

**SATURDAY 30 JANUARY 2010****SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00q44cj)**

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

**SAT 00:30 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00q2p6g)**

After the Ice Age: Food and Sex (9000 - 3500 BC)

Jomon Pot

A History of the World told through 100 objects from the British Museum moves to Japan and the story of a 7,000-year-old clay pot which has managed to remain almost perfectly intact. Pots began in Japan around 17000 years ago and, by the time this pot was made, had achieved a remarkable sophistication.

Neil MacGregor, Director of the British Museum, explores the history of this cooking pot and the Jomon; the hunter-gatherer society that made it. The archaeologists Professor Takashi Doi and Simon Kaner describe the significance of agriculture to the Jomon and the way in which they made their pots and used decorations from the natural world around them. This particular pot is remarkable in that it was lined with gold leaf in perhaps the 18th century and used in that quintessentially Japanese ritual, the tea ceremony. This simple clay object makes a fascinating connection between the Japan of today and the emerging world of people in Japan at the end of the Ice Age

**SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00q44cl)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00q917y)**

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

**SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00q44cn)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00q44cq)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00q44cs)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Father Paul Clayton-Lea.

**SAT 05:45 IPM (b00q44cv)**

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

**SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00q44cx)**

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

**SAT 06:04 Weather (b00q9180)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 06:07 Open Country (b00q9h9c)**

River Wandle

In the second of two programmes set within striking distance of the centre of London, Helen Mark seeks a sense of community and being 'away from it all' more usually associated with the countryside.

Among the people she meets on the banks of the River Wandle, which flows into the Thames in Wandsworth, are the journalist Richard Sharp who, among other things, harvest grapes from south London allotments and gardens to make a wine known as Chateau Tooting; Theo Pike of the Wandle Trust, which works hard to keep the river clean and full of fish; and anglers, gardeners and walkers who just love messing about on, in or by the river.

It can be a challenge; two years ago a chemical spillage from a sewage treatment works caused major pollution and thousands of fish were killed. There is an upside, though: as a result Thames Water has invested 500,000 pounds in the Wandle Trust's work.

**SAT 06:30 Farming Today (b00q9h9f)**

Farming Today This Week

Charlotte Smith reports on threats to the green belt, as the government attempts to meet its target of building three million new homes by 2020. Charlotte meets protestors, planners and farmers to assess whether the green belt can survive intact.

**SAT 06:57 Weather (b00q9h9h)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 07:00 Today (b00q9h9k)**

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

**SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00q9h9m)**

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. Fi Glover is joined by Laurence Shorter. With poetry from Susan Richardson.

**SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00q9h9p)**

John McCarthy explores Germany with two writers who know the country well and asks why, in such a fascinatingly diverse and interesting place, more British tourists don't visit. He also examines the vastly different regions within Germany, their food, their culture and their history.

**SAT 10:30 Travels With The Prime Minister (b00q9h9r)**

Every prime minister feels the need to travel. Every so often, usually during the Parliamentary recess, they up and off to foreign parts - to meet other great leaders, to cheer up the troops, to show they're abreast of global affairs, and to impress the voters back home. With them go a motley crew of minders, civil servants and journalists.

Julia Langdon, one time political editor of the Daily Mirror, has travelled with four prime ministers. It's a gruelling rather than glamorous experience, constantly crossing time zones, constantly jet lagged and rarely the chance to get a good night's sleep or even do your washing. But it's exciting, it serves democracy and for a journalist it's a great source of stories.

Julia talks to some of the others who've gone travelling with the prime minister; she hears what went right, what went wrong and what was fun.

**SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b00q9h9t)**

All eyes were on Tony Blair's appearance before the Chilcot Inquiry on Iraq this week. Fraser Nelson, editor of The Spectator, and Alex Barker of the Financial Times, who has been attending the inquiry throughout, assess Blair's account of himself.

One of the benefits of the Iraq Inquiry is the insight it provides into the internal workings of government. Two publications this week, the Better Government Initiative and a report from the Lords' Constitutional Committee, address the relationship between Downing Street, Whitehall and parliament. Lord Butler, a crossbencher and former Cabinet Secretary, and Lord Norton, Professor of Government at Hull University, discuss.

David Laws (Liberal Democrats) and David Willetts (Conservative) talk about the recent LSE report on inequality, plus Professor John Curtice and Anthony Wells of UK Polling Report analyse the conclusions of the most recent social trends survey, which shows Britain moving to the right on economic issues.

**SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00q9h9w)**

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

**SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00q9h9y)**

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

**SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b00q43vh)**

Series 70

Episode 4

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. The panellists are Andy Hamilton, Jeremy Hardy, Sue Perkins and Carrie Quinlan.

**SAT 12:57 Weather (b00q9hb0)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 13:00 News (b00q9hb2)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00q4430)**

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Goring-on-Thames in Oxfordshire. The panel includes Labour MP Jon Cruddas, Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman Ed Davey, historian and columnist Max Hastings and Priti Patel,

Conservative Parliamentary candidate for Witham.

**SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00q9hb4)**

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

**SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b009x37d)**

Dr Johnson's Dictionary of Crime: A For Assassin

Comic thriller by David Ashton.

Samuel Johnson and James Boswell tackle the teeming London underworld of 1781. How can a man who has shot another at point blank range be saved from the gallows, and how can the power and vested interest of a man highly placed in His Majesty's Government be defeated?

Dr Johnson ..... Timothy West  
James Boswell ..... Stuart McQuarrie  
Hester Thrale ..... Joanna David  
Lord Spencer ..... David Shaw-Parker  
Capt John Porteous ..... Oliver Milburn  
Tobias Boothroyd ..... Harry Myers  
Caroline Spencer ..... Abigail Hollick  
Lady Crewe ..... Teresa Gallagher  
Serena Boothroyd ..... Cathy Sara  
Silas Pike ..... Ron Cook

Directed by Marilyn Imrie.

A Bona Broadcasting production for BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 15:30 Ken Clarke's Jazz Greats (b00q3frb)**

Series 8

Chet Baker

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

By his early twenties, trumpeter Chet Baker was the poster boy of jazz with a beautiful playing style and film star good looks. A leading exponent of 1950s 'cool jazz', his lyrical playing drew comparisons to Miles Davis and his career blossomed. But his life was hampered by drug addiction and came to a brutal end in 1988.

Mike Maran, who wrote the recent hit production Chet Baker: A Funny Valentine, joins Ken to discuss Baker's flawed genius.

**SAT 16:00 Woman's Hour (b00q9hb6)**

Weekend Woman's Hour

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

Maternity matters: have promises made on choice in childbirth been met? Impressionist Jan Ravens on how much we pick up from our parents; Dame Jane Goodall on her life's work in animal conservation; poet Ruth Padel on why she's turned to novel writing; the impact of the one child policy on China's gender balance; winning women's votes on education - who should run schools?

**SAT 17:00 PM (b00q9hb8)**

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

**SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b00q439h)**

Evan Davis is joined by a panel of top business guests to brainstorm the world economy: where might future growth come from? He also asks if management should be responsible for the health of their employees; is a healthy worker more productive?

Evan is joined by Adrian Fawcett, chief executive of the General Healthcare Group, Hugh Hendry, hedge fund manager and founder of Eclectica Asset Management, and Lucius Cary, the founder and managing director of Oxford Technology Management.

**SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00q9hvg)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SAT 17:57 Weather (b00q9hvj)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00q9hvl)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00q9hvn)**

Clive Anderson and guests with an eclectic mix of conversation, music and comedy.

Clive is joined by film producer Michael Wearing, football writer Brian Glanville and actress Gemma Arterton.

Gideon Coe talks to Monkee Micky Dolenz.

With comedy from Alex Horne and music from The Imagined Village and Carolina Chocolate Drops.

**SAT 19:00 Profile (b00q9hvk)**

Chris Morris

Claire Bolderson profiles the satirist Chris Morris.

Best known for his cult TV shows *The Day Today* and *Brass Eye*, he has tackled subjects considered taboo by many people, including paedophilia, incest and suicide. His latest offering, a film poking fun at jihads, promises to be no different. But who is this intensely private individual, and where does his decidedly angry brand of humour come from?

Contributors include Morris's writing partner David Quantick, former boss Trevor Dann and Michael Grade.

**SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00q9hvs)**

Tom Sutcliffe is joined by comedian Natalie Haynes and writers Dreda Say Mitchell and Adam Mars Jones to review the cultural highlights of the week.

Precious, the title of Lee Daniels' film, is also the name of its central character (played by newcomer Gabourey Sidibe), an obese, functionally illiterate, sullen and friendless teenager, growing up in late-1980s Harlem. Pregnant for the second time by her largely absent father, her life is also blighted by her monstrously abusive mother (Mo'Nique). However, a chink of light appears at the end of this very dark tunnel when she enrolls at an alternative school.

Peter Carey's latest novel, *Parrot and Olivier in America*, is loosely based on the life of Alexis de Tocqueville, author of *Democracy in America*. The de Tocqueville character, Olivier de Garmont, is a young French aristocrat who finds himself in a dangerous position after the overthrow of the Bourbon monarchy in 1830. With English engraver Parrot (who has been forced to flee his own country) engaged as his servant, de Garmont is dispatched to America, ostensibly to conduct a survey of the penal system there. But their attitudes to the burgeoning democracy they find there differ considerably.

Chekhov's *Three Sisters* is a play which is invariably performed in period costume, evoking the world in which it is set: a world of birch woods, babushkas and provincial ennui. However, Sean Holmes' production of the play at the Lyric Hamermith in London, in collaboration with the Filter theatre company, seeks to shake things up a bit with modern costume and the innovative sound design which is one of Filter's trademarks. The play itself is not tinkered with, though, and Christopher Hampton's version still finds the three sisters, Masha (Romola Garai), Olga (Poppy Miller) and Irina (Clare Dunne), stuck in a small garrison town with their frustrations and longings.

Chris Ofili is probably still best known for his use of elephant dung both in his paintings and as a means of propping them up, despite the fact that it hasn't featured in his work since 2003. The mid-career retrospective at Tate Britain brings together his vivid early paintings, featuring elements of collage, and the later, more restrained work which he has produced since moving to Trinidad in 2005. This is the most comprehensive exhibition of Ofili's work to date and features over 40 paintings as well as pencil drawings and watercolours.

Mo Mowlam was that rare creature - a genuinely popular politician. Julie Walters stars in the Channel 4 drama, *Mo*, which follows Mowlam through her final illness. Diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour prior to Labour's election victory in 1997, she concealed the gravity of her condition from the outside world, including Tony Blair, and as secretary of state for Northern Ireland, successfully battled to bring the Good Friday agreement into existence. The drama is partly about the peace process, but mainly about Mo's illness and her determination for it not to stand in the way of her finishing what she'd started.

**SAT 20:00 Archive on 4 (b00q9hvv)**

Flexible Friend or Foe

How did a little sliver of plastic take over the world? Journalist Max Flint explores the arrival of the credit card into British life and the huge role it plays today.

The credit card was launched by Barclays in the UK in 1966. The Barclaycard was marketed at first as a 'shopping card', rather than a credit card, to thwart the British public's resistance

to getting into debt. Barclaycard's first on-screen ad was called *Travelling Light*; it was targeted at women and featured the famous Barclaycard Bikini Girl who, oblivious to the shocked looks of passers-by, is seen making her way down a busy shopping street buying clothes and records, wearing nothing but a lilac-coloured bikini and carrying her Barclaycard in the bikini bottom. The advert finished with the line, 'Barclaycard: all a girl needs when she goes shopping.'

Barclaycard executives admit that the name of the first face of Barclaycard has now been lost in the mists of time. The Bikini Girl and subsequent marketing has now given rise to the biggest cause of personal bankruptcies in the UK. That first card is now accompanied by some 1,700 other credit cards in Britain alone, and we have the unenviable record as the world's most intensive credit card country, with 67 million cards for 59 million people. With the launch of the first card began a technological battle between fraudsters and card companies, and the war is yet to be won.

The American credit companies invaded us in the mid-90's and goaded Britain into unheard-of levels of debt. The thrill of the till has created a spending spree which is untempered by all the warnings from the archive news clips in this programme, taken from over the last 40 or so years, all of which tell us all what we already know - that this can't continue.

**SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00q0h3y)**

Book 2: The Honourable Schoolboy

Part 1

Dramatisation of John le Carre's classic novel featuring intelligence officer George Smiley.

Set against the backdrop of the war in Indochina in 1975, spymaster George Smiley uncovers a trail of Russian money leading to a prominent Hong Kong citizen. But what is the money for?

George Smiley ..... Simon Russell Beale  
 Jerry Westerby ..... Hugh Bonneville  
 Peter Guillam ..... Richard Dillane  
 Connie Sachs ..... Maggie Steed  
 Doc De Salis ..... Bruce Alexander  
 Sam Collins ..... Nicholas Boulton  
 Oliver Lacon ..... Anthony Calf  
 Enderby ..... James Laurenson  
 Craw ..... Philip Quast  
 Ann Smiley ..... Anna Chancellor  
 The Girl, Phoebe ..... Tessa Nicholson  
 Stubbs/Wilbraham ..... Nigel Hastings  
 Frost ..... Piers Wehner  
 Drake Ko ..... David Yip  
 Tiu ..... Paul Courtenay Hyu

Directed by Marc Beeby

This episode is available until 3.00pm on 14th February as part of the Series Catch-up Trial.

**SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00q9hzg)**

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

**SAT 22:15 Decision Time (b00q3ld0)**

Nick Robinson and a panel of politicians, civil servants and journalists examine how controversial proposals to tackle binge drinking would fare in Whitehall and Westminster.

**SAT 23:00 Brain of Britain (b00q2wjj)**

Russell Davies chairs the last semi-final of the perennial general knowledge contest, with heat winners Jim Cook from Worcestershire, David Edwards from Staffordshire, Anne Hegerty from Manchester and Simon Pitfield from the Midlands competing for a place in the final.

**SAT 23:30 Terezin Dreams (b00q0hgk)**

A few years ago writer and poet Sibyl Ruth inherited a series of poems written by her German great aunt Rose Scooler in 1944-45 when she was an inmate at Terezin camp. Terezin, or Theresienstadt as it was known in German, was a ghetto town in occupied Czechoslovakia used by Nazis to hold Jews en route to extermination camps. Many prominent Czech and German musicians and cultural figures passed through Terezin, which was developed into a 'model' camp, where cultural activities were permitted and encouraged, to disguise to the outside world the true Nazi project. In 1944 the authorities permitted a visit by the Red Cross to dispel rumours of genocide, a notorious attempt - and a remarkably successful one - to cover-up the great crime of the Holocaust.

The poems, which are read by Eleanor Bron, are powerful and unexpected; they speak with an utterly singular voice:

dramatically confident, ironic, often playful and never self-pitying. Although nothing in Rose Scooler's privileged background could have prepared her for life in a Nazi concentration camp, what comes through is a strong, humorous and defiant spirit. The poems are life affirming, and despite the terrible conditions of the camp, full of hope - hope which was, for Rose, if not for others, fulfilled when the camp was liberated. Rose went on to live a long and busy life before dying in the United States at the age of 103.

Sibyl Ruth describes how she set about translating the poems, and the journey of discovery about Terezin she made as she did so. The renowned Holocaust historian David Cesarani provides the historical background to Rose Scooler's poems, and explains the role Terezin played in the Nazi extermination project.

**SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 2010****SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00q9j76)**

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

**SUN 00:30 Afternoon Reading (b008x3yn)**

Cupid Strikes

Stupid Cupid

Stories exploring the reality behind St Valentine's Day.

By David Threlfall.

A woman gives her family a rather unexpected Valentine's surprise.

Read by Victoria Wood with Simon Treves as the newsreader.

Producer Heather Larmour.

**SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00q9jsm)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00q9jsp)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00q9jsr)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00q9jst)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00q9jsw)**

The sound of bells from All Saints Church, East Pennard in Somerset.

**SUN 05:45 Profile (b00q9hvq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00q9jsy)**

The latest national and international news.

**SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00q9jtt)**

Signposts and Route Maps

Life's not like a scene in a play where each character has his or her own motivation or journey. Life lacks the signposts provided by a script that knows where it's heading. Felicity Finch considers goal-orientated and extemporised lives, drawing on the words of acting teacher Utah Hagen, the writing of Dave Eggers and Milan Kundera, poetry by Joyce Sutphen and Philip Larkin and music by Liszt, Clara Schumann and Ornette Coleman.

A Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 06:35 Living World (b00q9jt2)**

Pike

The pike has a fearsome reputation as Britain's most successful freshwater river predator. Keen fisherman and retired freshwater biologist Mike Ladle will never forget the first time he landed a pike. He was trying to catch eels, and hauled up a pike instead. When he tried to release the hook from inside its mouth, he soon found out why fishermen treat pike with such respect: their mouths are lined with rows of backwardly pointing teeth. They even have teeth on their tongue, a tongue which is green in colour! So once a pike has trapped its prey in

its mouth there is no escape from those rows of thorn-like teeth.

Lionel Kelleway joins Mike Ladle on the banks of the River Frome in Dorset for a spot of fishing, using a curved hook and a dace as bait to lure their pike. While the two men watch the cork on the line bobbing in the water, Mike reveals some of the traits which make the pike so successful and why these fish are not choosy about the species of prey but the shape of the prey. Pike are also cannibalistic and will eat their own relatives, and even their own young.

Pike have been described as jet-propelled mouths. They are cylindrical in shape and all the large fins are at the rear end of the fish, which gives them the thrust they need to spring forwards in the water after prey. They hide under cover at the edge of the bank and then curl their tail round which then acts like a spring to thrust them forwards at their prey.

Years of catching, tagging, releasing and studying pike has given Mike a fascinating knowledge of these formidable creatures, but even so, there still remain some mysteries about the pike as Lionel discovers when he meets a self-confessed 'pikeoholic', gets to peer inside the mouth of a predator and learns about a fish called Isaac.

#### **SUN 06:57 Weather (b00q9jt4)**

The latest weather forecast.

#### **SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00q9jt6)**

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

#### **SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00q9jt8)**

In this week's Sunday Edward Stourton took over as Sunday Programme presenter.

On the 31st of January millions face the annual test of our scruples as people rush to get their tax returns in before Monday. Edward Stourton discusses how morally important it is to avoid any deception in tax returns.

America prides itself on being a beacon of religious tolerance, so when a relatively-small sect from India bought land to develop their US headquarters, they anticipated few problems. But four years later, the Indian-American family who are spearheading the planned worship centre, are locked in a bitter confrontation with local politicians and a prominent business owner. Matthew Wells reports from the town of Old Bridge.

Stephen Baldwin was evicted from Celebrity Big Brother last week. He spent some of the time in the Big Brother House reading the bible to other celebrity housemates, some loved, some loathed it. Edward Stourton talked to him about his experience in the house.

Earlier this week David Cameron gave his strongest indication yet that Faith Schools would grow in numbers if the Conservatives win the next election. His remarks come in the week that Britain's first Hindu (state maintained) Faith School opened its doors to members of the media. We look at the expansion of Faith Schools for UK minority religions. Kevin Bocquet Reports.

Following two high profile court cases involving mothers and the alleged 'mercy killing' of their own children, we spoke to Heather Pratten who helped her son, who was suffering from Huntingdon's Disease, to end his life.

What is a tefillin? A US Airways Jet had to make an unscheduled landing thinking a passenger was wearing a bomb as he wrapped his tefillin around his arm. Edward Stourton talked to Rabbi YY Rubenstein and asked him about this ancient Jewish Ritual.

#### **SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00q9jtb)**

RETRAK

James McAvoy appeals on behalf of RETRAK.

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

Registered Charity Number: 1122799.

#### **SUN 07:58 Weather (b00q9jtg)**

The latest weather forecast.

#### **SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00q9jtj)**

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

#### **SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00q9jtI)**

Holocaust Memorial

On 27th January 1945, the Red Army liberated the biggest Nazi concentration camp, Auschwitz. Marking this 65th anniversary, Dr Kevin Franz and Dr Ed Kessler share a first visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau, a visit they had both avoided in the past.

#### **SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00q4432)**

Lisa Jardine compares the reputations of American presidents during their time in office with how they are remembered after leaving the White House.

#### **SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00q9k4x)**

This week on BH, we're at the Chilcot inquiry for Tony Blair's appearance and we ask- how will he be remembered now? We speak to Tim Allan, Blair's former deputy press secretary, to assess the state of the Blair brand.

After last week's debacle over weight and mass, cosmology consultant Marcus Chown attempts to clear things up for us. And to update us on the Murray match, a special guest appearance from PM's star commentator, "Wimbledon". Dot Davies. Hugh Sykes takes us out on to the streets and alleyways of Yemen and the Daily Telegraph's Alex Masterly gives us his thoughts on how the past year has been for bankers

The papers were reviewed by ex-Chelsea footballer and Scotland international Pat Nevin, head of Risk Capital Partners and former chairman of Channel 4 Luke Johnson, and comedian and columnist Shazia Mirza.

#### **SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00q9k4z)**

The week's events in Ambridge.

#### **SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00q9k51)**

Mary Beard

Kirsty Young's castaway is the classicist Mary Beard.

A professor at Cambridge, she's that rare thing: a university academic who writes for the masses. Her popular books, blog, articles and reviews have led to her being called 'Britain's best-known classicist'.

But while her research is steeped in the ancient world, her commentary is all about the here and now. The classical world speaks to us, she says, and makes us see our own world differently.

Record: It's All Over Now, Baby Blue - Bob Dylan  
Book: Treasures of the British Museum - Marjorie Caygill  
Luxury: The Elgin Marbles.

#### **SUN 12:00 Just a Minute (b00q3cm1)**

Series 56

Episode 4

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game with David Mitchell, Paul Merton, Julian Clary and Gyles Brandreth. From January 2010.

#### **SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00q9k53)**

Puddings

A celebration of British puddings. Not food but medicine, according to food writer Nigel Slater. There to heal and comfort, to cosset and hug.

Simon Parkes explores why Britain has excelled at producing puddings through a heritage going back to the Norman Conquest. Mary Norwak, author of English Puddings, explains her passion for trifle, while food writer and publisher Tom Jaine outlines the development of the sweet pudding through history. But how do the shop-bought selections measure up? Award-winning company Manna from Devon explain the success of their hand-made and home-made puddings.

#### **SUN 12:57 Weather (b00q9kgf)**

The latest weather forecast.

#### **SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00q9kgh)**

It has been a uncomfortable week for defenders of the consensus on climate change: the University of East Anglia was criticised by the Information commissioner for withholding data requested by a climate change sceptic. The UN's International Panel on Climate change faced further

embarrassment over the research it used to predict, inaccurately, the melting of Himalayan glaciers; and there were also revelations that rather than quote original research by scientists on the Amazon Rainforest the IPCC referenced a World Wildlife Fund paper. The climate secretary Ed Miliband tells us that the recent controversies have been damaging but it would be 'profoundly irresponsible' to allow them to undermine decades of climate research.

Presenter Jonny Dymond visits Cyprus to find out more about the reunification talks and what they mean to Turkey's chances of EU membership. And on the day when Andy Murray was beaten in the Australian Open by Roger Federer, we learn more about Britain's last Grand Slam winner, Fred Perry.

#### **SUN 13:30 The Greening of the Deserts (b00l9sbq)**

Episode 2

Ayisha Yahya explores predictions from some scientists and meteorologists that some deserts, including the Sahara, could get greener in the future and experience more rainfall.

Ayisha visits the Egyptian settlement of Abu Minqar, which is entirely dependent on water from the ancient Nubian aquifer.

Faced with ever-growing population pressure in the fertile Nile delta, and the possibility that, according to some scenarios of global warming, much of the delta may be inundated by rising sea levels, scientists in Egypt are experimenting with high-tech techniques to make the desert bloom.

Satellite and radar imaging have enabled ancient groundwater in the deserts to be identified and tapped. Using water pumped from the aquifer deep below the sand, thousands of acres of the Saharan desert have been cultivated. The Egyptian government is keen to encourage people to move to the desert by pressing ahead with a controversial plan to reclaim millions more acres of desert over the next 10 years. But is such a plan practical or sustainable?

