

SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2010

SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b00qr071)

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

SAT 00:30 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qm8zg)

Old World, New Powers (1100 - 300 BC)

Gold Coin of Croesus

The history of the world as told through one hundred objects from the British Museum. This week Neil MacGregor, the Museum's Director, has been looking at the collapse of old regimes and the emergence of new powers from the Middle East to China. In today's programme, he describes how a powerful new state finds a dramatic way to help run its increasingly complex economy and trading networks - using coins.

Croesus was a king in what is now Western Turkey and his kingdom was called Lydia. It's remarkable that over two thousand years later we still have an expression that celebrates his wealth. Neil MacGregor considers how money, in the form of coins, first came about and describes the (hugely complex) methods of creating them. And whatever happened to Croesus?

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00qr073)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00qr075)

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

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00qr077)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b00qr079)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00qr07c)

Daily prayer and reflection with Dr Gemma Simmonds.

SAT 05:45 IPM (b00qr07f)

The news programme that starts with its listeners. A weekly companion to the nightly PM, the expertise of the Radio 4 audience shapes the programme. Presented by Jennifer Tracey and Eddie Mair.

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b00qr07h)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b00qr46n)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Ramblings (b00qr46q)

Series 14

North Wales - Anglesey

Clare Balding joins members of the North Wales Gay Outdoor Club for a coastal walk on Anglesey.

Many of the members joined the group because they wanted to meet like-minded people in a relaxed and positive environment. Pete Burling hopes the group is an antidote to the gay clubbing scene and finds that it offers a non-threatening and supportive atmosphere to those taking the first steps in coming out.

Keen birdwatcher Jane Prosser helps Clare look for some of the rare chough that can be found around the cliffs of Anglesey. Identifiable as a member of the crow family with its black plumage, it has a startling red bill and legs, making it look more exotic than the usual gulls that you expect on a coastal walk. Jane grew up near here and says that her father was a botanist and was for ever dragging her through hedges, and it seems to have rubbed off on her.

SAT 06:30 Farming Today (b00qr4hr)

Farming Today This Week

From solar panels and wind turbines to power from cow muck and woodchips, Cath Mackie investigates the technologies which farms can use to provide power to the National Grid. Farms generating renewable energy are now being paid by the government, and the government expects renewable energy to grow 15-fold over the next 10 years. Climate change minister

Lord Hunt explains how agriculture can lead the way.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b00qr4ht)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b00qr4hw)

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

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b00qr4hy)

Real life stories in which listeners talk about the issues that matter to them. Fi Glover is joined by author Sara Paretsky. With poetry from Kate Fox.

SAT 10:00 Excess Baggage (b00qr5kf)

John McCarthy talks to author Laila Lalami about social changes over recent years in her native Morocco and asks whether the reality of Casablanca, where there is a stark contrast between rich and poor, lives up to its romantic reputation or offers an altogether different experience for the visitor.

Writers Charles Emerson and Richard Sale have both travelled widely in the half a dozen countries which border the Arctic Ocean. Both tell of majestic beauty, a way of life for the indigenous people that goes back many millennia and a unique ecology. They discuss with John McCarthy how climate change is affecting access to the mineral wealth of the polar region and the possibility of conflict there.

SAT 10:30 And the Academy Award Goes To... (b00qr5kh)

Series 3

The Deer Hunter

Away from the red carpet, bright lights and tearful speeches, what do the decisions made by the Academy each year tell us about the state of America at the time?

Vietnam War film The Deer Hunter, starring Robert DeNiro, Meryl Streep and Christopher Walken, won the Oscar for Best Picture in 1978, at the 51st Academy Awards ceremony.

When it emerged as a potential Oscar winner, it was only three years since the end of the Vietnam War. The film became the subject of huge controversy, not least for its portrayal of the Vietnamese as sadistic torturers, and for the unforgettable scenes featuring a game of Russian roulette.

Paul Gambaccini explores how the original shocking screenplay came about, the battles between the producers, and director Michael Cimino's approach to acting that almost brought the cast to the edge of a nervous breakdown. He also ponders whether The Deer Hunter was actually even a war film at all.

SAT 11:00 Beyond Westminster (b00qvqcs)

Politicians in Northern Ireland face unprecedented levels of criticism from an increasingly sceptical public. Sinn Fein and the DUP in particular know they need to prove that the Assembly and Executive can work and reconnect with voters. It's an uphill struggle. Dismay with politicians at Westminster pales into insignificance compared to voters' disgust with Stormont.

So what are the issues that matter? Parades and policing? Or are voters more concerned with education, health and welfare?

Denis Murray takes a journey across Northern Ireland to find out what voters there really think about their representatives and if a done deal really is a done deal for the electorate.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b00qr5km)

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

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b00qr67r)

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

SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b00qqz3p)

Series 70

Episode 7

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. The panel includes Fred MacAulay, Jeremy Hardy, Ava Vidal and Miles Jupp.

SAT 12:57 Weather (b00qr67t)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News (b00qr67w)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b00qqzcc)

Eddie Mair chairs the topical debate from Diss in Norfolk. The panellists are former Conservative cabinet minister Lord Tebbit, Labour MP Diane Abbott, journalist and cultural critic Maya Jaggi and deputy editor of the London Evening Standard Sarah Sands.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b00qr6nj)

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

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b00qs5x7)

Craig Murray - Murder in Samarkand

David Hare's witty portrait of an unlikely hero, based on the memoir by Craig Murray.

Craig is proud to be sent as Ambassador to Uzbekistan, eager to work hard and also eager for fun. The combination takes him on a dangerous course both professionally and personally, and the stakes couldn't be higher.

Craig Murray David Tennant
Bax/Safayev Jonathan Coy
Dill/French Ambassador Richard Cordery
Foreign Secretary/Uzbek Judge Simon Chandler
Prosecutor/Fazilov Ian Gelder
Roy/Avazov John Hollingworth
US Ambassador/Karimov Paul Jesson
Dr Ableman/Uzbek Uncle Bruce Myers
Angela Flora Montgomery
Dilobar Nadira Murray
Emily Clara Neather
Nadira Jemima Rooper
Serena/Kristina Lucy Robinson
Ivo Sanderson/Quest Malcolm Sinclair
Procurement Sirojiddin Tolibov
Fiona Lia Williams

Piano by Michael Webborn

Produced by Ann Scott

Directed by Clive Brill

A Greenpoint production for BBC Radio 4.

SAT 16:00 Woman's Hour (b00qr6nl)

Weekend Woman's Hour

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

SAT 17:00 PM (b00qs3qg)

Saturday PM

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

SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b00qs85)

Evan Davis asks his panel of top business guests whether it's luck that got them to the top, talent or sheer hard graft. They also talk about design: what matters most, form or function?

Evan is joined by Geoff Quinn, chief executive of shirt, tie and suit-makers TM Lewin, the interior designer Kelly Hoppen, who has created homes for celebrity clients including the Beckhams and Elton John, and James Hussey, chief executive of De la Rue, the company that makes bank notes and passports.

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00qs3qj)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b00qs3ql)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00qs3qn)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b00qs3x9)

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

Clive is joined by Olivier-nominated actress Rachael Stirling, who is currently on stage alongside Dame Judi Dench in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He explores Jeremy Hardy's family tree and talks Bollywood with Nikki Bedi. Clive is also on the campaign trail with the cast of *Party*.

Allegra McEvedy gets some medical advice from Dr Max Pemberton.

With music from *The Miserable Rich* and Sarah Blasko.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b00qs3xc)

George Papandreou

Jonathan Maitland profiles the Greek prime minister George Papandreou, the man whose job it is to steer his country through its economic crisis. He comes from a long political dynasty: both his father and grandfather also held the top job in Greece. George Papandreou Jr has led an eventful life; as a teenager he had a gun pointed to his head during an army coup. But is he tough enough to deal with his country's vast public debts?

