS Punters Speak Out (b00pr7zg)
Episode 2

With the help of dissatisfied NHS patients, Liz Barclay asks if the growing popularity of online feedback can really make a difference to standards of health care and treatment.

The culture of customers offering brickbats and bouquets to service providers has now extended beyond hotels and coffee chains to the NHS. Hospital rating websites invite patients to grade their hospital stay out of five stars, and to leave comments about the care they received.

In this programme Liz speaks to the critics of this new trend who suggest that the sites are merely window-dressing and that NHS patients are not 'consumers'. Some health professionals claim that the sites can easily just become places where personal scores are settled against NHS staff. The architects of online feedback are invited to respond.

Interviewees include the Champion of the Digital Inclusion Task Force, Martha Lane Fox.

FRI 11:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show! (b00pr7zj)
Series 5

Cookery Book

Arthur's attempt to secure a publisher's advance for a celebrity recipe book goes askew. Stars Steve Delaney. From January 2010.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00pqbss)
Consumer news and issues with Peter White.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00pqbvj)
The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00pqbxt)
National and international news.

FRI 13:30 More or Less (b00pr8bc)
Tim Harford and the team ask if the electoral system is biased in favour of Labour, as some Conservatives claim, and why Wales is so frequently used as a unit of measurement.

An Open University co production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00pqc06)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b00pr8bf)
Maine Road

By Sarah McDonald Hughes. As the last game at Manchester City's Maine Road stadium approaches, a family in mourning for a grandmother face their own struggle to survive.

Elaine Siobhan Finneran
Jade Sarah McDonald Hughes
Leo Keaton Langley
Clive Lee Boardman
Darren John Catterall
Aaron Thomas Rolinson

Directed by Susan Roberts
Produced by Charlotte Riches.

FRI 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00pr8bh)
Eric Robson and the Gardeners' Question Time panel remember the late John Cushnie, whose untimely death was announced over the New Year.

FRI 15:45 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?

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00prd50)

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

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00prd52)

Director Andrea Arnold discusses her controversial drama Fish Tank and how she discovered her star on a station platform having an argument with her boyfriend.

Novelist Jonathan Coe and historian Matthew Sweet mull over the qualities of forgotten British melodrama They Were Sisters.

Jacques Audiard tackles crime and punishment in his prison drama A Prophet.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00pqe2b)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00pqe47)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 18:27 DEC Haiti Earthquake Appeal (b00qhr1b)

[Repeat of broadcast at 08:57 today]

FRI 18:30 The News Quiz (b00prd54)

Series 70

Episode 2

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. The panellists are Andy Hamilton, Miles Jupp, John Gordillo and Fred Macaulay.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00pqc08)

Susan's got an interview on Monday for the office manager job at the insurance firm. Vicky's excited for her but hasn't heard Brenda mention anything.

Brenda shows Mike the leaflet she's designed for the milk round and for David's Herefords. Vicky reminds Mike about their dance class later, and tactlessly tells Brenda about Susan's interview. Shocked Brenda has been turned down. Mike thinks Brenda must be overqualified.

Vicky's disappointed when they arrive 15 minutes late to their dance class, and Mike has to use all his charm to get her out of her mood.

Helen's feeling guilty but Annette won't be drawn in any more conversations. She flatly tells Helen that she's registered with a GP and has made another appointment at the clinic, so Helen's wasting her time. Helen assures Annette she'll respect her decision but wants to be sure it's the right one. She wants Annette to think of how the baby would love her and how she'd never feel alone any more. Annette feels sad and guilty as Helen

comforts her, saying they'll stick together whatever happens. For Annette's own sake, all Helen's asking is that Annette just takes some time and thinks about it.

Episode written by Simon Frith.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00pqc5r)

Sophie Okonedo stars as Winnie Mandela in a new television biopic focusing on her relationship with her husband. Writer and director Michael Samuels discusses bringing the controversial figure to the screen for the first time.

The hero of eight feature films and a box office sensation, Hubert Bonisseur de la Bath - codename OSS117 - is France's favourite secret agent. Agnes Poirier explains to Kirsty Lang why film-goers have been so fascinated with the spoof spy and reviews the latest film, Lost In Rio.

Ockham's Razor is an aerial theatre company who bring together physical, visual and circus theatre. Their latest production, directed by Toby Sedgwick with dramaturgy by Rufus Norris, revolves around a giant wheel suspended seven metres above ground and it explores the relationships between people as they perform in the air.

Front Row listeners respond to the launch of the Kids In Museums manifesto.

Tenor Ian Bostridge and critic Tom Service discuss the work of Hans Werner Henze, the German composer who recovered from a coma to write an opera, which is about to receive its premiere.