#### **SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00q43p1)**

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Pippa Greenwood, Bob Flowerdew and Matthew Biggs are guests of the North East Hardy Plant Society in Newcastle.

Eric Robson rediscovers a long-lost design by 18th-century the Northumbrian garden designer Capability Brown. Chris Beardshaw meets students of Capel Manor College to discuss the fundamentals of garden design.

Includes gardening weather forecast.

#### **SUN 14:45 Gameboy v The Mongolian Steppe (b00clmh9)**

Episode 4

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.

The family see a fox being killed. Used to eating food killed by others, or in Sarah's case being a vegetarian, this is the toughest challenge of the journey so far. But the harsh weather and conditions are a reminder of how important meat and fur are to the nomads they are staying with.

#### **SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00q9186)**

Book 2: The Honourable Schoolboy

Part 2

Dramatisation of John le Carre's classic novel featuring intelligence officer George Smiley.

Smiley's operation in Hong Kong becomes increasingly dangerous when the government and American Intelligence begin to take notice.

George Smiley ..... Simon Russell Beale  
Jerry Westerby ..... Hugh Bonneville  
Peter Guillam ..... Richard Dillane  
Connie Sachs ..... Maggie Steed  
Sam Collins ..... Nicholas Boulton  
Doc De Salis ..... Bruce Alexander  
Crow ..... Philip Quast  
Tiu ..... Paul Courtenay Hyu  
Pelling ..... John Biggins  
Mrs Pelling ..... Kate Layden  
Liese Worth ..... Daisy Haggard  
Hibbert ..... Ewan Hooper  
Martello ..... John Guerrasio  
Eckland ..... Rhys Jennings  
Luke ..... Joseph Cohen-Cole

Directed by Marc Beeby

This episode is available until **3.00pm** on 14th February as part of the Series Catch-up Trial.

**SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00q9lzl)**

Neel Mukherjee's debut novel, *A Life Apart*, has already shared a major Indian literary prize with one of the nation's modern masters, Amitav Ghosh. Neel Mukherjee joins Mariella to discuss the novel. He reveals his feelings about modern India, 17 years after he left the country, and his frustration with many depictions of the country by its own writers.

A new yearly anthology brings together fiction writing from more than 30 European countries. The collection's editor, Aleksandar Hemon, talks about compiling the volume and what it reveals about the concerns of contemporary European writers.

As a new Hollywood adaptation of Christopher Isherwood's novel *A Single Man* reaches our screens, the novelist Adam Mars-Jones and Katherine Bucknell, the editor of Isherwood's diaries, discuss the life and legacy of the writer.

**SUN 16:30 Poetry Please (b00q9lzn)**

Roger McGough introduces listeners' requests, including Stevie Smith's galloping cat and Les Murray's poem defining the quintessentially Australian quality of 'sprawl'. Plus a whirling drunken evening with Tony Harrison and a recollection of high summer from Sylvia Plath and Robert Graves.

With readers Tanya Moodie, John Telfer and David Henry.

**SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b00q3gjj)**

Drug danger distraction?

A British drug company is being sued by more than 15,000 people in the United States who claim its bestselling antipsychotic drug caused severe weight gain, diabetes and other serious medical conditions. Ann Alexander investigates concerns about the way it was marketed and asks how much the public should be told about the drugs they take.

**SUN 17:40 Profile (b00q9hvf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00q9mcl)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**SUN 17:57 Weather (b00q9mcn)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00q9mcq)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00q9mcs)**

Steve Hewlett introduces his selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

Programmes featured this week were:

Bridging the Gap - Radio 4

The History of the World in 100 Objects - Radio 4

Overexposed - Radio 4

Taking a Stand - Radio 4

The Frost Collection - Radio 4

Travels with the Prime Minister - Radio 4

With Great Pleasure - Radio 4

Images that Changed the World - Radio 4

The Charles Paris Mysteries - Radio 4

Ken Clarke's Jazz - Radio 4

Desert Island Discs - Radio 4

Super Recognisers - Radio 4

Terezin Dreams - Radio 4

Nature - Radio 4

The Infinite Monkey Cage - Radio 4.

**SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00q9mpq)**

Brenda's picked up the leaflets for the milk round, and receives

an unexpected compliment from Vicky. She hopes Mike will be as complimentary.

Helen's worried about Annette and suggests they need a holiday but this is too much for Annette to think about. Helen's unconvinced when Brenda says the abortion was for the best. Brenda wants to talk about presents for Tony's birthday but also asks Helen if she'll have some leaflets at Ambridge Organics.

Will's unhappy after "an idiot" clipped 3 saplings during the last shoot of the season. Clarrie sympathises but is pleased that Brian seems okay with the outcome of the season as a whole. She assures Will that she'll have Mia and Jake while Nic's at the dentist on Wednesday. Will hopes Joe won't be there to scare them with his ghost stories, as Mia's still recovering from her previous visit.

Clarrie has an uncomfortable favour to ask about Eddie's van, but Will's more than happy to offer Eddie a loan. Clarrie asks Will not to tell Eddie she's spoken to him. That's fine. Working for Brian has taught Will how to deal with awkward situations. Clarrie can relax about Eddie's van. Will's going to sort it.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

**SUN 19:15 Americana (b00q9n8g)**

The US budget is over three trillion dollars. Matt Frei talks to US budget expert Stan Collender to translate what all those zeros in 'trillion' mean for the federal budget and national debt.

Matt Frei talks to Grammy Award-winning musician Steve Earle about how one in ten Americans face unemployment. They discuss how those numbers affect real Americans and the songs sung about them. Americana hears from three people who have lost jobs in the last year, from South Dakota, Nashville and Oregon.

Americans are counting down the days until one of the largest national unified television viewing experiences arrives, the Superbowl. The Superbowl typically draws over 90 million viewers. It also draws over two million dollars for a 30-second window of advertising. The most controversial ad in the Superbowl line-up this year brings the abortion debate to the field.

This will be the 44th Superbowl and sports writer Don Steinberg notes that the nation also just elected its 44th president. Matt Frei talks to Don to learn when, if ever, US leadership is more impressive than in its championship football games.

**SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b00b737b)**

Jennings' Little Hut

The Squatters

Mark Williams reads one of Anthony Buckeridge's classic school stories, abridged in five parts by Roy Apps.

'Until Darbshire had finished making his famous ventilating-shaft out of that disused drain-pipe, it was just as well they had got air-conditioned walls.' It was only a little hut, but Jennings was very proud of it. And the other boys at Linbury Court were proud of their huts too.

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

**SUN 20:00 Feedback (b00q43nz)**

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

**SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00q43p3)**

Matthew Bannister presents the obituary series, analysing and celebrating the life stories of people who have recently died. The lives of JD Salinger, Lord Richardson and Earl Wild.

**SUN 21:00 Money Box (b00q9h9y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

**SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00q9jtb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

**SUN 21:30 Analysis (b00q3cnl)**

Are environmentalists bad for the planet?

The BBC's 'Ethical Man' Justin Rowlatt asks if the environmental movement is bad for the planet. He explores the philosophical roots of a way of thinking that developed decades before global warming was an issue. He also examines some of the ideological baggage that environmentalists have brought to the climate change debate, from anti-consumerism and anti-capitalism to a suspicion about technology and a preference for

natural solutions. Could these extraneous aspects of green politics be undermining the environmental cause, and are some environmentalists being distracted from the urgent task of stopping global warming by a more radical agenda for social change?

Justin speaks to green capitalists including the Conservative MP John Gummer, who thinks that technology and reinvented markets hold the answer to tackling global warming. He talks to Greenpeace chairman John Sauven about green attitudes to so-called techno fixes, including nuclear power, and discusses green conversion tactics such as so-called identity campaigning with Tom Crompton from the conservation charity WWF and Solitaire Townsend, co-founder of the green public relations company Futerra.

The programme also hears from the leading green thinkers Jonathon Porritt and Professor Mike Hulme, founding director of the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, and from the theologian and United Nations advisor on climate change and world religions Martin Palmer. Martin sees parallels between some parts of the green movement and millenarian cults who have claimed that 'the end of the world is nigh'. Justin also interviews Andrew Simms from the New Economics Foundation, who believes we can only tackle climate change if we are weaned off our addiction to consumption and economic growth.

**SUN 21:58 Weather (b00q9n9m)**

The latest weather forecast.

**SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00q9nl0)**

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including Turkeys Voting for Christmas.

**SUN 23:00 The Film Programme (b00q43vf)**

Director Lee Daniels discusses his award-winning drama about a 400-pound African-American girl, Precious. He also reveals why Mariah Carey ended up in a role intended for Dame Helen Mirren and the support he was offered by Oprah Winfrey.

Havana Marking goes behind the scenes of the Afghan version of Pop Idol and reveals why one of the contestants received death threats and has gone into hiding.

Film-maker and critic Mark Cousins waxes lyrical about Ozu.

Neil Brand tells us the score about the work of composer Ron Goodwin.

**SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00q9jt0)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

**MONDAY 01 FEBRUARY 2010**

**MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00q9nqj)**

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

**MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00q3lcw)**

On the 1st of July 1997 Hong Kong passed out of British hands and came under Chinese rule, ending more than 150 years of British control. It was an emotional moment which seemed to signify the final end to an era of British history. Many expatriates returned to the UK but a minority stayed on. Today there are still 19,000 British nationals living in Hong Kong, representing only 0.3 per cent of the population. How do they feel about the changes in the city? What has happened to the colonial life they once lead, and what do they think of people 'back home'? Laurie Taylor discusses an in-depth study by Caroline Knowles which explores the lives and attitudes of the British migrants still living in Hong Kong.

Laurie also talks to Robert Ford, the co-author of a new study exploring the reasons behind people voting for the BNP, the most electorally successful far-right party in British electoral history. What are the factors behind its success? Angry White Men: Individual and Contextual Predictors of Support for the British National Party examines the social, geographical and attitudinal characteristics of the BNP voter.

**MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00q9jsw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

**MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00q9yr5)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00q9zmd)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00q9yrm)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00qb0cw)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00qb0dw)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Father Paul Clayton-Lea.

**MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00qb0w8)**

Farmers claim the growing craze for lighting Chinese lanterns into the sky is killing and injuring livestock. They tell Farming Today that the lanterns are also causing a litter problem and they want them banned.

Also, should we be able to walk across more of the countryside? A review of the rights of way is about to begin.

**MON 05:57 Weather (b00qbt24)**

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

**MON 06:00 Today (b00qb12z)**

With John Humphrys and Justin Webb. Including Sports Desk; Weather; Thought for the Day.

**MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00qbt26)**

Stewart Brand, a pioneer of the 1960s environmental movement, tells Tom Sutcliffe that the green agenda is becoming outdated and sentimental, arguing that science and technology are the answer to a world lit by nuclear energy and fed by GM crops. The investigative journalist Felicity Lawrence warns that food science is prone to political and financial interference, and Dr Andrea Sella attempts to make chemistry exciting and entertaining. Throughout, Matthieu Ricard, dubbed by neuroscientists 'the happiest man in the world', spreads a little meditative calm.

**MON 09:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qb5yf)**

The First Cities and States (4000 - 2000 BC)

King Den's Sandal Label

This week, Director of the British Museum Neil MacGregor investigates the impact on human society of large numbers of people coming together in the world's first cities between 5000 and 2000 BC. As they did so, they developed new trade links, the first handwriting, and new forms of leadership and beliefs.

All of these innovations are present in today's object; a small label made of hippo ivory that was attached to the sandal that one of the earliest known kings of Egypt, King Den, took his grave. The label not only depicts the king in battle against unknown foes but also boasts the first writing in this history of the world - hieroglyphs that describe the king and his military conquests.

Neil MacGregor and contributors consider whether this is just the first indication that there would never be civilisation without war

**MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00qb91p)**

Mothers in China; Girls' football in Kenya

Have parental leave provisions gone too far? In a new government bill, fathers will have the right to 6 months paternity leave during the second six months of their baby's life, assuming the mother has gone back to work. Baroness Margaret Prosser Deputy Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Richard Reeves, Director of independent think tank Demos, Tina Knight is Chairwoman of Women in Business debate whether the sharing of parental leave is a nod to political correctness or nightmare for small businesses.