Interviewees include Baroness Kinnock and Papandreou's brother, Nikos.

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b00qs3xf)

Tom Sutcliffe is joined by literary critic Peter Carey, academic Maria Delgado and diplomatic correspondent Bridget Kendall to review the cultural highlights of the week.

Crazy Heart begins with its hero down on his luck. One-time country star Bad Blake (Jeff Bridges) is reduced to driving himself and his guitar along the back roads of New Mexico to gigs in bowling alleys. His former protégé Tommy Sweet (Colin Farrell) is now a huge star and they've fallen out. But possible redemption presents itself in the shape of a young newspaper reporter (Maggie Gyllenhaal). The original songs by T-Bone Burnett are sung by Bridges, which may have helped to secure him an Oscar nomination for his performance.

Joshua Ferris's first novel was an amusing satire set in a recession-hit advertising agency. The tone of his follow-up, *The Unnamed*, is very different. Tim Farnsworth is a partner in a New York law firm and lives with his wife and daughter, but this picture of success and stability is compromised by the recurrent, undiagnosed condition which afflicts him. During these attacks his body is compelled to walk and keep on walking until he collapses with exhaustion. Despite the strategies which he and his wife employ to try and minimise the dangers which this exposes him to, the journey back to normal life becomes more and more difficult.

Judi Dench was first cast by Sir Peter Hall to play the role of Titania in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* back in 1962 at the RSC in Stratford when she was 28. Forty-eight years later she reprises the role in Sir Peter's production of the play at the Rose Theatre in Kingston. She initially appears on stage as Elizabeth I, interrupting a group of players rehearsing the play and taking a fancy to the role of the Queen of the Fairies. Rachel Stirling's Helena has been praised, but not surprisingly it's Dame Judi's performance which has attracted most attention.

Blood and Oil, a two part thriller for BBC2 by the award-winning writer Guy Hibbert, begins with the kidnapping of a group of western oilmen by Nigerian militants. This need not end badly: in the Niger Delta ransom payments for senior executives are just part of the operating costs. But there's something different about this kidnapping. For one thing the oil company, Krielsen International, have flown out a PR woman, Alice (Naomie Harris), to cover the affair. For another, one of the men's wives, Claire (Jodhi May) is on the scene too. Both women discover that oil pollutes in ways that they had never suspected.

Designer, architect and artist Ron Arad first made his name in the early 1980s with the Rover Chair, constructed from a Rover car seat and scaffolding. The extraordinary sculptural directions in which he has subsequently taken the humble chair can be seen in a major retrospective exhibition at the Barbican in London. Also featuring his architectural designs and pieces which made it into mass production, the exhibition highlights the significance of experimentation, process and materials in Arad's work. And you can take the weight off your feet when you reach the final space and use some of his pieces for the purpose for which they were designed.

SAT 20:00 Archive on 4 (b00p7h3y)

Please Give Generously

Fergal Keane examines the history of charity appeals and the relationship between charity organisations and the media.

Be it a malnourished child in Africa, a neglected dog or a day centre desperately in need of new equipment, it seems that there is no end to the number of people, animals or organisations that

could benefit from a charitable donation. And if charities can harness the power of the media with a hard-hitting advert, a celebrity endorsement or an emergency appeal, then it is likely that their cause will reap far greater financial rewards.

Fergal charts the history of the relationship between charity and the media, and considers the way the message is conveyed, the impact of celebrity endorsement, the quality of charity programmes and the responsibility and risks to the media in encouraging us to make a donation.

The history of charity and the media goes back to the earliest days of broadcasting. The BBC's first charity appeal was in 1923, when it broadcast an appeal on radio for the Winter Distress League, a charity representing homeless veterans of the First World War. The appeal raised 26 pounds. In 1927 the BBC set up the Appeal Advisory Committee, whose role, to this day, is to decide on the BBC's choice of charity partners and to oversee campaigns including The Radio 4 Appeal, Comic Relief and Emergency Appeals such as the Haiti Earthquake Appeal, which was broadcast recently.

Commercial broadcasters have also played their part in raising money for charity. In 1988 ITV launched its own all-night charity appeal, in the guise of the ITV Telethon. The 27-hour TV extravaganza saw all of its regional broadcasters come together to raise money for disability charities across the UK and the programme was repeated again in 1990 and 1992. In 2009, Sky Sports ran an interactive red button campaign during the Champions League final so that viewers could donate to a David Beckham-endorsed campaign to raise awareness of malaria.

Programme contributors:

Diane Reid, BBC Charity Appeals Advisor
Lucy Polson, UK Representative for the charity SOS Sahel
Caroline Diehl, chief executive of the Media Trust
Jenni Murray, broadcaster
John Grounds, director of Child Protection Consultancy.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b00qm62k)

Plantagenet: Series 1

What Is a Man?

Series of plays by Mike Walker, inspired by Holinshed's *Chronicles*, about the early years of the Plantagenet dynasty.

The first of the House of Anjou to be king of England, Henry II's long reign was finally beset by conflict with his sons.

King Henry II David Warner
Queen Eleanor Jane Lapotaire
Prince Richard Joseph Cohen-Cole
Prince Hal Piers Welner
Prince Geoffrey Rhys Jennings
William Marshall Stephen Hogan
Bertran de Bourne Bruce Alexander
King Louis Philip Fox
Courtier John Biggins

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b00qs42x)

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

SAT 22:15 Moral Maze (b00ppqj8)

Should some rape victims accept some responsibility for being attacked? A newly-published survey says the majority of people believe they should. It also reveals that women are even less forgiving of the victim than men. Almost three quarters of the women questioned said if a victim got into bed with the assailant before an attack they should take part of the blame. In a drink-fuelled, highly sexualised society, where do you draw the line between personal freedom and personal responsibility?

Witnesses:

Angela Levin, author and journalist.

Dr Nicole Westmarland, academic at Durham University and former chair of Rape Crisis England and Wales.

Ellie Levenson, author of *The Noughtie Girl's Guide to Feminism*.

Professor Lisa Isherwood, professor of feminist liberation theologies.

SAT 23:00 Quote... Unquote (b00qp1ch)

Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz involving the exchange of quotations and anecdotes. With David Nobbs, Justin Webb, Marcel Berlins and Naomi Gryn. The reader is Peter Jefferson.

SAT 23:30 Poetry Please (b00qm62p)

Roger McGough introduces a selection of poems for Valentine's Day, with love on the menu but no straightforward hearts and flowers.

Including poems on extraordinary manifestations of love by Edson Burton, Anne Sexton and John Updike, and poet Jenny Joseph reads from her new collection, *Nothing Like Love*.

SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2010

SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b00qs417)

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

SUN 00:30 Afternoon Reading (b00d6t45)

Alan Sillitoe Short Stories

Episode 1

Philip Jackson reads a story by best-selling author Alan Sillitoe.

A young boy's obsession with fire engines develops into an addiction to lighting small fires. However, a few short-lived flames and a cloud of smoke in the street doesn't seem enough. He goes to the local wood for his most ambitious pyrotechnic project to date.

A Pacificus production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00qs41b)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00qs41d)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00qs41g)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b00qs41j)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b00qs41l)

The sound of bells from St Leonard's Church, Hythe, in Kent.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b00qs3xc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b00qs41n)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b00qs41q)

The Sculptors of Peace

Mike Wooldrige talks to the Chief Rabbi, Jonathan Sacks, about the particular - and unprecedented - challenges that confront religion and society in the 21st century.

The reader is David Holt.