FRI 19:45 15 Minute Drama (b00pqd5c)

Six Suspects by Vikas Swarup

Episode 10

Dramatisation by Ayesha Menon of the novel by Vikas Swarup, author of Q and A, which was filmed as Slumdog Millionaire. Vicky Rai, notorious son of a prominent Indian politician, shoots dead a waitress at a trendy Delhi restaurant. At a lavish society party to celebrate his acquittal, he is himself murdered. Who did it?

Vicky's murder looks set to be another unsolved mystery in a country full of unsolved crimes. That is until investigative journalist Arun Advani steps in to take a closer look, and reveals to the world the shocking truth.

Arun Advani, an investigative journalist Rajit Kapur
Vicky Rai, a rich Delhi playboy Zafar Karachiwala
Mamta Rai, a politician and Vicky's mother Radhika Mital
Munna Mobile, a mobile phone thief Anand Tiwari
Shabnam Saxena, a Bollywood actress Shernaz Patel
Larry Page, an American tourist Gary Richardson
Eketi, a tribesman Rohit Malkani
Ashok Rajput, a welfare officer Kenny Desai
Champi/Drunk girl in car Radhika Apte
Reshma/Barkha Das Anahita Uberoi
Ritu Ira Dubey
Bilal/Inspector Brar Ankur Vikal
Saira/Ruby Gill Megha Burman
Pappu Pager Jaimini Pathak
Chief Minister Pandey/Chief Melambe/Abu Khaled Jayant Kripalani
Detective Gupta, private detective Kenny Desai
Abu Technical/Tribesman Pushan Kripalani
Abu Omar/Biddy/Driver Nadir Khan
Jay Chatterjee/Judge Mishra Sohrab Ardeshr
Gulabo/Mrs Gill/Reporter Ayesha Menon
Raman Johar/Bill Bakshi Ashwin Mushran
Elizabeth Brookner Karla Singh
Inspector Yardav Ravi Khote
Sohrab Caran Arora

Production team:

Line producer in India: Nadir Khan
Assistant director: Toral Shah
Photography: Ameet Mallapur
Script editor: Mike Walker
Sound: Ayush Ahuja
Additional editing: Steve Bond
Music: Sacha Putnam
Sound design: Nick Russell-Pavier

Produced and directed by John Dryden

A Goldhawk Essential production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00prd56)

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Cheddar in Somerset. The panellists are novelist, playwright and critic Louise Doughty, historian Peter Hennessy, shadow home secretary Chris Grayling, and Ben Bradshaw, secretary of state

for culture, media and sport.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00prd58)

Lisa Jardine reflects on the challenge of delivering the right level of supplies for public use, be it salt to cope with ice or a flu vaccine.

FRI 21:00 Friday Drama (b00prgb0)

Deep Cut

Written by Philip Ralph. Adapted from his original stage play of the same name.

Deep Cut is a radio adaptation of the award-winning production which has been performed at the Edinburgh Festival, in London and on tour in the UK. The central characters are Des and Doreen James, and the play follows their search for an answer as to why their 18 year old daughter Private Cheryl James was found shot dead at Deepcut training barracks on November 27th 1995.

The play was drawn together by writer Philip Ralph from verbatim transcripts of interviews, alongside publicly available documents. It traces the events surrounding Cheryl's death from the points of view of her parents and her female Army friend Jonesy, weaving in the statements by Nicholas Blake QC, who was commissioned to carry out the judicial review, as well as, among others, comments from the independent forensics expert Frank Swann, and the journalist Brian Cathcart.

Des and Doreen are at the heart of the play and their poignant memories of their daughter alternate with bewilderment at her sudden and unexpected death. Cheryl was one of four recruits, each of whom was found shot dead between 1995 and 2002. The result of the review by Nicholas Blake in 2006 affirmed that the most likely explanation was suicide, and that there would not be a further public enquiry. Des and Doreen feel passionately that there are questions still to be answered.

Cast:

Des James Pip Donaghy
Doreen James Janice Cramer
Nicholas Blake QC Simon Molloy
Jonesy Amy Morgan
Frank Swann Robert Willox
Brian Cathcart Derek Hutchinson
Colonel Nigel Josling Adam James
Bruce George Rhydian Jones

Music & Sound Design: Mike Furness
Recorded & Edited by Richard Bignell

Director: Mick Gordon
Producer: Richard Bannerman
A Ladbroke production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00pqdgm)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00pqdhn)

National and international news and analysis with Felicity Evans.

Problems with delivery bedevil Haiti relief.

An internal report into the Fort Hood shootings.

Chile prepares to return a right-wing president.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00pwmzn)

Rebecca Stott - The Coral Thief

Episode 5

Dan Stevens reads from Rebecca Stott's love story, set in Paris in 1815 in the aftermath of the Napoleonic Wars.

Lucienne tells Daniel about her past in Paris' revolutionary underworld. Meanwhile, his career prospects brighten.

Abridged by Viv Beeby

Produced by Elizabeth Allard.

FRI 23:00 Great Lives (b00pqjs9)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00pqffb)

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