Xinran was born in Beijing and brought up during the Cultural Revolution. She became a journalist and radio presenter, and is well known in China for her radio phone-in programme Words on the Night Breeze, in which she invited women to talk about their lives. She tells the stories of the women who wrote to her to share their pain at having to give up their daughters and her own experience of China's 'One Child' policy.

Sarah Ford, a former sports journalist from Norwich, now spends time improving the lives of girls in Kenya. She is the founder of the charity 'Moving the Goalposts' which uses football to develop essential life skills for vulnerable young women from Kalifi. She highlights the challenge that the girls face including the monthly trouble of finding sanitary pads.

**MON 10:45 15 Minute Drama (b00qbbd7)**

How Does That Make You Feel? (Ordinary's Not Enough)

Richard

By Shelagh Stephenson.

Martha is a sincere, caring psychotherapist, but deep down she's losing patience. Richard Fallon MP, once the darling of the media, now can't get an invitation onto Question Time. And he thinks he knows who's to blame.

Martha ..... Cathy Belton  
Richard ..... Roger Allam

Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan.

**MON 11:00 Listening to China (b00qby2m)**

BBC World Affairs Correspondent Emily Buchanan hears the little-known story of around 300 young men who were selected to learn Chinese at the start of their National Service and then sent to Hong Kong to eavesdrop on Chinese communications.

In the mid 1950s, with the Cold War raging and Chairman Mao's communists in power in China, the RAF began a top-secret programme to select and train a small group of National Servicemen to carry out intelligence work in Hong Kong. For six years from 1955 about 60 a year spent 12 months learning Chinese in England before being flown across the world to monitor radio broadcasts from the highest peak on Hong Kong Island for six months before being demobbed.

Emily hears from some of them about their time on a course which few had known about or chosen to do, and how it changed their lives. They recall the intensive language lessons, life in Hong Kong, the work itself and what they have since learned about their role in the Cold War.

Some went on to work in intelligence, others formed the basis for a generation of professors of Chinese at British universities, and some never used their Chinese again. But all recall how the often chance decision to select them for the language course changed their lives.

**MON 11:30 Ed Reardon's Week (b00qbv2p)**

Series 6

Cheese Cricket

Ed finds himself a surprise hit when he takes part in a new Radio 4 'topical quiz with a tasty twist'. With Christopher Douglas and Stephanie Cole. From February 2010.

**MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00qbc04)**

Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.

**MON 12:57 Weather (b00qbnp1)**

The latest weather forecast.

**MON 13:00 World at One (b00qbnrt)**

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

**MON 13:30 Brain of Britain (b00qbyg7)**

Russell Davies chairs the 2010 final of the perennial general knowledge contest. Contestants Ian Bayley from Oxford, David Clark from Port Talbot, Anne Hegerty from Manchester and Rob Hannah from Torquay compete to be this year's winner.

**MON 14:00 The Archers (b00q9mpq)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

**MON 14:15 Drama (b00qbyvg9)**

The Ditch

Recorded on location, this chilling tale is written and narrated by Paul Evans.

Tom Saunders, a wildlife sound recordist, goes missing, leaving only a collection of recordings and a notebook. These fall into the hands of his radio producer, who tries to piece together what has happened. His quest leads him back to the disturbing aural landscape of Slaughton Ditch, where an obsession with hidden sounds has terrifying and fatal consequences.

Tom Saunders ..... Jimmy Yuill  
Narrator ..... Paul Evans

Other parts played by Christine Hall and Richard Angwin.

Wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson

Directed by Sarah Blunt.

**MON 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00q9hvv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Saturday]

**MON 15:45 Key Matters (b009x7g5)**

Series 1

C major

Ivan Hewett examines five musical keys. Today: C major, as used by Haydn, Mendelssohn and John Lennon. With Paul Spicer.

**MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00q9k53)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

**MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b00qbw64)**

Ernie Rea and guests examine the rise of new monastic communities and ask what characteristics they share with traditional orders.

**MON 17:00 PM (b00qbqcg)**

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

**MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00qbrh6)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b00qbw66)**

Series 56

Episode 5

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game with Paul Merton, Charles Collingwood, Josie Lawrence and Chris Neill. From February 2010.

**MON 19:00 The Archers (b00qbnvx)**

A supplier has let Helen down. She goes to Pat and Tony for help, and mentions that she called on Peggy beforehand, who appears exhausted. Tony's concerned about Peggy's increasing tiredness and discusses it with Pat, who's busy preparing for the shop business plan committee meeting. Pat thinks Peggy should see Jack less frequently but knows Peggy won't want to hear that.

Usha tells Ruth that she suggested Alan camps out for a few days for Lent but she may have made an awful mistake. He's proposing to camp out for the whole six weeks, without any modern amenities. Ruth laughs at such a mad idea but Usha's worried he's actually going to go ahead with it. David tells Usha about Pip's new boyfriend, who Ruth has learned is doing a diploma in web design. Usha thinks Pip should hang on to him - that's where the money is.

David and Ruth watch Pip get out of Jude's BMW convertible, much to David's displeasure. He wants to know more, and quizzes Pip. Ruth's thankful that at least Pip's happy but David puts it down to Jude's money. He'll probably turn out to be an Olympic athlete as well.... David can't wait to meet him.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

**MON 19:15 Front Row (b00qbrkk)**

Martin Amis is about to publish his first novel for six years. In this special interview he discusses The Pregnant Widow and the book's focus on the sexual revolution in the 1970s. He also reflects on his increasing awareness of his own mortality - coinciding with his 60th birthday - and the attention he's received for a number of controversial comments he's made recently.

**MON 19:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qb5yf)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

**MON 20:00 Robo Wars (b00qbxv5)**

Episode 1

The pilotless drone aircraft has become key to current conflicts such as Afghanistan, but how far can technology take over combat? Stephen Sackur investigates a secretive and controversial change in how we wage war.

**MON 20:30 Analysis (b00qbxwj)**

Glass-Steagall: A Price Worth Paying?

Should the taxpayer bail out so-called casino banking? Edward Stourton explores the arguments for and against the return of Glass-Steagall, a 1930s American law which split the banks into high street and investment banks.

President Obama's recent declaration of willingness to fight the banks has pushed the issue of whether taxpayers should bail out so-called casino banking to centre stage in America and across the world. There are growing calls for a British version of an American post-Depression law called the Glass-Steagall Act. In this new banking world there would be retail banks which would look after the needs of ordinary customers and there would be separate investment banks which could play the stock markets without putting depositors' savings at risk.

Former Chancellor Nigel Lawson is now one of the most prominent people calling for a British-style Glass-Steagall. As is Liam Halligan, the chief economist at the investment fund Prosperity Capital Management, who outlines the case for a new separation of banking activities. Another surprising person calling for Glass-Steagall to be resurrected is former Wall Street banker John S Reed. Back in the 1980s and 90s he was one of the people calling for the original law to be repealed. Now he's convinced that some kind of separation is crucial to protect taxpayers from future bank bail-outs.

But critics like Brandon Davies, a former head of retail risk at Barclays Retail, fear that splitting the banks would severely damage the economy. Angela Knight, chief executive of the British Bankers' Association warns that Britain could not take this kind of action alone. Professor John Kay, formerly of Oxford University, the London Business School and the Institute for Fiscal Studies - probably the most prominent academic economist making the Glass-Steagall case - tells the programme why he thinks there is not more political support for the idea of splitting the banks

#### MON 21:00 Costing the Earth (b00qbz09)

The New Diggers

In 1649 the chaos of the English Civil War inspired a group that declared our land to be a common treasury and began to plant fruit and vegetables on common land in southern and central England. It was a response to a shortage of food and what the Diggers saw as the misuse of productive land by the large landowners.

Alice Roberts meets the new Diggers - groups and individuals across the country determined to tackle the looming food crisis by making the wasteland grow.

In Todmorden in West Yorkshire locals began by secretly planting up the gardens of their derelict heath centre. Today the whole town seems to throb with fertility; new allotments fill the retirement home gardens and feed the residents, an aquaponics growing system is being built behind the secondary school and pak choi self-seeds through the cracks in the town centre pavements.

Near Gateshead a National Trust-owned stately home has cleared its enormous Georgian walled garden and invited local people in to create their own allotments. Meanwhile, a farming estate in Oxfordshire has decided that a reliance on arable farming leaves it vulnerable to world markets. New farmers and growers are being invited to rent small plots of land to try their hand at making the tricky transition from amateur grower to real farmer.

Alice Roberts asks if this grassroots revolution will produce enough food to feed Britain. Will it transform the shape of our countryside and the look of our towns?

#### MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00qbt26)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

#### MON 21:58 Weather (b00qbrmw)

The latest weather forecast.

#### MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00qbrsn)

National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah.

Politicians on both sides of the Atlantic grapple with spending plans and tackling the deficits.

An exclusive report from tribal lands in Sudan.

Why are parades in Northern Ireland so contentious?

Is the British government right not to pay ransoms?

A look at Pakistan, four years after its earthquake.

Is America trying to assert itself on the world stage?

#### MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00qbsk3)

The Still Point

Episode 6

Emma Fielding reads from Amy Sackville's debut novel about true courage and enduring love, in which the lives of two couples, living a hundred years apart, collide unexpectedly one summer's day.

How Edward Mackley's men survived a terrifying attack by a bear and a near-fatal fall through the ice, as Julia revisits their journey north through Edward's diaries.

Abridged by Sally Marmion

Produced by Justine Willett.

#### MON 23:00 Off the Page (b00ny8gr)

I'm H.A.P.P.Y

From euphoria to contentment.

Miriam Akhtar, Dr Phil Hammond, Lucy Mangan and Dominic Arkwright focus on happiness.

Producer: Paul Dodgson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in November 2009.

#### MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00qbsnj)

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

### TUESDAY 02 FEBRUARY 2010

#### TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00q9npt)

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

#### TUE 00:30 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qb5yf)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

#### TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00q9yky)

The latest shipping forecast.

#### TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00q9zlc)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

#### TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00q9yr7)

The latest shipping forecast.

#### TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00qb06n)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

#### TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00qb0cz)

Daily prayer and reflection with Father Paul Clayton-Lea.

#### TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00qb0v5)

Anna Hill hears how 50 million pounds of taxpayers' money will go to build a coastal path around England.

The days of English wine being a novelty seem to be coming to an end, as an English wine wins the World Sparkling Wine Championships for the first time.

#### TUE 06:00 Today (b00qb12d)

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

#### TUE 09:00 Taking a Stand (b00qc02y)

Fergal Keane talks to Dr Jim Swire, who has waged a long campaign to expose those he believes were responsible for the 1988 Lockerbie bombing, in which his daughter died.

It has been 21 years since his daughter, Flora, died when Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie, yet Jim Swire's demands for a full public enquiry into the incident remain undimmed. Only then, he believes, might the full story be exposed. Jim has also fought for the release of Abdelbaset Ali al-Megrahi, a man he helped bring to trial but has long believed was innocent.

#### TUE 09:30 Famous Footsteps (b00qc030)

Episode 4

Fiona Neill finds out how creatively successful people cope when things go wrong, talking to songwriter Guy Chambers, Adrian Edmondson and Daphne Du Maurier's daughter.

#### TUE 09:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qb5xv)

The First Cities and States (4000 - 2000 BC)

Standard of Ur

Neil MacGregor with this week's examination of the first great civilisations with one of the most spectacular discoveries of ancient royal goods. The magnificent gold and silver jewellery was found nearly 100 years ago at a royal burial site in the City of Ur in Southern Iraq, at the heart of one of the first great civilisations in the world. It leads Neil MacGregor to contemplate the nature of kingship and power in Mesopotamia. The Standard of Ur is a set of mosaic scenes that show powerful images of battle and regal life and that remain remarkably well preserved given its four and a half thousand year old history.