A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 06:35 Living World (b00qs41t)

Hérons

Until recently only two members of the heron family bred in the UK. Today in southern England four species now regularly breed. Could a fifth species of heron start breeding before too long? Lionel Kelleway travels to the RSPB's Ham Wall nature reserve in Somerset in an attempt to see all five species, including the bittern, a bird he has never seen in the wild in the UK.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b00qs4t5)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b00qs4t7)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b00qs4t9)

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

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b00qs4tc)

Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture

John McCarthy appeals on behalf of Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture.

Donations to Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture should be sent to FREEPOST BBC Radio 4 Appeal, please mark the back of your envelope Medical Foundation. Credit cards: Freephone 0800 404 8144. If you are a UK tax payer, please provide Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture 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: 1000340.

SUN 07:58 Weather (b00qs4zg)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b00qs4zj)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b00qs4zl)

People on the Edge of His Pain

The first in a series of services for Lent reflects on Jesus' temptations in the wilderness.

From the chapel of Scargill House in the Yorkshire Dales, led by Bishop Chris Edmondson with Rev Phil Stone and music directed by Jo McKee.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b00qqzff)

Lisa Jardine reflects on the art and dangers of writing secret missives, from love letters and confidential documents to illicit text messages.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b00qs4zn)

This morning on BH, we have the latest on allegations in a new book which say that Gordon Brown's behaviour in Downing Street has been less than exemplary. And is it time for a "broader conversation" in politics, as advocated by David Cameron this week? Helen Lederer and Howard Ward try to have one with us.

The 200th anniversary of the birth of Chopin is almost upon us, so we pay homage to him in our own BH way. As the air thickens with economists' letters, Irish government minister Michael Mansergh joins us to talk about the cuts that his government has already had to impose. And - age shall not weary them - Kevin Connolly to Arizona goes in search of the eternal sunshine of the spotless retirement.

Reviewing the Sunday papers were novelist Kathy Lette, the Observer's theatre reviewer Susannah Clapp and author and journalist John Lanchester.

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b00qs4zq)

The week's events in Ambridge.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b00qs4zs)

Sir Clive Woodward

Kirsty Young's castaway is the former England rugby coach Sir Clive Woodward.

He took England to World Cup glory in 2003, becoming the first ever northern hemisphere side to win the trophy. He well understands the pressure and the glory of top-flight sport, which is just as well, as he's now Director of Elite Performance for Team GB's 2012 Olympic effort.

He says, 'It is the coach's job to refuse to compromise. If you do, you will come second'.

Record: Take That, Greatest Day
Book: Dave Pelz, Short Game of Golf
Luxury: Sand wedge and golf ball.

SUN 12:00 Just a Minute (b00qp1mh)

Series 56

Episode 7

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game with Paul Merton, Jenny Eclair, Gyles Brandreth and Pam Ayres. From February 2010.

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b00qs4zv)

Halal

Sheila Dillon looks at the growing demand for halal meat in Britain and how the meat industry is responding to this growing market.

Reporter Sara Parker visits an abattoir in the West Midlands where cattle and sheep are slaughtered according to halal principles and meets managing director Naved Syed, who is calling for better regulation of the halal market.

Sheila hears from Dr Mara Miele, a sociologist at Cardiff University and the co-ordinator of Dialrel, which is a four-year project set up to research religious slaughter across Europe. Large variations exist across the EU in terms of how animals are slaughtered. Some Muslims believe meat from an animal that has been stunned before slaughter complies with halal principles; others strongly disagree. Dialrel is attempting to share best practice and improve animal welfare across the board.

Dialrel is also researching the production of kosher meat. Sheila speaks to Rabbi Dan Cohn-Sherbok, Professor in Judaism at the University of Wales, about the tension between the religious principles that underpin kosher and halal meat and moral questions over animal welfare.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b00qs4zx)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b00qs4zz)

A look at events around the world with Shaun Ley.

SUN 13:30 Lenny Henry Plays Othello (b00hlp7l)

Now, by heaven,

My blood begins my safer guides to rule;
And passion, having my best judgment collied,
Assays to lead the way...

The blood and passion are Othello's, and in February last year Othello was Lenny Henry. In a double first for him - first straight stage role and first Shakespearian role - Lenny played one of theatre's most tragic characters on the stage of the West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds. The production, by Barrie Rutter's Northern Broadsides company, made big theatrical waves, led to a London transfer which played to almost completely sell-out houses and to Lenny being named Best Newcomer in the London Evening Standard Theatre awards.

This programme eavesdrops on Lenny's long road of preparation towards those remarkable theatrical achievements. We join the actor at coaching sessions and boot fittings, between trips to Africa for Comic Relief and appearances on TV's Live at the Apollo, and hear his personal audio diary of his hopes and fears for the show. As rehearsals get under way, the microphones are inside the rehearsal room listening to the slow process of building the performance and production, right up to the first night.

The idea of Lenny taking on the challenge of Othello wasn't some impresario's stunt-casting pipedream. It stemmed directly from the last radio encounter between Lenny and Barrie Rutter, who appeared in a pair of documentaries the comedian made for Radio 4 called Lenny and Will. In these the star discussed his previously fraught love-hate relationship with Shakespeare and, by way of expiation, was treated to three hours of intense work with the director on Shakespeare's tragedy. At the end of the session, Barrie offered Lenny a stab at the part, which is where the next stage of Lenny's own personal odyssey began.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00qpsrl)

Eric Robson chairs the popular horticultural forum.

Bunny Guinness, Chris Beardshaw and Bob Flowerdew answer questions posed by the gardeners of Lakeland Horticultural Society in Windemere.

Eric Robson investigates how plants can survive flooding following the recent heavy rain in Cumbria.

Plus a profile one of the region's best-known garden designers, Thomas Mawson.

Includes gardening weather forecast.

SUN 14:45 Head to Head (b00k3x7k)

Series 1

Episode 3

Edward Stourton presents a series celebrating great debates, combining archive of rare discussions between key figures with analysis by a panel of experts.

Clive James' debate with Gore Vidal on how Christianity has affected mankind's ability to think and live freely. Professors AC Grayling and Alister McGrath unpick both standpoints.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b00qs5kh)

Plantagenet: Series 1

Lionheart

Series of plays by Mike Walker, inspired by Holinshed's Chronicles, charting the early years of the Plantagenet dynasty.

Prince Richard has become heir apparent, but in the face of Henry II's refusal to acknowledge his position, he turns to the Crusades.

Queen Eleanor Jane Lapotaire
Richard Ed Stoppard
King Henry II David Warner
William Marshall Stephen Hogan
King Philip John Biggins
Saladin Raad Rawi
El-adel Khalid Laith
Baldwin Ewan Hooper
Prince John Neil Stuke
Hugh Philip Fox
Robert of Champagne Rhys Jennings
Conrad Piers Wehner

With Bruce Alexander and Joseph Cohen-Cole

Directed by Jeremy Mortimer.

SUN 16:00 Open Book (b00qs5lx)

Mariella Frostrup is joined by a writer who has pursued an unusual dual career. The poet and essayist Thomas Lynch is also a funeral director, running a successful business in rural Michigan which was set up by his father. He talks about his first collection of stories, Apparition and Late Fictions, and explains how his daily proximity to death has affected his approach to life.

There's also advice for an Open Book listener who has found it difficult to concentrate on reading since a bereavement 15 years ago. The director of the Reader Organisation Jane Davis makes some suggestions.

The historian Lucy Moore celebrates the biting satire of Anita Loos, the author of Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, as the film it inspired is rereleased.

Michele Roberts picks out some of the best new French fiction, including books by the enormously successful Anna Gavalda and the 2008 Nobel Laureate JMG Le Clézio.

SUN 16:30 Poetry Please (b00qs5lz)

Roger McGough is joined by poet Tony Harrison for a new reading of Newcastle is Peru, and introduces poems by Frances Horowitz and the winner of the BBC Wildlife Poet of the Year competition, Heather Reid.

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b00qplyq)

NHS safety alerts ignored?

After two big scandals in a year over dire standards in hospitals which put patients at serious risk, Julian O'Halloran asks how many people are still being killed by avoidable medical blunders, and how far the NHS has progressed since it began to address the problem ten years ago.

SUN 17:40 Profile (b00qs3xc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b00qs5ml)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b00qs62m)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00qs62p)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b00qs62r)

Hardeep Singh Kohli introduces his selection of highlights from the past week on BBC radio.

The Ocean - Radio 2
Bad Faith - Radio 4
Sarah Millican's Support Group - Radio 4
Watching The Watchdogs - Radio 4

Afternoon Play: Legsy Gets A Break - Radio 4
 When I Grow Up - Radio 4
 Classic Serial: Plantagenet - Radio 4
 Saturday Play: Murder in Samarkand - Radio 4
 Piano Stool Beethovens - Radio 4
 Last Orders - Radio 4
 Fort Dunlop - Radio 4
 Front Row - Radio 4
 The Archers - Radio 4
 Smokey at 70 - Radio 2.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b00qs73t)

Nic calls in on Jill, with some biscuits baked by her children. Jill appreciates Nic coming round. Nic points out that Jill's always been kind to her. She made her feel welcome when she moved back in with Will.

Mike and Brenda are out knocking on doors trying to recruit customers for two new milk rounds in the wealthy areas of Downham and Fawcett Magna. Their target is 350 new customers.

Tony notices the graffiti on the shop wall. He expresses his fears to Helen about her plans. He doesn't think it's right to bring a child into the world without a father. Helen points out that there are plenty of male role models in the family. Tony observes wryly that Brian has a love child and "great uncle" Matt's a jailbird! Helen just wants someone of her own to love. The only man she wanted a child with was Greg. It would have been his birthday today. Tony softens a little but wonders about Helen's job. She'll carry on as long as she can and then look at getting childcare. Tony thinks she should wait a year but Helen wants to be a mother. There's no reason to wait.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

SUN 19:15 Americana (b00qs73w)

Americana goes underground, for Washington Confidential.

Kevin Connolly talks to Pulitzer Prize-winning author Garry Wills about his new book, Bomb Power, and the theory that getting the bomb - and preventing others from getting it afterwards - has turned America into a secretive behemoth.

Kevin takes a tour of Washington's most significant espionage locales with spook-watcher Eamon Javers, and ponders the evolution of an industry which has been the secret beating heart of this town since intelligence services first came into existence in America.

Kevin dons his smoking jacket and sits down with Ed Walker, the host of Sunday night detective serials on American radio, the Big Broadcast.

SUN 19:45 Afternoon Reading (b00b736r)

Jennings' Little Hut

Shortage of Glass

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

Jennings and Darbshire must think fast when the General wants to see an old school photograph.

A Pier production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b00qpsrg)

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

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b00qqz3k)

John Wilson presents the obituary series, marking the lives of Lionel Jeffries, Dick Francis, Geoffrey Burbidge and Alfred Gregory.

SUN 21:00 Money Box (b00qr67r)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b00qs4tc)

[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 Analysis (b00qpk1q)

Crying Treason

There have been calls for the treason laws to be used against an Islamic group protesting about British troops in Afghanistan. Such laws are widely regarded as out of date, so can any citizen now challenge the state with impunity? Chris Bowlby asks if treason still matters in modern Britain.

Interviewees include:

Charles Falconer, Former Lord Chancellor

Kristen Eichensehr, Yale Law school

Michael Lobban, Historian

Anjem Choudary, Former leader of Islam4UK

Kieran McEvoy, Professor of law at Queen's University in Belfast

Edward Garnier, Shadow attorney general

SUN 21:58 Weather (b00qs800)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b00qs802)

Reports from behind the scenes at Westminster. Including Hung, Drawn and Thwarted.

SUN 23:00 The Film Programme (b00qqz3m)

Lord Of The Rings director Peter Jackson discusses the challenges of adapting Alice Sebold's bestselling novel The Lovely Bones.

Sir Christopher Frayling and Professor Ian Christie chart the history of the aerial shot, from the beginning of cinema to Up.

Jane Graham reports on listeners' thoughts on the state of film distribution in the United Kingdom.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b00qs41q)

[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2010

MON 00:00 Midnight News (b00qs81q)

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

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b00qqp1v)

Disputes about piracy are often seen as a product of the internet age, but a new analysis claims a history going back to the advent of print culture in the 15th century. Adrian Johns talks about his new book, Piracy: The Intellectual Property Wars from Gutenberg to Gates. He tells Laurie Taylor how piracy spread the ideals of the Enlightenment and has been the engine of innovation as often as its enemy.

Adrian Johns argues that it exemplifies the struggle to reconcile commerce and creativity, and that the pirates are no longer just producers who stand to make a financial gain, but implicate many citizens who download music or films illegally in the confines of their home. He suggests that these new forms of piracy force a radical reappraisal of the meaning of intellectual property.

Also on the programme, Laurie Taylor explores the morality of obesity. He talks to Helena Webb about her study of the conversations between doctors and patients in an obesity clinic. She explains why obese patients take credit for weight loss but make excuses for weight gain.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b00qs41l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00qs8n4)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00qs8zt)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00qs95t)

The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b00qs964)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00qs8bj)

Daily prayer and reflection with Dr Gemma Simmonds.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b00qs8r8)

Cath Mackie hears how trials to grow GM potatoes could be starting in a field in East Anglia within three months. And with people in the UK spending around 1.4 billion pounds on ethnic cuisine last year, can British farmers exploit their taste for the exotic?

MON 05:57 Weather (b00qtrt2)

The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b00qs8yp)

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

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b00qts53)

Andrew Marr looks at how society is shaped by science and war. Caroline Alexander explores what we can learn about the nature of conflict from reading The Iliad, while the journalist Andy Beckett asks about the role of the Chilcot Inquiry. Professor Robert Winston discovers that not all scientific endeavour is a positive development, and Raymond Tallis explains that it all comes down to the fact that we can point.

MON 09:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvjm)

The World in the Age of Confucius (500 - 300 BC)

Oxus Chariot Model

Neil MacGregor's world history told through objects at the British Museum arrives in Persia 2500 years ago. Throughout this week, Neil is looking at powerful leaders across the ancient world. Today he focuses on Cyrus, the first Persian emperor who created the largest empire the world had ever known. It stretched from Turkey to Pakistan and required a hugely sophisticated network of communications and control.

At the heart of today's programme is a gold chariot pulled by four gold horses. This hand-sized model helps explain the rule of Cyrus, the "king of kings", and his ambitions for his vast territory - with contributions from the historian Tom Holland and Michael Axworthy of the University of Exeter. How does this glorious pre-Islamic past sit with the people of Iran today?

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00qsw2f)

Irene Khan; Women's rugby

Irene Khan was the first woman and the first Asian to become Secretary General of Amnesty International and has since won a clutch of awards for her work as a human rights advocate. Growing up in Bangladesh in a Muslim family during the 1970s war, she saw how people organising themselves were making a difference. She sets out her case for poverty to be seen as a human rights issue.

Jesse Tate was an innovative ceramic designer of 50s and 60s. Cheryl Buckley, Professor of Design History at Northumbria University and collectables expert Mark Hill remember her abstract style that captures the spirit of the time.

Sarah Palin, the former governor of Alaska, ignited the campaign when she was announced as Senator McCain's running mate, and now she's back fighting for the republican nomination for the next election. Journalist and political commentator Janet Daley and Professor Philip Davies of the Eccles Centre for American Studies at the British Library discuss her credibility and popularity amongst the American public.

Plus, why are women increasingly involved in rugby? Women's England captain Catherine Spencer explains why.