Contributors include sociologist Anthony Giddens, on the growing sophistication of societies at this time, and the archaeologist Lamia Al-Gailani who considers what Ancient Mesopotamia means to the people of modern day Iraq.

#### TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00qb8yc)

Nanci Griffith; Chemmy Alcott; Older women drivers

American folk singer Nanci Griffith on her life and career. Plus, British alpine skier Chemmy Alcott. And after the age of 60, do women drivers have more accidents than men?

#### TUE 10:45 15 Minute Drama (b00qbb2)

How Does That Make You Feel? (Ordinary's Not Enough)

Caroline

By Shelagh Stephenson.

Martha is a sincere, caring psychotherapist, but deep down she's losing patience. Caroline thinks her child's a genius because she bites teachers and dreams of 'being somebody'. Sadly, however, there's rather more to genius than having a mother with vaulting ambition.

Martha ..... Cathy Belton  
Caroline ..... Rebecca Saire

Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan.

#### TUE 11:00 Nature (b00qc032)

Series 4

A Local Patch, part 1

The first of two programmes exploring our relationship with the landscape and the value of getting to know 'a local patch'.

Three wildlife enthusiasts share their experiences of their local patch and its wildlife. For wildlife cameraman, John Aitchison, the local patch is the sea loch which is just a stone's throw from his home on the west coast of Scotland. For wildlife sound recordist Chris Watson, the suburban back garden in Newcastle upon Tyne is his local patch, and for wildlife artist writer Jessica Holm, it's the woodland on the Isle of Wight where she spent four years studying red squirrels.

Recordings from each location are weaved together, highlighting the value of getting to know a patch of landscape so well that it's like having 'a second skin', as Jessica Holm says.

Walking along the shore from his home, John reflects on the memories which are triggered by familiar sights: the stone where the seals haul out, the stream where he's watched the otters bathe, the patch of grass where the lapwings shelter. With time, the unfamiliar has become familiar; his closest neighbours are the curlews, oystercatchers and sea otters.

For Chris too, time has bred familiarity and memories of the past are bound up with this garden. His memories are of the sounds of the past - the houses sparrows which used to be so common, the wind sighing among the leaves of the cherry tree, the swifts arriving in the summer. The recordings he has made in his garden also demonstrate how the landscape has changed; the house sparrows once so common are now hardly ever heard in his garden, but the recordings allow him to reconnect with the past, relive memories he associates with the sounds, like his children sleeping in their pram.

It is 20 years since Jessica Holm has visited Newton Cope on the Isle of Wight where she spent four years studying red

squirrels, and yet the landscape feels the same. She even finds the paths she made to the trees where she had stapled live traps to catch the squirrels she was studying. Walking among the trees she explains, 'I think when you get really attached to a place, it never leaves you ... it becomes part of the fabric of you. And even though I haven't stepped foot in this copse for 20 years, it feels exactly the same as it did all that time ago.'

The programme reveals the emotional and spiritual strength each of the three derives from a connection with the landscape that comes through time spent in a landscape, through observing, watching, getting to know a landscape, becoming familiar with its colours, moods and character.

It's a revealing and fascinating insight into the power of experience and the relationships between people and place, between Man and Nature.

**TUE 11:30 With Great Pleasure (b00qc034)**

Paul Gambaccini

Paul Gambaccini has broadcast on just about every BBC radio platform over his decades as a radio presenter, but this is an opportunity to hear something he doesn't normally share - his literary interests. They range from Shakespeare to a graphic novel, via Bob Dylan and Arthur Rubinstein. Paul's readers are John Guerrasio, Kathryn Akin and Philip Rosch.

**TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00qbbzf)**

Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.

**TUE 12:57 Weather (b00qbnnq)**

The latest weather forecast.

**TUE 13:00 World at One (b00qbnrf)**

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

**TUE 13:30 Ken Clarke's Jazz Greats (b00qc036)**

Series 8

Sonny Rollins

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

New York sax player Sonny Rollins is regarded as one of most influential and unique saxophonists in contemporary jazz. He began playing in the late 1940s, rehearsing and performing with such luminaries as Thelonious Monk, Art Blakey and Tadd Dameron. By the mid 1950s he was winning popularity polls and enjoying widespread critical acclaim. He has since gone on to develop a fluid and easily accessible style, often lauded for bringing jazz to a wider audience.

Ken talks to Mercury Music Prize-nominated saxophonist Denys Baptiste, a fellow Sonny Rollins fan.

**TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00qbnxv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

**TUE 14:15 Drama (b00qc0jp)**

Pat Davis - The Right Ingredients

When her world falls to pieces, Lisa resorts to using other people's shopping lists as a means of structuring her life. Her hope is that she will eventually get all the right ingredients for the cake she needs to bake. A delicate and beautiful story of a woman coming to terms with a heart-breaking bereavement.

Lisa ..... Jasmine Hyde  
 Jake ..... Joseph Cohen-Cole  
 Ella ..... Helen Longworth  
 Mum ..... Kate Layden

Directed by Tracey Neale.

**TUE 15:00 Making History (b00qc0jr)**

Vanessa Collingridge asks listeners to suggest objects that help tell A History Of The World. Today, a writing tablet from Roman Cumbria and the original blueprint for garden suburbs.

**TUE 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00qc1bs)**

A Georgian Trilogy

A Peacock in Sulphur

Series of specially-commissioned stories by James Hopkin, inspired by his travels in Georgia in autumn 2008.

Niko Pirosmiani was one of Georgia's greatest artists, but was it

his art that killed him?

Read by Allan Corduner

Produced by Rosalyn Ward

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 15:45 Key Matters (b00b0g6b)**

Series 1

D minor

Ivan Hewett examines five musical keys. Today: D minor – 'saddest of all keys', used by Haydn, Mozart and Spinal Tap.

**TUE 16:00 Inside the Virtual Anthill: Open Source Means Business (b00kp806)**

Gerry Northam goes behind the scenes to investigate 'open source' computer software. Much has been said about the likes of free web browser Firefox and the operating system Linux, but little about how thousands of programmers scattered around the world collaborate in a 'virtual anthill' to create products that rival more commercial offerings. Gerry finds out how it is done and shows how its ethos is being applied to other kinds of business, with some startling results.

A Square Dog Radio production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 16:30 Great Lives (b00qc2hn)**

Series 20

Bill Hamilton

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

Professor Richard Dawkins explains why he believes Bill Hamilton to have been one of the greatest evolutionary theorists of the 20th century. Dr Mary Bliss offers expert advice.

**TUE 17:00 PM (b00qbqby)**

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

**TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00qbrdm)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 18:30 Act Your Age (b00qcj8m)**

Series 2

Episode 3

Simon Mayo hosts the comedy show that pits the comic generations against each other to find out which is the funniest.

Team captains Jon Richardson, Ed Byrne and Johnnie Casson are joined by Jared Christmas, Mark Watson and Eddie Large.

Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Mathews.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

**TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00qbnxd)**

Susan sees Brian's preliminary report on the shop finances and wonders how much of the £30k will be for wages. She's relieved to learn there will be a paid job for her but is stunned that it could be as little as two mornings a week. Brian and Pat ask her to think more positively but Susan's most put out. Brian understands her situation, and charmingly suggests she has the option of resigning. Susan quickly changes her attitude and insists she's looking forward to the new challenge.

Eddie struggles to shift compost with the help of Joe and Bartleby, and wishes there was more justice, comparing his fortunes to those of Pip's new boyfriend. Joe feels too many of today's youngsters have full wallets and empty heads, referring to the graffiti on the village green toilets, obviously done by some idiot who can afford to waste money on expensive spray paints.

Will tactfully offers to lend Eddie £6k for a new van. Although grateful, Eddie turns him down but Will talks Eddie round, pointing out how all the family will benefit. Eddie swears to pay back every penny, and they shake on it. Eddie's grateful to have such a damn good son.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

**TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00qbrh8)**

With Mark Lawson, Colin Firth on A Single Man, and Oscar

hopefuls respond as the Academy reveals its nominations.

**TUE 19:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qb5xv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

**TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b00qcj8p)**

Improvised Explosive Devices in Afghanistan

The government has pledged 150 million pounds to combat the threat of improvised explosive devices, which are now the biggest danger to British and other coalition troops in Afghanistan. But is the UK doing enough to tackle the increasing threat they pose? Allan Urry investigates.

**TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00qcj8r)**

Peter White is joined by Mani Djazmi, who gives a round-up of the state of the national provision of bus companies who are able to provide announcements on buses. David Cowdrey from the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association talks about the organisation's campaign to support a Parliamentary Early Day Motion to bring about an amendment in the public transport regulations. They want it to be made statutory for bus companies to ensure buses are fitted with equipment to provide destination announcements, a unified system and not the postcode lottery which exists at the moment. The organisation says that if all new buses had audio-visual systems, it would be a fraction of the cost compared to retro-fitting. GDBA want next stop and final destination announcements. As trains are covered already, GDBA are seeking parity with these for safety reasons. As the regulations stand currently, if an emergency occurs there is no requirement for there to be audio-visual information provided to the passengers.

Lee Kumutat tries her hand at tennis and receives tuition from coach Odette Battarel. Playing with a net 80cm from the ground and a spongy ball containing ball bearings, players use a series of bounces - three for a blind person, two for a partially-sighted player and one for someone sighted. By calling 'play' to her opponent, Lee was able to hit the ball over the net successfully and enjoy a game of tennis for the first time. Lee also meets Alan Weatherley from British Blind Sport, whose aim is to get people involved in and enthused by sport.

**TUE 21:00 Case Notes (b00qcj8t)**

Backs

Dr Mark Porter meets patients on the Active Back Programme in Stanmore, North London.

For 15 years the Active Back Programme at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital has been helping people with long term back pain learn to live with their condition and be physically active.

Patients who attend the programme have had many medical interventions that have failed to make much of an impact on their back pain. The approach at RNOH is different - the programme doesn't aim to remove the pain, but it helps people get on with their lives and be able to do everyday activities such as shopping and exercise.

Physiotherapists, psychologists and occupational therapists give advice on how to make changes around the home so that people with back pain can do tasks in the kitchen and in the garden. Mark meets the patients on the programme who are playing table tennis for the first time, and who are discovering that rearranging pillows can help them get a good night's sleep.

**TUE 21:30 Taking a Stand (b00qc02y)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**TUE 21:58 Weather (b00qbrkm)**

The latest weather forecast.

**TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00qbrmq)**

National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah.

The shadow chancellor sets out his benchmarks for UK economy.

Heavy weapons flood into Sudan.

Brazil approves a new dam in the Amazon rainforest.

Iran's opposition leader says his movement will continue.

China warns the US over meeting the Dalai Lama.

The government prepares to publish its defence green paper.

**TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00qbsk5)**

The Still Point

Episode 7

Emma Fielding reads from Amy Sackville's debut novel about true courage and enduring love, in which the lives of two couples, living a hundred years apart, collide unexpectedly one summer's day.

Edward's expedition encounters danger, frustration and finally loss. Will he ever return safely to his Emily?

Abridged by Sally Marmion

Produced by Justine Willett.

**TUE 23:00 Jon Ronson On (b00qj8w)**

Series 5

Ambition

The writer Jon Ronson asks how our driving ambitions shape us. By interviewing several people at different points in their lives, he sees how ambition can make and break people.

He talks to an 11 year old boy who has plans to be a world class architect, a young woman who has set her sites on being Prime Minister and an ambitious stock broker whose success led him down a dangerous path towards a high security prison in the US.

Producer: Laura Parfitt

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

**TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00qbsn6)**

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

**WEDNESDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2010****WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00q9npw)**

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

**WED 00:30 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qb5xv)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

**WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00q9y10)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00q9z1f)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00q9yr9)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00qb06q)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00qb0d1)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Father Paul Clayton-Lea.

**WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00qb0v7)**

Anna Hill hears how dog walkers could be unwittingly infecting farm animals with an incurable disease when they take their animals to the countryside.

After Farming Today reported on Chinese lanterns causing injury and even death to livestock, one company director defends his products.

**WED 06:00 Today (b00qb12g)**

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

**WED 09:00 Midweek (b00qcjdl)**

This week Francine Stock is joined by Oran Canfield, Reg Green, Bette Bourne and Show of Hands.