MON 10:45 15 Minute Drama (b00qsw2h)

Absent

Separation

By Mark Davies Markham.

Tony, a self-employed electrician from Liverpool, has no idea that his wife of eleven years has had enough of him and wants him out of her and their children's lives for good.

Tony Craige Els
 Clare Gillian Kearney
 Nick Robert Hitchmough
 Aggy Annabelle Dowler
 Josh Alfie Davies
 Sean Carl Prekopp

Directed by Claire Grove.

MON 11:00 Governing Away (b00qtsbs)

Clive Anderson examines one of the potentially strangest corners of international politics, the lesser-known governments or rulers in exile - a paradoxical area of international relations and surreal part of international law.

The programme examines intriguing examples, drawn from around the world map, which vary from the serious to the apparently ridiculous. Certainly, the relationship between state, territory and sovereignty is not always what it seems.

In Toronto, for example, a Belarusian government holds court, run by the charismatic Irvanka Survilla. Their version of Belarus only existed for nine months in 1918 before it was assimilated by the Soviet Union. Now that Belarus is independent, is there any reason for their continued existence?

The Coalition Government of the Union of Burma, meanwhile, is based in Rockville, Maryland USA. It is led by Sein Winn MP and consists of a number of MPs elected back in 1990 but barred from power by the military.

The programme also features the exiled King Constantine II of Greece and Prince Ermias Hallie Selassie of Ethiopia.

MON 11:30 Sneakiepeeks (b00p6307)
Honeytrap Hotel

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

Beagle Team infringe every civil liberty in the book in the name of national security.

Bill Richard Lumsden
Sharla Nina Conti
Mark Daniel Kaluuya
Tony Savage Kevin Eldon
Geoff John Biggins
Ted Shaban Arifi
Nanny/Milij Alex Tregear
Mr Smith Nigel Hastings
Mrs Smith Kate Hayden
Bishop Ewan Hooper

Producer: Katie Tyrrell

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b00qswpv)
Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.

MON 12:57 Weather (b00qswr8)
The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b00qswy3)
National and international news with Martha Kearney.

MON 13:30 Quote... Unquote (b00qtsnp)
Nigel Rees chairs the popular quiz involving the exchange of quotations and anecdotes.

With Mary Beard, Marcel Theroux, Arthur Smith and Ariel Leve. The reader is Peter Jefferson.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b00qs73t)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b00d9zww)
Torchwood

Lost Souls

By Joseph Lidster.

The Torchwood team go to Geneva, where former time-traveller Martha Jones is now working as a doctor at the world's biggest physics laboratory, CERN. Deep in an underground tunnel, a giant particle accelerator is about to be activated for the first time. But something strange is happening. Scientists are hearing voices and collapsing with a strange illness. Is something lurking in the tunnel? Do the dead ever really stay dead?

Captain Jack Harkness John Barrowman
Gwen Cooper Eve Myles
Ianto Jones Gareth David-Lloyd
Martha Jones Freema Agyeman
Professor Johnson Lucy Montgomery
Dr Oliver Harrington Stephen Crichlow
Leon Foiret Mark Meadows

Music by Murray Gold and Ben Foster.

Directed by Kate McAll.

MON 15:00 Archive on 4 (b00p7h3y)
[Repeat of broadcast at 20:00 on Saturday]

MON 15:45 The Generation Gap (b00qszvy)
Series 1: Respect

Teachers

Series of programmes in which two people from different generations discuss a topic that reveals the changing nature of Britain.

The theme of the first five programmes is Respect.

Kevin Madden started teaching in a Catholic, inner-city Manchester boys' school in 1945. His grandson Patrick McMahon has just started teaching in a mainly moslem school in Rochdale. They discuss the changing nature of respect between pupils and teachers and how schools have reflected wider society.

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 16:00 The Food Programme (b00qs4zv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:30 Beyond Belief (b00qt89)
Ernie Rea and guests discuss the relationship between religion and the law.

MON 17:00 PM (b00qt0r0)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00qt1rk)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 18:30 Just a Minute (b00qt8c)
Series 56

Episode 8

Nicholas Parsons chairs the devious word game with Graham Norton, Sue Perkins, Paul Merton and Tony Hawks. From February 2010.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b00qsypl)
David refuses to let Pip bring Jude to the funeral. He never even met Phil. Pip explains to Heather that she couldn't have coped over the last few days without Jude. Heather thinks he sounds like a very caring young man.

Elizabeth's upset because there's a printing error on the order of service. Jill will want to keep it as a memento, so it has to be perfect. David thinks Elizabeth should have checked it straight away. He's even more annoyed to discover that the twins won't be at the funeral. The family should all be together, it's what Phil would have wanted. The atmosphere becomes very fraught. Kenton thinks David's taking on too much. An emotional David is clearly feeling the strain.

Later, Kenton drops round to see David with a bottle of malt. They reminisce about Phil. David hopes he won't let his father down. Kenton assures him that Phil was incredibly proud of him. They raise a toast to their father. Tomorrow's going to be a difficult day but hopefully one that will bring them all some peace.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b00qt1ry)
Exit Through the Gift Shop, the debut film from the graffiti artist Banksy, is reviewed by Bidisha.

Shadow Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt outlines plans for the arts under the Conservatives.

American writer Don DeLillo talks about his new novella Point Omega.

Kate Saunders on ITV1's new romantic comedy, Married Single Other, and Channel 4's Hung, about a teacher who becomes a male escort.

MON 19:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvjm)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

MON 20:00 Food Fights (b00qtthh)
Episode 1

Bill Law investigates the causes and consequences of the great global land grab, as richer nations and multi-national corporations acquire vast tracts of land in developing countries.

Big corporations and countries are eying up Africa for mega agricultural development. Critics call it the new land grab, but Africa can benefit from the expertise, infrastructure and equity that such developments bring - if the terms are right. Bill visits Kenya to weigh up the pros and cons of agricultural super projects in a country wrestling with food insecurity.

MON 20:30 Analysis (b00qtppp)
Failing Better

Mistakes often provide the best lessons in life, so why are they so undervalued? Michael Blastland explores our attitude to failure and the impact it has on politics.

We may accept, in our personal lives, that 'to err is human'. But, when it comes to politicians, we enjoy pouring scorn on those who make mistakes: we relish the cock-up, the blunder and the humiliating U-turn. But what effect does this bloodthirsty approach have on policy-making?

Michael talks to former cabinet minister Estelle Morris about her experience of dealing with mistakes in government. We also hear from former civil servant Paul Johnson and from David Halpern - a former prime-ministerial advisor who helped create The Institute for Government.

Michael goes in search of inspiration from two professions which, far from seeking to bury mistakes, see them as opportunities to learn. He speaks to surgeon and writer Atul Gawande and he visits RAF Cranwell, where mistakes made by airman are seen as 'clues'. He also talks to philosopher Susan Wolf about blame and 'moral luck' and he interviews the editor of The Spectator magazine, Fraser Nelson.

MON 21:00 Costing the Earth (b00qtwbl)
Greening Fido

The average cat emits half a tonne of CO2 and a dog 1.75 tonnes per year. Using calculations based on how much land is needed to produce the food they need, a New Zealand couple have found that a large dog has a bigger carbon footprint than a 4 x 4 Toyota Landcruiser. Few people even know what goes into their pets' food and then there's the wider impact of our pets: the feline killer instinct towards wildlife, the never-ending cycle of poo which needs bagging and binning and the toys and bedding, shipped from other parts of the world to keep them happy.

Curbing global warming could also be vital to your pet's future. Scientists have warned that the small heartworm that kills dogs, cats and foxes is already on the rise in the UK with more cases appearing in the north of the country because of warmer, wetter summers. Furthermore, because of the increased numbers of pets coming into the country from abroad without quarantine, there is a greater threat of exotic diseases that can become established in warmer temperatures and may even pose a threat to humans.

To find out what can be done, Alice Roberts takes her own pets to boot camp. One good dog goes on a vegan diet, while her other pampered pooch lives it up on meat-rich foods. The results are surprising.

So should we be giving up the age-old bond between man and dog or do the studies which claim your bundles of fur are essential to your wellbeing mean their CO2 emissions are worthwhile? Could we even put them to good use? There are the methane digesters in San Francisco using their by-products to produce gas and electricity, the innovative student who has set up a hamster wheel generator for his mobile phone or the increasingly trendy option of having a pet that you can eat. Get a hen and save on food miles for your breakfast.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b00qts53)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b00qt2cb)
The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b00qt2gy)
National and international news and analysis with Ritula Shah.

The bullying helpline in the eye of a political storm.

A NATO airstrike kills civilians in Afghanistan.

How should fragile states best be dealt with?

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00qtpfr)

Moonlight in Odessa

Episode 6

Jane Collingwood reads from Janet Skeslien Charles' debut novel, set in the Ukraine.

When Daria's mafia suitor Vlad fails to call her after their night together, she turns her back on Ukrainian men and contacts Tristan in the United States, who wastes no time in jumping on a plane bound for Odessa and their first meeting.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 23:00 Off the Page (b00p6rr2)

Me Time

Having it all is no longer enough - if you haven't factored some 'me time' into your diary you're missing out.

Dominic Arkwright asks journalist Anna Raeburn, clinical psychologist Oliver James and writer Phoebe Gibson to explain how it works.

Producer: Christine Hall

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in December 2009.

MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00qtrr0)

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

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2010**TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b00qs8j4)**

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

TUE 00:30 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvjm)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00qs8ls)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00qs8xy)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00qs8zw)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b00qs95w)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00qsb7k)

Daily prayer and reflection with Dr Gemma Simmonds.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b00qsbqp)

Scotland's farmers will receive £3 million of emergency aid after farm buildings collapse under heavy snow. But Anna Hill hears from a farmer who has lost 2 buildings at a cost of £30,000 and won't receive a penny. And in England, the president of the National Farmers Union calls for the next government to engage more with Europe or watch UK agriculture suffer.

TUE 06:00 Today (b00qsbwr)

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

TUE 09:00 The Long View (b00qvknl)

National Debt

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

As the nation's finances drown in red ink, Niall Ferguson, Will Hutton and Stephanie Flanders join Jonathan to take the long view of national debt. Amid the splendour of Apsley House, home of the Duke of Wellington, they compare the causes and consequences of rising debt and deficit levels from the battlefield of Waterloo to today's financial crisis.

TUE 09:30 When I Grow Up (b00qv12l)

Episode 2

Forty years ago 14,000 youngsters across Britain were asked to write about where they saw themselves in the future - their jobs, family lives, belongings, living environments and leisure pursuits. Those essays have now been followed up by the Nuffield Foundation as a way of finding out how far ambition at an early age shapes what happens in later life.

This is the first time that media access has been granted to those who have taken part in their research. As well as evidence of ambition the essays offer lovely detail about how the eleven year olds imagined life would be at 25, with one writing: "my husband would have just won £200 so we decided to go to the moon for our holiday while we had not got any children."

The series covers the following five areas: jobs, family lives, living environments, leisure pursuits and belongings that they imagined owning when first studied. The findings suggest that children who are ambitious go on to enjoy greater success than those with lower aspirations. Once background and ability were accounted for, children did better if they set themselves lofty goals.

It reveals that, even if a child is economically disadvantaged or less able, having high ambitions at around the time they leave primary school means that they are significantly more likely to have a professional job, though not necessarily the one that they predicted.

Producer: Sue Mitchell.

TUE 09:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvj1)

The World in the Age of Confucius (500 - 300 BC)

Parthenon Sculpture: Centaur + Lapith

Neil MacGregor's telling of the story of humanity through individual objects at the British Museum. This week he is looking at the emergence of powerful new forces across the globe around the 5th Century BC, from Confucius in China to Cyrus in Persia.

Today he looks at the emotionally charged sculptures that were made for the Parthenon in Athens. Carved out of marble around 440BC these beautiful figures continue to generate huge controversy around the world for the fact that they remain in London and have not been returned to Greece. In today's programme the British Museum's director acknowledges the political controversy of the Elgin Marbles (named after the British Lord who carried them off) but concentrates on their artistic story and on exploring the ancient Greek world that created them. He describes a culture besotted with the myths and imagery of battle. The Greek archaeologist Olga Palagia and the classicist Mary Beard help conjure up the extraordinary city of antiquity.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00qsvm0)

Alison Goldfrapp; Lady Jane Grey; Marriage v Children

Should you put your marriage before the kids? Plus, singer Alison Goldfrapp on her career in music; and Paul Delarochette's masterpiece, 'The Execution of Lady Jane Grey' examined.

TUE 10:45 15 Minute Drama (b00qxzb6)

Absent

Mediation

By Mark Davies Markham.

Tony has left his wife assuming that he can see his children whenever he wants to, but Clare has other ideas.

Tony Craig Els

Clare Gillian Kearney

Diane Alison Pettitt

Paul David Seddon

Sean Carl Prekopp

Directed by Claire Grove.

TUE 11:00 Affluent Workers Revisited, Revisited (b00pfrmp)

Luton-born Sarfraz Manzoor explores his home town as a subject of sociological fascination with Professor Fiona Devine, who studied the town's workers during the late 1980s. In the 1960s sociologists Goldthorpe, Lockwood, Bechhofer and Platt surveyed a sample of 'affluent workers' in Luton at Vauxhall Cars, Skefco Engineering and La Porte Chemicals. They studied the attitudes and behaviour of high wage earners in three mass production companies.

Luton was, at this time, a boom-town with the car industry being the dominant manufacturer. By the time another sociologist, Fiona Devine, revisited Luton in the 1980s, the place and the people were struggling in the economic decline of that decade and the car industry was half its size.

More than 20 years further on, Luton-born journalist, author and broadcaster Sarfraz Manzoor takes Professor Devine and Radio 4 back to Luton, which is now a very different place. It's no longer affluent and no longer as reliant on the motor industry - although the uncertainty surrounding General Motors still matters to the town.

Luton now has quite a substantial ethnic minority population and a much-changed employment landscape for those who live there. As to the affluent workers of past studies, many have long since retired and Sarfraz and Professor Devine aim to see what has become of their children.

TUE 11:30 The Ballets Russes in England (b00qv12n)

What did Britain do for Diaghilev?

Diaghilev's Ballets Russes, famous for their riotous Parisian premieres of ballets including The Rite of Spring, The Firebird, Scheherazade and Petruska, spent longer in England than anywhere else.

Jane Pritchard, Curator of Dance at the Victoria and Albert Museum, tells this unlikely story, with the help of Nijinsky's head-dress, Cecchetti's cat and Sokolova's little black book.

A Loftus Audio production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b00qswn7)

Consumer news and issues with Julian Worricker.

TUE 12:57 Weather (b00qswpx)

The latest weather forecast.

TUE 13:00 World at One (b00qswrb)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

TUE 13:30 Soul Music (b00qv1ff)

Series 9

Praise My Soul

Series exploring famous pieces of music and their emotional appeal.

Based on Psalm 103, this hymn was written by Henry Francis Lyte, who also penned Abide With Me, and is most associated with the tune by John Goss - even though the two men never met.

Their hymn has become one of the most popular for weddings, and was used at those of the Queen and Prince Philip and Charles and Camilla. Increasingly it is also used at funerals, and the widow of DC Stephen Oake, killed while on duty during an anti-terrorist raid, explains why it's so important to her and her family. It's also the perfect tune for teaching young choristers to sight read music, although these days they often misplace the comma in the line, 'Father like, he tends and spares us'.