**WED 09:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qb5xx)**

The First Cities and States (4000 - 2000 BC)

Indus Seal

The ancient city of Harappa lies around 150 miles north of Lahore in Pakistan. It was once one of the great centres of a civilisation that has largely disappeared, one with vast trade connections and boasting several of the world's first cities. At a time when another great civilisation was being forged along the banks of the river Nile in Egypt, Neil MacGregor investigates this much less well-known civilisation on the banks of the Indus Valley.

He introduces us to a series of little stone seals that are four-and-a-half thousand years old, covered in carved images of animals and probably used in trade. The civilisation built over 100 cities, some with sophisticated sanitation systems, big scale architecture and even designed around a modern grid layout. The great modern architect Sir Richard Rogers considers the urban planning of the Indus Valley, while the historian Nayanjot Lahiri looks at how this lost civilisation is remembered - by both modern India and Pakistan.

**WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00qb8yf)**

Siri Hustvedt; Equal pay; Wearing colour

Novelist Siri Hustvedt on trembling in public. Plus, closing the gender pay gap, and how to embrace colour and stand out in a crowd.

**WED 10:45 15 Minute Drama (b00qbbxt)**

How Does That Make You Feel? (Ordinary's Not Enough)

Howard

By Shelagh Stephenson.

Martha is a sincere, caring psychotherapist, but deep down she's losing patience. Howard is a chef whose son ridicules the idea of cooking, preferring instead to try his hand at The X Factor. Sadly, however, he's almost 31 and still living at home.

Martha ..... Cathy Belton

Howard ..... Tim McInnerny

Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan.

**WED 11:00 Weekend Warriors No Longer (b00qcjdn)**

Episode 1

Martin Bell investigates how the part-time Territorial Army is surviving full-time warfare.

The TA was at one time dismissed as 'weekend warriors', but now the military admit they couldn't do without them. Martin finds out what makes ordinary people want to give up their civilian life to fight in Afghanistan.

**WED 11:30 Agatha Christie (b00qcj13)**

Towards Zero

Episode 4

Adaptation by Joy Wilkinson of Agatha Christie's detective novel.

Now Neville is in the clear, suspicion has turned on Audrey for the murder of Lady Tressilian. But no-one can find her, and MacWhirter is convinced she's innocent.

Neville ..... Hugh Bonneville  
MacWhirter ..... Tom Mannion  
Audrey ..... Claire Rushbrook  
Mary ..... Julia Ford  
Latimer ..... Joseph Kloska  
Kay ..... Lizzy Watts  
Inspector Leach ..... Philip Fox  
Royde ..... Stephen Hogan  
Sergeant ..... Matt Addis

Directed by Mary Peate.

**WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00qbbzh)**

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson.

**WED 12:57 Weather (b00qbnnj)**

The latest weather forecast.

**WED 13:00 World at One (b00qbnrh)**

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

**WED 13:30 The Media Show (b00qcjrz)**

When Archie Norman appointed the Royal Mail's Adam

Crozier to run ITV, he said he would bring 'transformational change'. So what could that change be? ITV's former director of television, Simon Shaps, gives his views.

Front page headlines in The Times claim that the Conservatives plan a leadership revolution at the BBC. Steve Hewlett looks behind the headlines.

ITV's UK editor Angus Walker on the challenge of covering the story of Paul and Rachel Chandler, who are being held by Somali pirates.

How the News of the World responded to the injunction that stopped them from reporting on John Terry. Could the story have been handled differently, to the satisfaction of all sides?

**WED 14:00 The Archers (b00qbnxd)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 14:15 Drama (b00c197q)**

Listen to the Words

By Ed Hime.

Tim has a problem with empathy, and justifies tapping fellow student Sophie's phone as the only way to understand her. When it all goes wrong, he books the media room of the secure unit where he is being held and creates a broadcast for his college radio station.

Tim ..... Joe Dempsie  
Sophie ..... Lizzie Watts  
Damon ..... Sam Crane  
Stella ..... Lisa Stevenson  
Derek ..... Nyasha Hatendi  
Dr Susan ..... Helen Longworth  
Bill Keyes ..... Ben Crowe  
Clive ..... John Rowe  
Zoe ..... Liz Sutherland  
Lecturer ..... Stephen Critchlow  
Toby ..... Dan Starkey

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

**WED 15:00 Money Box Live (b00qcjwl)**

Vincent Duggleby and guests answer calls on investing in shares.

Guests:

Morven Whyte, portfolio manager at Redmayne Bentley Stockbrokers  
Gavin Oldham, chief executive officer, The Share Centre  
Rob Burgeman, divisional director, Brewin Dolphin.

**WED 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00qc1bv)**

A Georgian Trilogy

The Worst Express From Kakheti

Series of specially-commissioned stories by James Hopkin, inspired by his travels in Georgia.

It is summer 2008 and an impoverished Georgian poet is living in Berlin for three months. He is not expecting to hear shattering news from his homeland.

Read by Tom Goodman-Hill

Produced by Rosalyn Ward

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 15:45 Key Matters (b00b5ltz)**

Series 1

B flat

Ivan Hewett examines five musical keys. Today: B flat - sad and heroic in Chopin, Mozart, and Beethoven. With John Dankworth.

**WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00qcjwn)**

How does a country's international reputation affect its economy and its political power? The diplomatic advisor Simon Anholt says it is extremely important, and takes great pains to measure national PR. Each year he publishes an index which ranks 50 countries in terms of their reputation. He tells Laurie Taylor who is at the top and who languishes at the bottom, and why.

Ethno-theme parks, Native American casinos and Kalahari bushmen attempting to reap profits from pharmaceutical



companies using their traditional medicinal plants: all modern examples of how ethnic identity has become a commodity in today's global market place. John and Jean Comaroff explore how communities sell their traditional culture in their new book, *Ethnicity Inc.* They tell Laurie about the effect it has on indigenous cultures, and how selling your identity can be both empowering and impoverishing.

**WED 16:30 Case Notes (b00qcj8t)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 17:00 PM (b00qbqc0)**  
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

**WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00qbrdp)**  
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**WED 18:30 The Write Stuff (b00qcjwq)**  
Series 12

Irvine Welsh

James Walton takes the chair for the game of literary correctness. Team captains John Walsh and Lynne Truss are joined by Jane Thynne and Christopher Brookmyre. The author of the week and subject for pastiche is Irvine Welsh, and the reader is Beth Chalmers.

**WED 19:00 The Archers (b00qbnxg)**  
Annette is anxiously waiting for a call and Helen continues to molly-coddle her, much to Annette's annoyance. Annette insists that Helen owes her nothing. In fact it's the other way round. As Helen leaves, Annette receives a call from her gran.

Mike, Jazzer and Ed move the new pasteuriser into place. Now Mike just needs to gain more customers, and Jazzer finally agrees to help with the marketing. Ed mentions that Eddie's buying a van, and is surprised to learn from Mike that it's going to cost about £6k. Ed wonders where Eddie's got the money from. Ed remarks on the latest graffiti - it's now on the bus shelter.

Brenda drops some leaflets off at Ambridge Organics, and shows Helen the perfect birthday gift she's found for Tony - some rare books about farming in the 1920s. Brenda wishes she didn't have so much free time. Helen asks for Brenda's advice. She believes she's pushed Annette too far to have the baby and Annette's now avoiding her. Brenda feels it's still early days for Annette. Maybe she just needs more space and time to work through this on her own. But that's what worries Helen. It's exactly how Greg started to behave.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

**WED 19:15 Front Row (b00qbrhb)**  
Morgan Freeman as Nelson Mandela and Matt Damon as Francois Pienaar both received Oscar nominations for their roles in Clint Eastwood's new film *Invictus*. Sports presenter John Inverdale gives his verdict on the film, which recreates the 1995 Rugby World Cup, a symbolic moment in the history of South Africa.

Corinne Bailey Rae discusses her new album *The Sea*, whose themes of love and loss reflect the grief she endured after the sudden death of her husband Jason Rae in 2008.

Gillian Ayres is one of the leading British abstract painters of her generation. She talks to Front Row as an exhibition of her work opens in London to celebrate her 80th birthday.

Christopher Frayling pays tribute to the designer Lucienne Day, who has recently died.

**WED 19:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qb5xx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

**WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b00qck2s)**  
The author Sir Terry Pratchett is calling for euthanasia tribunals to give sufferers from incurable diseases the right to medical help to end their lives. His idea comes as two polls are published which show widespread support for assisted dying. A system that allowed people to get medical help to die would avoid the harrowing dilemma of either watching a loved one suffer, or face jail for helping them out of their misery. But is there moral cowardice at the heart of this debate? Is it more about fear of our own death, rather than a genuine compassion for others? Whose death is it anyway?

Our witnesses are:

Dr Kevin Yuill - senior lecturer in history and American Studies at the University of Sunderland. Currently working on a book on assisted suicide.

Debbie Purdy - has MS and campaigns for assisted dying.

Rev Dr Lee Rayfield, Anglican Bishop of Swindon - Used to teach medical and dental students and has a particular interest in questions of medical ethics.

Andrew Norman Wilson - author and columnist.

**WED 20:45 Turkeys Voting for Christmas (b00qf7sb)**  
Episode 2

David Runciman explores the reasons why people often vote against their own self interest.

David penetrates the psyche of the British electorate. He asks why inheritance tax is so unpopular among the people who have least to lose from it. Is it really true that people prefer politicians who make them feel better about themselves rather than politicians who make them better off? And why are voters so seething about the focus groups designed to help the policy makers do them a good turn?

**WED 21:00 Nature (b00qc032)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

**WED 21:30 Midweek (b00qcjdl)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**WED 21:58 Weather (b00qbrkp)**  
The latest weather forecast.

**WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00qbrn0)**  
National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

The Green Paper on defence is published; we discuss its implications.

A look at the protests in the streets of Venezuela.

Has President Obama snubbed Europe?

**WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00qbsk7)**  
The Still Point

Episode 8

Emma Fielding reads from Amy Sackville's debut novel about true courage and enduring love, in which the lives of two couples, living a hundred years apart, collide unexpectedly one summer's day.

Julia has a visitor who, without knowing, reveals a shocking truth about her family's history.

Abridged by Sally Marmion

Produced by Justine Willett.

**WED 23:00 Mordrin McDonald: 21st Century Wizard (b00qck4v)**  
Series 1

The Blairchil Business Awards

Written by David Kay and Gavin Smith, Mordrin McDonald is a 2000 year old Wizard living in the modern world where regular bin collections and watching Countdown are just as important as slaying the odd Jakonty Dragon.

In this episode Mordrin's jam making business Fruity Potions is up for a gong at the Blairchil Business awards, but who can he take along for his plus one?

Featuring and written by Scottish stand up David Kay and starring Gordon Kennedy and Jack Docherty, Mordrin McDonald mixes the magical with the mundane and offers a hilarious take on the life of a modern day Wizard.

Step into the magically mundane world that is the life of 21st century wizard Mordrin McDonald. An isolated 2000-year-old sorcerer with enough power in his small finger to destroy a town, yet not even enough clout to get his bins emptied on time by the local council. Even for such a helpful sorcerer modern life is rubbish!

Mordrin is deadpan, dry and makes delicious jams. He initially set up as a plc for income tax relief, but has found it a useful vehicle to help him bolster his Wizard skill set and his range of

services. (Even a wizard has to diversify). He's been running Fruity Potions from his cave for the past few years, in between completing the odd quest as instructed by the Wizard Council. In the past his services were to help kings in battles of good and evil, or as he prefers to put it, assisting with neighbour disputes

Cast:  
Mordrin: David Kay  
Geoff: Gordon Kennedy  
Heather: Cora Bissett  
Councillor Campbell: Callum Cuthbertson  
Flora: Eleanor Thom  
Jim The Joiner: Grant O' Rourke

Producer/Director: Gus Beattie  
A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

**WED 23:15 The News at Bedtime (b00pftgj)**  
Series 1

Episode 3

Twin presenters John Tweedledum and Jim Tweedledee present in-depth news analysis covering the latest stories happening this 'once upon a time'.

Food campaigner Jack Spratt and the Tooth Fairy debate the nation's nutrition.

With Jack Dee, Peter Capaldi, Charlotte Green, Lewis MacLeod, Lucy Montgomery, Vicki Pepperdine, Dan Tetsell.

Written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman.

**WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00qbsn8)**  
News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Sean Curran.

**THURSDAY 04 FEBRUARY 2010**

**THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00q9npq)**  
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by Weather.

**THU 00:30 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qb5xx)**  
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

**THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00q9y12)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00q9zlh)**  
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00q9yrc)**  
The latest shipping forecast.

**THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00qb06s)**  
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00qb0d3)**  
Daily prayer and reflection with Father Paul Clayton-Lea.

**THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00qb0v9)**  
Anna Hill hears how almost 200 pea farmers will lose out on millions of pounds after Birds Eye terminates its contract with them.

And Farming Today hears if a new code of practice for supermarkets will stop them using what the National Farmers' Union has described as 'bully boy tactics'.

**THU 06:00 Today (b00qb12j)**  
With James Naughtie and Evan Davis. Including Sports Desk; Weather; Thought for the Day; Yesterday in Parliament.

**THU 09:00 In Our Time (b00qckbw)**  
Ibn Khaldun

Melvyn Bragg and guests Robert Hoyland, Robert Irwin and Hugh Kennedy discuss the life and ideas of the 14th-century Arab philosopher of history Ibn Khaldun. Ibn Khaldun was a North African statesman who retreated into the desert in 1375. He emerged having written one of the most important ever studies of the workings of history. Khaldun was born in Tunis in

1332. He received a supremely good education, but at 16 lost many of his family to the Black Death. His adult life was similarly characterised by sharp turns of fortune. He built a career as a political operator in cities from Fez to Granada. But he often fared badly in court intrigues, was imprisoned and failed to prevent the murder of a fellow statesman. In 1375, he withdrew into the Sahara to work out why the Muslim world had degenerated into division and decline. Four years later, he had completed not only a history of North African politics but also, in the book's long introduction, one of the great studies of history. Drawing on both regional history and personal experience, he set out a bleak analysis of the rise and fall of dynasties. He argued that group solidarity was vital to success in power. Within five generations, though, this always decayed. Tired urban dynasties inevitably became vulnerable to overthrow by rural insurgents. Later in life, Ibn Khaldun worked as a judge in Egypt, and in 1401 he met the terrifying Mongol conqueror Tamburlaine, whose triumphs, Ibn Khaldun felt, bore out his pessimistic theories. Over the last three centuries Ibn Khaldun has been rediscovered as a profoundly prescient political scientist, philosopher of history and forerunner of sociology - one of the great thinkers of the Muslim world. Robert Hoyland is Professor of Islamic History at the University of Oxford; Robert Irwin is Senior Research Associate of the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London; Hugh Kennedy is Professor of Arabic in the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London.

**THU 09:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qb5xz)**

The First Cities and States (4000 - 2000 BC)

Jade Axe

This week's programmes in the history of the world look at the growing sophistication of modern humans around the globe between 5000 and 2000 BC. Mesopotamia had built the royal city of Ur, the Indus valley boasted the city of Harappa, and the great early civilisation of Egypt was beginning to spread along the Nile.

In Britain life was much simpler, although trade links with Europe were well established. In today's programme, Neil Macgregor tells the story of a beautiful piece of jade, shaped into an axe head. It is about 6000 years old and was discovered near Canterbury in Kent but was made in the high Alps. Neil Macgregor tells the story of how this object may have been used and traded and how its source was cunningly traced to the heart of Europe

**THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00qb8yh)**

Natasha Walter; Margaret Forster

Feminist writer Natasha Walter on the distortion of sexual liberation. Plus, author Margaret Forster on being a grandmother.

**THU 10:45 15 Minute Drama (b00qbbwx)**

How Does That Make You Feel? (Ordinary's Not Enough)

Philip and Rose

By Shelagh Stephenson.

Martha is a sincere, caring psychotherapist, but deep down she's losing patience.

Since Phil's demotion as anchorman of a local TV news channel, he and his wife imagine they are dying of creeping invisibility. They could be right.

Martha ..... Cathy Belton  
Philip ..... Tim McInnerny  
Rose ..... Shelagh Stephenson

Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan.

**THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b00qckby)**

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

**THU 11:30 Henry Moore, My Father (b00qckc0)**

Henry Moore's daughter, Mary, refreshes our view of the life and work of Britain's foremost 20th-century sculptor.

Contributors include Antony Gormley, Anthony Caro, Richard Wentworth and Penelope Curtis.

Mary takes listeners on a tour of the Moore's home at Hoglands in Hertfordshire, a small house crammed with extraordinary carvings and paintings from all over the world. Being Moore's only child, life for Mary was never going to be totally straightforward. Hoglands was besieged by people wanting to

talk to her father and take photographs of the family having tea in the garden. Art students, including Gormley, Caro and Wentworth, 'popped up'.

'My father was an extremely generous man who had time for anyone curious about art, unless of course he was watching the tennis,' Mary says.

The Henry Moore Foundation was formed in the last years of Moore's life and it stands as the most important supporter for sculpture in Britain.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

**THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00qbbzk)**

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson.

**THU 12:30 Face the Facts (b00qckg5)**

India's City of Tomorrow

John reports from Lavasa, built across 12,500 acres in the Sahyadri Mountains outside Pune. One of the new residents will be a campus of the University of Oxford, and developers say the project creates jobs and much-needed housing. But what has been the effect on those who have seen their lands acquired and their livelihoods disappear, and what about wider concerns about the impact of these kinds of luxury developments?

**THU 12:57 Weather (b00qbnnl)**

The latest weather forecast.

**THU 13:00 World at One (b00qbnrk)**

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

**THU 13:30 Costing the Earth (b00qbbz09)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Monday]

**THU 14:00 The Archers (b00qbnxg)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

**THU 14:15 Drama (b00qckkv)**

No Trampy Immigrants

Inspired by events which took place in Belfast in the summer of 2009, Eoin McNamee's play tells the story of a community reeling from a shocking racist attack.

A riot takes place at the height of marching season, but not the type of riot you might expect.

Cyril ..... Adrian Dunbar  
Valerie ..... Brid Brennan  
Helen ..... Frances Tomelty  
Davy ..... Gerard Jordan  
Natasha ..... Cristina Catalina  
Davy ..... Gerard Jordan

Directed by Heather Larmour.

**THU 15:00 Open Country (b00q9h9c)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

**THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00q9jtb)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

**THU 15:30 Afternoon Reading (b00qc1bx)**

A Georgian Trilogy

The Soul is Missing Fairy Tales!

Series of specially-commissioned stories by James Hopkin, inspired by his travels in Georgia in autumn 2008.

A tour bus of journalists, writers and artists breaks down on the infamous military highway from Vladikavkaz to Tbilisi. It is only nine days since the Russian army withdrew from parts of Georgia, but there are rumours of a return.

Read by Ben Miles

Produced by Rosalind Ward

A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

**THU 15:45 Key Matters (b00b6x4s)**

Series 1

F sharp major

Ivan Hewett examines five musical keys. Today: F sharp major, as used by Beethoven, Mozart and Messiaen. With Liz Garnett.

**THU 16:00 Open Book (b00q9lzl)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

**THU 16:30 Material World (b00qckkk)**

Take the carbon dioxide from a power station or factory chimney and use it to grow algae which are then turned into biofuel. It sounds too good to be true and of course there's a snag; you have to dissolve the carbon dioxide in water before the algae can use it and that only happens slowly - unless you inject it as microscopic bubbles, and that takes a lot of energy.

Quentin Cooper hears how researchers in Sheffield have developed a much more energy-efficient way of producing microbubbles and are applying it both to biofuel production and cleaning up pollution.

How can we be sure that scientific research is accurate and honest while, at the same time, innovative? The standard answer is by the process known as peer review, where other scientists assess it before it is published. But this week has seen accusations that climate scientists have bypassed the process, that stem cell reviewers are suppressing rival work, and the retraction of a paper published over a decade ago. Can peer review get its house in order?

Plus the Sun in high definition with the upcoming launch of NASA's Solar Dynamics Observatory, and internet pioneer Jaron Lanier on his new manifesto, You are not at Gadget. The internet - what went wrong?

**THU 17:00 PM (b00qbbqc2)**

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

**THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00qbrdr)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**THU 18:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00qcn23)**

Series 2

Episode 1

Mark Thomas: The Manifesto. Comedian-activist, Mark Thomas creates a People's Manifesto, taking suggestions from his studio audience and then getting them to vote for the best. The winner of each show will be enforceable by law, so pay attention.

This edition includes policies such as restricting Prime Ministers to two full terms of office; the introduction of a maximum wage; and making all 4x4s transparent.

Produced by Ed Morrish.

**THU 19:00 The Archers (b00qbnxj)**

Mike's pleased that Neil's standing for chair of the parish council, and assures Neil he'll get his vote.

Susan thinks Annette wants to leave early tomorrow to go for a second interview somewhere. Susan's frustrated when she receives another negative response from a job application. Neil tries to be positive but Susan believes she's been too accommodating. Maybe it's time to make a claim for unfair dismissal from her job at the shop.

Eddie can't understand how Will knew he needed the money to buy a new van. Clarrie innocently remarks that William's always been quick on the uptake.

Ruth and David are in Borchester with time to spare, so decide to pick up Pip from college. They see her kissing a much older man, who they assume is a tutor. David's furious. Ruth realises it might be Jude and insists they drive off.

David is shaken to learn it was, indeed, Jude. Pip can't understand why they don't want her to be happy. Jude is only in his early 20s. Pip storms to her room. Ruth points out the age difference between her and David but he insists this man is simply too old to be going out with their daughter.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

**THU 19:15 Front Row (b00qbrhd)**

After receiving his first Oscar nomination, in the leading actor category for A Single Man, Colin Firth discusses the film and his wider career.

Crime writer David Hewson discusses The Blue Demon, the latest novel in his series featuring Detective Nic Costa, once

again set in Italy. He reveals some of the dark underbelly of the country he unearthed in his research.

A sculpture by Giacometti, L'Homme Qui Marche 1, has fetched over 65 million pounds at auction. Sarah Thornton, an art market specialist, speculates on why this particular art work has broken all records.

The Oxford Companion to the Book is a new two-volume history of the book from ancient to modern times. It is a million words long, with 50 essays and 5,500 alphabetical entries. Lawrence Norfolk and Alex Clark review.

**THU 19:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qb5xz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

**THU 20:00 The Report (b00qf5p7)**

Islamic Extremism in British Universities

Talented student Umar Farouk Abdulmutalib was president of the Islamic Student Society at University College London.

His attempt to blow up an airliner over Detroit on Christmas Day has led to claims that more young Muslims are also being radicalised while studying at British universities.

James Silver investigates whether some university campuses are becoming seedbeds for extremism.

**THU 20:30 The Bottom Line (b00qf5p9)**

Evan Davis is joined by a panel of top business guests to discuss how much technical understanding they need of their products, and he asks them to reveal the secrets of a good showroom.

Evan is joined by Lisa King, chief operating officer of Christie's, Dr Markus Miele, managing director of the appliance manufacturer Miele, and Frank Meehan, chief executive of handset manufacturer INQ Mobile.

**THU 21:00 2010: Space Odyssey to Europa (b00qf5wp)**

Astronomer Paul Murdin explores the idea proposed by Arthur C Clarke in his novel 2010: A Second Space Odyssey that Jupiter's moon Europa might offer suitable conditions for living organisms. Four hundred years after Galileo first discovered Europa, scientists believe that data from the Galileo probe might just prove Clarke right.

Clarke's imaginings were recently backed up by pictures and data sent back by the Galileo probe which suggested that Europa was the only place in the solar system, apart from the Earth, that had deep, liquid water oceans, buried beneath an icy crust. Conditions in these oceans - dark and hot - could conceivably support biological life.

In the last year, NASA and the European Space Agency have announced their intention to launch a joint mission to Jupiter's moons in 2020. One of their key aims is to investigate Europa - and its potential for life - in greater detail.

Paul Murdin is a research astronomer at the University of Cambridge and Treasurer of the Royal Astronomical Society. In this programme he speaks to fellow astronomers, to astrobiologists and to scientists at NASA and the European Space Agency about the importance of Europa and the possibility of finding extra-terrestrial life there.

Readings by Joseph Cohen-Cole and David Seddon.

**THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00qekbw)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

**THU 21:58 Weather (b00qbrkr)**

The latest weather forecast.

**THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00qbrn2)**

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

More than half of MPs have to repay expenses. How can public trust in politics be restored?

Calls for reform to out of hours GP services - should there be more checks on European doctors?

Language lessons for pandas heading home to China.

**THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00qbsk9)**

The Still Point

Episode 9

Emma Fielding reads from Amy Sackville's debut novel about true courage and enduring love, in which the lives of two couples, living a hundred years apart, collide unexpectedly one summer's day.

Simon finally puts an end to the threat to his marriage, while Julia realises that she's been living far too much in the past.

Abridged by Sally Marmion

Produced by Justine Willett.

**THU 23:00 House on Fire (b00qf6ls)**

Series 1

Filth

"Filth"

A return to Hogarth Road to see how Vicky and Matt are getting on with their house-sharing arrangements. Unfortunately they are having a slight disagreement over who should do the clearing up. In fact, the only thing they do agree on is that no one should do the clearing up. So what do you do when the very last bowl has been used up?

Vicky - Emma Pierson  
Matt - JODY LATHAM  
Julie - JANINE DUVITSKI  
Peter - PHILIP JACKSON  
Donny - Sebastian Cardinal

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 (b00qbsnb)**

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

**FRIDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2010**

**FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00q9nq0)**

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

**FRI 00:30 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qb5xz)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

**FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00q9y14)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00q9zlk)**

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

**FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00q9yrf)**

The latest shipping forecast.

**FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00qb06v)**

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00qb0d5)**

Daily prayer and reflection with Father Paul Clayton-Lea.

**FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00qb0vc)**

Farmers are set to lose six million pounds as Birds Eye peas pull out of East Anglia. Charlotte Smith hears from farmers who say the economy of the whole area will be damaged by the decision.

A coastal footpath around England could ruin nesting sites for endangered birds, warn the Countryside Restoration Trust.

**FRI 06:00 Today (b00qb12l)**

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

**FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00q9k51)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

**FRI 09:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects**

**(b00qb5y1)**

The First Cities and States (4000 - 2000 BC)

Early Writing Tablet

This week's programmes in the history of the world looks at the growing sophistication of humans around the globe, between 5000 and 2000 BC. Mesopotamia had created the royal city of Ur, the Indus valley boasted the city of Harappa and the great early civilisation of Egypt was beginning to spread along the Nile. New trade links were being forged and new forms of leadership and power were created. And, to cope with the increasing sophistication of trade and commerce, humans had invented writing.

In today's programme, Neil MacGregor describes a small clay tablet that was made in Mesopotamia about 5000 years ago and is covered with sums and writing about local beer rationing. The philosopher John Searle describes what the invention of writing does for the human mind and Britain's top civil servant, Gus O'Donnell, considers the tablet as an example of possibly the earliest bureaucracy

**FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00qb8yk)**

Women at Westminster; Dating over 60

Why are there still so few women in the House of Commons? Plus, the dangers of a rapidly rising population, and dating for the over-60s.

**FRI 10:45 15 Minute Drama (b00qbbxy)**

How Does That Make You Feel? (Ordinary's Not Enough)

Richard Revisits

By Shelagh Stephenson.

Martha is a sincere, caring psychotherapist, but deep down she's losing patience.

Richard Fallon MP has hired himself a publicist to up his profile in the media. But it's soon apparent that anonymity is the least of his problems.

Martha ..... Cathy Belton

Richard ..... Roger Allam

Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan.

**FRI 11:00 First Nation, First People (b00qjwz2)**

With the start of the winter Olympics in Vancouver, the world may discover there are still many uncomfortable realities in Canadian society both past and present. Lovejit Dhaliwal looks at what it means to be an indigenous person of so-called First Nations status.

A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 11:30 A Charles Paris Mystery (b00qf6t4)**

Cast in Order of Disappearance

Episode 2

By Jeremy Front

Based on the novel by Simon Brett

Episode Two

Charles goes fishing and finds a dead body.

CHARLES PARIS.....BILL NIGHY  
JODIE.....MARTINE MCCUTCHEON  
FRANCES.....SUZANNE BURDEN  
MAURICE.....JON GLOVER  
JULIET.....TILLY GAUNT  
ELSPETH.....KATE LAYDEN  
ZOE.....TESSA NICHOLSON  
DJ.....PIERS WEHNER

Producer - Sally Avens

Another chance to hear the latest Charles paris series. Bill Nighy stars as the actor cum amateur sleuth with a love of the bottle and the female form. In this series he has uncharacteristically landed a part in a film 'The Wreathing' where he's playing a middle management vampire opposite swimwear model turned actress Jodie Ricks played by Martine McCutcheon. Before long Jodie has confided to Charles that she's the victim of a blackmail scam and things take an even nastier turn when it appears that someone wants Jodie dead. Never one to resist a maiden in distress Charles sets about trying to solve the mystery.

In this week's episode Charles goes fishing and finds a dead body.

**FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00qbbzm)**

Consumer news and issues with Peter White.

**FRI 12:57 Weather (b00qbnnn)**

The latest weather forecast.

**FRI 13:00 World at One (b00qbnrm)**

National and international news.

**FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00qf6t6)**

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

**FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00qbnxj)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

**FRI 14:15 Bad Faith (b00cqhr7)**

Bad Faith

By Peter Jukes.

As a police chaplain, it is Jake Thorne's job to offer counselling and comfort to officers in trouble, victims and young offenders. But Jake is the epitome of a bad priest. He's lost his faith and has decided, as a test for God, to behave appallingly towards those he's supposed to help.

Jake Thorne ..... Lenny Henry  
Michael ..... Danny Sapani  
Ruth Thorne ..... Jenny Jules  
Isaac Thorne ..... Oscar James  
Helen ..... Helen Longworth  
Denise ..... Rosie Cavaliero  
Chantelle ..... Kerri Mclean  
Declan ..... Ben Crowe  
TJ ..... Daniel Anderson  
Barry ..... Edward Clayton

Producer Steven Canny  
Executive Producer Simon Elmes.

**FRI 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00qf7bg)**

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural Forum.

Matthew Wilson, Bob Flowerdew and Anne Swithinbank join gardeners in Linton, Cambridgeshire.

Bob Flowerdew draws inspiration for creating winter dazzle in the garden from Cambridge University Botanical Gardens.

Plus a profile of one of the nation's favourite flowers, the camellia.

Includes gardening weather forecast.

**FRI 15:45 Key Matters (b00bbdm8)**

Series 1

E Flat Major

Ivan Hewett explores how different musical keys seem to have distinct characteristics and create specific moods.

He looks at the key E flat major.

**FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00qf7bj)**

John Wilson presents the obituary series, analysing and celebrating the life stories of people who have recently died.

Marking the lives of Sir Percy Cradock, Lucienne Day, Lieutenant-Colonel Lee Archer and Pernel Roberts.

**FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00qf7bl)**

Morgan Freeman tells Francine Stock about the research he did to play Nelson Mandela in Clint Eastwood's drama, *Invictus*, about the Rugby World Cup in South Africa.

Director Cary Fukunaga reveals what happened when he rode the trains from South to North America with hundreds of illegal immigrants for his thriller *Sin Nombre*.

*La Grande Vadrouille* was the most successful film in French cinemas until the release of *Titanic*, and is still phenomenally popular whenever it's shown on television. Ginette Vincendeau explains why this 1966 war comedy with Terry-Thomas is so well loved across the Channel.

Jane Graham reports on the state of film distribution in Britain and why the best-reviewed movies are often the most difficult to see.

**FRI 17:00 PM (b00qbqc4)**

Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Carolyn Quinn. Plus Weather.

**FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00qbrdt)**

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

**FRI 18:30 The News Quiz (b00qf7bn)**

Series 70

Episode 5

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. The panellists are Francis Wheen, Jeremy Hardy, Micky Flanagan and Jack Dee.

**FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00qbnxj)**

Tony tells Helen he's been trying to cheer David up as he's so distressed about Pip - daughters can be such a worry for their fathers.

Jazzzer's not convinced by Mike's advert for a new roundsman. What Mike really needs is another Jazzzer. Mike's not sure the world's quite ready for two of them! As they begin leafleting, Mike gets annoyed that Jazzzer's not quick enough but Jazzzer insists his tactics are working. He's drumming up the custom and getting a date in the process. Fallon may have broken his heart but maybe it's time to check that the rest is still in working order.

Tony's pleased that Peggy has met Ted, whose wife is in the same home as Jack and also has Alzheimers. Tony hopes he'll help Peggy cope better with her situation.

Helen is taken aback to find Annette in the process of moving out. Annette has spoken to her gran and has decided to make a fresh start away from Ambridge. Helen tries to persuade Annette to stay but Annette's mind is made up and she goes, leaving Helen crushed. Helen phones Pat and asks if she can come round. Pat realises something is wrong but Helen will only tell her something terribly sad has just happened.

Episode written by Adrian Flynn.

**FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00qbrhg)**

One of the strongest contenders for the Best Actress category at this year's Oscars was Gabourey Sidibe, who played the lead in the film *Precious*, and who had previously been working in a call centre with no ambition to pursue a career in acting. In this special edition of *Front Row*, Kirsty Lang explores the trend among film makers to look outside the world of professional actors when casting for the screen.

Dominic West, star of the award-winning American crime drama *The Wire*, which chronicled the drug trade in Baltimore, describes what it was like acting and directing with a cast which controversially included convicted criminals.

Kirsty meets Katie Jarvis, who was an unknown teenager from Essex with no acting experience before she was spotted by a casting director on a railway platform. She went on to star in Andrea Arnold's *Fish Tank*, which is up for a BAFTA, having won the Jury Prize at Cannes in 2009.

In her controversial film about British gang culture, director Penny Woolcock cast straight from the streets of Birmingham. She talks to Kirsty about the challenges of dealing with a cast who bring a unique authenticity to the screen.

**FRI 19:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qb5y1)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

**FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00qf7bq)**

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Edgware in Middlesex. The panellists are The Daily Telegraph's chief political commentator Benedict Brogan, Francis Crook, director of the Howard League for Penal Reform, broadcaster and parliamentary candidate Esther Rantzen, and Brian Paddick, former Metropolitan Police deputy assistant commissioner and former Liberal Democrat candidate for Mayor of London.

**FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00qf7lj)**

Lisa Jardine reflects on the need for climate scientists to take scrupulous care when they inform and persuade.

**FRI 21:00 15 Minute Drama (b00qf9kt)**

How Does That Make You Feel? (Ordinary's Not Enough)

Omnibus

An omnibus edition of Shelagh Stephenson's drama about

psychotherapist Martha and her dealings with a series of patients.

Martha ..... Cathy Belton  
Richard ..... Roger Allam  
Caroline ..... Rebecca Saire  
Howard/Philip ..... Tim McInnerny  
Rose ..... Shelagh Stephenson

Directed by Eoin O'Callaghan.

**FRI 21:58 Weather (b00qbrkt)**

The latest weather forecast.

**FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00qbrn4)**

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

Four politicians are to face criminal charges in connection with their expenses claims.

What's the answer to southern Europe's economic woes?

Northern Ireland's deal explained.

Worries about lack of snow for the Winter Olympics.

**FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00qbskc)**

The Still Point

Episode 10

Emma Fielding reads from Amy Sackville's debut novel about true courage and enduring love, in which the lives of two couples, living a hundred years apart, collide unexpectedly one summer's day.

With the secrets of Julia's family finally laid bare, she and Simon must find a way to resolve the distance between them and to confront their unspoken fears.

Abridged by Sally Marmion

Produced by Justine Willett.

**FRI 23:00 Great Lives (b00qc2hn)**

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

**FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00qbsnd)**

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