Contributors

John Ridyrd

Lesley Jenkins

Ian Bradley

Gordon Giles

Daniel Hyde

Rob White

John Ganjavi

Gillian Warson

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

TUE 14:00 The Archers (b00qsyp1)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Monday]

TUE 14:15 Drama (b00cc9hh)

Nell Leyshon - War Bride

By Nell Leyshon.

The Second World War is over and Eleanor and Clarence are on a ship, emigrating to Canada. Young Eleanor is running away from the farm she grew up on - and her parents don't know. When Eleanor discovers that her childhood sweetheart Frank is also on board, she starts to retreat from Clarence into the world of her imagination. Eleanor is vulnerable a long way from home. Who can she trust?

Eleanor Charlotte Emmerson
 Clarence Simon Lee Phillips
 Frank Joseph Kloska

Directed by Susan Roberts.

TUE 15:00 Making History (b00qvlfh)
 Vanessa Collingridge asks listeners to suggest objects that help tell A History of The World.

TUE 15:30 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvrlf)
 Elvis in Prestwick

Series of three stories celebrating 50 years since Elvis Presley's only trip to Britain, a brief stopover at a small Scottish airport on his return from military service in Germany.

By Oliver Emanuel. A shy young girl who doesn't even like rock 'n' roll is dragged to the airport by her best friend, who is determined to catch a glimpse of the American superstar.

Read by Laura Fraser.

TUE 15:45 The Generation Gap (b00qszz5)
 Series 1: Respect

Nobility

Series of programmes in which two people from different generations discuss a topic that reveals the changing nature of Britain.

The theme of the first five programmes is Respect.

Viscount De L'Isle and his daughter The Hon Sophia Sidney, whose family have owned Penshurst Place for the past 400 years, discuss the changing attitudes towards the aristocracy during their lifetimes.

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 16:00 Law in Action (b00qvm1f)
 Super Injunctions and Privacy Law

Clive Coleman looks at super-injunctions and what the recent John Terry case says about the development and limitations of privacy law.

Interviewees include:

Charles Collier-Wright, group legal manager at Trinity Mirror

Hugh Tomlinson QC

John Whittingdale MP, chair of the Culture Media and Sport Select Committee

Alan Rusbridger, editor of The Guardian

Nigel Tait, partner at Carter Ruck

Desmond Browne QC.

TUE 16:30 A Good Read (b00qvm1h)
 Kenneth Cranham and Adam Nicolson

Actor Kenneth Cranham and writer Adam Nicolson join Sue MacGregor to discuss their favourite paperbacks by David Niven, Helen Thomas and John Lahr.

Sue MacGregor - The Moon's a Balloon by David Niven
 Publisher. Penguin

Adam Nicolson - Under Storm's Wing by Helen Thomas
 Publisher. Carcanet

Kenneth Cranham - Prick up Your Ears by John Lahr
 Publisher. Bloomsbury

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

TUE 17:00 PM (b00qt0dw)
 Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

TUE 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00qt1pt)
 The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 18:30 Act Your Age (b00qvm9f)
 Series 2

Episode 6
 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, Lucy Porter and Roy Walker are joined by Hills Barker and Cannon and Ball.

Producers: Ashley Blaker and Bill Matthews.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

TUE 19:00 The Archers (b00qsynn)
 It's the morning of Phil's funeral. Ruth worries that David has become obsessed with the seating plan. Heather thinks it's just David's way of avoiding his feelings.

Jill chooses a coloured scarf. She wants a splash of colour against the black. Shula and Kenton remark that she looks just right.

St Stephen's is filled with people wanting to commemorate a much-loved man. Alan welcomes the congregation and on behalf of the family thanks them all for coming. Despite her fears, Elizabeth manages to get through her reading without crying.

Later in the Bull, Heather says that Alan's words summed up exactly what she felt about Phil. David remarks to Ruth that the kids behaved well but he's annoyed that Pip's on the phone to Jude. She should be circulating.

Ruth finds Jill back at the churchyard. Jill can't bear the thought of Phil being alone while everyone else is together in the pub. Ruth assures her that Phil will always be remembered with love, the best epitaph anyone could want. Jill reflects sadly that this is where it really begins for her - life without Phil.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

TUE 19:15 Front Row (b00qt1rm)
 Artist Thomas Heatherwick reviews a major exhibition of work by Henry Moore.

Historian Lady Antonia Fraser on Lady Jane Grey, Delaroché and his contemporaries.

Joan Bakewell discusses the film Everybody's Fine, which stars Robert de Niro as a widower who tries to reconnect with his children.

Michael Winner on his television show in which ordinary people cook for the notorious food critic.

TUE 19:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvj1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b00qvm9h)
 Concerns over child courts

CAFCASS, the family courts' advisory service, is again facing claims that it is failing the vulnerable children it is supposed to protect. Seven years after reporting that the organisation was in crisis, Jenny Cuffe returns to ask why the service is still facing a backlog of urgent cases and unprecedented delays.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b00qvm9k)
 Many blind and partially-sighted people are not receiving medical information in a format they can access, despite guidance from PCTs that GPs practices should be providing Braille, large print or audio formats. Thena Heshel tells Peter about her recent experience at Moorfields Eye Hospital, where she was offered large print information sheets regarding glaucoma surgery and was impressed by the initiative of her surgeon. Keith Barton is the consultant ophthalmologist at Moorfields and he tells Peter about the system he has initiated for his patients.

Ellen Bassani's debut column about having her eyes tattooed to take the hassle out of applying make up.

TUE 21:00 Case Notes (b00qvm9m)
 Parasites

Parasites invade our bodies in a variety of ingenious ways - through the food we eat or an insect bite, to boring directly under our skin.

Some, like the beef tapeworm, at several metres in length, can hide harmlessly in our gut for years, while others, like malaria, can kill in a day.

Dr Mark Porter visits the Hospital of Tropical Diseases in London where Professor Peter Chiodini and his colleagues diagnose and treat the patients who have picked up parasites, both here and abroad.

Parasites have complex life cycles requiring them to inhabit one or more hosts to reproduce and ensure their species' survival. Mark discovers how the parasite Toxoplasma has developed an ingenious way to ensure this happens. This parasitic effect could even have implications for the causes and treatment of schizophrenia.

Emerging infections are always a concern for doctors, and parasites are no exception. Mark hears about a parasite threatening to reach our shores, and that man's best friend is the host that's likely to bring it here.

TUE 21:30 The Long View (b00qvknl)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b00qt1zd)
 The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b00qt2cd)
 National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

President Karzai issues a decree to control Afghanistan's electoral commission.

Gordon Brown is set to apologise to 1950s child migrants.

Should filmmakers get their science right?

Mass arrests in Turkey over an alleged coup plot.

Bosnia is in political deadlock.

The Greek deputy prime minister admits to 'cooking the books'.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00qtp9l)
 Moonlight in Odessa

Episode 7

Jane Collingwood reads from Janet Skeslien Charles' debut novel, set in the Ukraine.

Daria rejects Vlad's offer of marriage, choosing instead to fly to America and join Tristan in the life she has dreamt of for so long. But when he too proposes marriage, she hesitates.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 23:00 Fabulous (b00qvm9)
 Series 3

Episode 3

Sitcom by Lucy Clarke about a woman who wants to be Fabulous but can't cope.

Faye is still engaged to a man she is roughly 65 per cent sure she should marry - 66 per cent on a good day.

The Queen is coming to visit Faye's office. Mum has made some bruschetta.

With Katy Brand, Olivia Colman, Sally Grace, Margaret Cabourn-Smith, John Beggins, Rufus Wright and David Armand.

Music by Osymoso.

TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00qtrr2)
 News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament and Susan Hulme.

WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2010

WED 00:00 Midnight News (b00qs8j6)
 The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by Weather.

WED 00:30 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvj1)
 [Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00qs8lv)
 The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00qs8y0)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00qs8zy)

The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b00qs95y)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00qsb7m)

Daily prayer and reflection with Dr Gemma Simmonds.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b00qsbqr)

News and issues in rural Britain with Anna Hill.

The head of the Environment Agency, Lord Smith, says GM technology should be considered to feed the planet's growing population.

Supermarkets have agreed to label clearly where the pork contained in their products has come from.

WED 06:00 Today (b00qsbwt)

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

WED 09:00 Midweek (b00qvmpp)

Lively and diverse conversation with Libby Purves and guests Billy Jenkins, Sir John Lister Kaye, Caroline Charles and Thomasina Miers.

WED 09:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvj3)

The World in the Age of Confucius (500 - 300 BC)

Basse Yutz Flagons

Neil MacGregor's history of the world recounted through objects at the British Museum arrives in Northern Europe two and a half thousand years ago.

Neil explores the early world of the Celts through two bronze drinking flagons, considered to be the most important and earliest examples of Celtic art. The writer Jonathan Meades and one of the world's leading experts on this period, Barry Cunliffe, help describe the Celts, dissect the stereotypes and consider their celebrated love of drink.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00qsvm2)

Fast-track Asylum; Flamenco history

How is the UK 'fast-track' system for dealing with asylum seekers failing women? Plus, dancer Maria Pages on the history of Flamenco.

WED 10:45 15 Minute Drama (b00qzxb8)

Absent

Assessment

By Mark Davies Markham.

Tony goes to a solicitor. He wants 50-50 access to his children, but his wife threatens to fight him all the way.

Tony Craigie Els

Clare Gillian Kearney

Helen Joanna Monro

Morley Bruce Alexander

Sean Carl Prekopp

Josh Alfie Davies

Directed by Claire Grove.

WED 11:00 Good Golly, Bad Golly (b00qvnj3)

The golly, invented in the 19th century, is a potent symbol and has not lost its power to generate controversy in recent years. But there is more than one golly in the public imagination. For some, he is a marker of how far we've come in realising the power of language and stereotypes to cause offence; for others he is the icon of a fondly remembered childhood, carrying as much political freight as a teddy bear. In this programme, journalist and presenter Henry Bonsu finds out how the golly has come to mean such different things to different people.

WED 11:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b00qvnj5)

Series 3

The Wrath of Khan

Sitcom written by and starring Sanjeev Kohli and Donald McLeary, set in a Glasgow corner shop.

The fine eco-balance of the shop is thrown into chaos when Ramesh installs a slush machine.

Ramesh Sanjeev Kohli

Dave Donald McLeary

Sanjay Omar Raza

Alok Susheel Kumar

Father Henderson Gerard Kelly

Ted Gavin Mitchell

Keith Futures Greg McHugh

Khan Noonien Mani Sumal

Mrs Gibb Marjory Hogarth

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b00qswn9)

Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson.

WED 12:57 Weather (b00qswq0)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b00qswrd)

National and international news with Martha Kearney.

WED 13:30 The Media Show (b00qvnj7)

MPs are demanding changes to protect press freedom and standards, but has their report been sidetracked by an obsession with the News of the World phone hacking scandal? And should the Press Complaints Commission be reformed to address MPs' concerns about its credibility? Ritula Shah talks to Paul Farrelly MP of the culture, media and sport committee and Peta Buscombe, chair of the PCC.

There is to be a new version of *Upstairs Downstairs*, made in the UK but paid for in part by US TV. How much do US networks influence the dramas we see on our screens? That's the question for Rebecca Eaton, executive producer of Masterpiece Theatre from WGBH in Boston.

Andrew Rawnsley has said the sources for his book on Gordon Brown are '24 carat', but what are the challenges for parliamentary writers who rely on the lobby convention of not naming sources? Veteran journalist and biographer Anthony Howard takes the long view.

In a new report, the National Audit Office is widely expected to criticise the BBC for the cost of rebuilding of Broadcasting House in London. Can the cost of prestigious media buildings ever be justified by the value they bring to readers, listeners and viewers?

WED 14:00 The Archers (b00qsynn)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b00qvnj9)

Charlotte Grieg - Against the Grain

Gemma, a promising young journalist, is sent to interview former restaurateur, Milo Markhov, whose glossy new cookery book, *Against the Grain*, is the latest publishing sensation. Milo has retired to the Perigord where he spends his time preparing experimental dishes in his search for the most pleasurable taste sensations. Gemma's disturbing experiences at the house of the reclusive chef lead her to contemplate a whole new way life. By Charlotte Greig.

Gemma Jasmine Hyde

Milo Robert Harper

Herve Felix Callens

Ruth Nickie Rainsford

Producer: Kate McAll

A BBC Cymru Wales Production.

WED 15:00 Money Box Live (b00qvnjc)

Paul Lewis and a panel of guests answer calls on maternity and paternity rights.

Guests:

Lucy McLynn, employment lawyer at Bates Wells and

Braitwaite solicitors

Eddy Graham, welfare rights worker, Child Poverty Action Group

Sian Keall, employment lawyer at Travers Smith solicitors.

WED 15:30 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvlrh)

Do You Know Where I Am? by Andrew O'Hagan

Stories first broadcast in 2010, celebrating 50 years since Presley's only trip to Britain - a brief stopover at a small Scottish airport on his return from military service in Germany.

In Andrew O'Hagan's short story, a man remembers the moment in 1960 when his home town in Ayrshire first felt connected to the rest of the world.

Read by Finn Den Hertog

Producer Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

WED 15:45 The Generation Gap (b00qszyz)

Series 1: Respect

Policemen

Series of programmes in which two people from different generations discuss a topic that reveals the changing nature of Britain.

The theme of the first five programmes is Respect.

Two policemen who have seen changes on the beat in levels of respect from society.

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b00qvnjf)

CP Snow first used the phrase 'corridors of power' in his book *Homecoming* in 1956. It soon became a cliché, conjuring up a world of officialdom, hierarchy, whispers and secret machinations. The advent of open plan, with its airy atriums and glass walls, was supposed to put pay to all that, ushering in a new sense of democracy to the work place. However, research from Rachel Hurdley reveals the hidden values of corridors. The chance meetings, gossip and confrontations which actually undermine hierarchy will all be lost if we fail to appreciate the seemingly unimportant passage between doors. She discusses her research with Laurie Taylor and with the architect Jeremy Till.

Simon Duncan, Professor of Comparative Social Policy at the University of Bradford, talks about the phenomenon of Living Apart Together - or 'LAT' - a form of relationship which keeps partners out of each other's living space.

WED 16:30 Case Notes (b00qvm9m)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 17:00 PM (b00qt0dy)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00qt1pw)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 18:30 The Write Stuff (b00qvnjh)

Series 12

John Donne

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 John Donne, and the reader is Beth Chalmers.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b00qsynq)

Joe tells Alan that Phil's service was just right. He hopes he'll get as good a send off. Alan accepts Joe's offer to pitch his tent outside Keeper's Cottage rather than in the churchyard. Joe won't charge him rent this time.

Peggy struggles to get Jack to eat his lunch. Ted teaches her some tricks he's learnt to encourage Violet to eat. Peggy thanks him for his help.

Jill's clearing out kitchen cupboards to keep busy. Insecure Kenton asks her whether Phil was proud of him. He didn't have anything in common with him, unlike David and the girls. Jill assures him that Phil loved them all deeply. He was proud of Kenton for travelling. After living in a small village all his life, Kenton seemed like a pioneer to him.

Alan's frying sausages for supper. Joe and Kenton join him.

Alan suspects that might be the real reason Joe invited him to

camp there in the first place. Alan asks them to contribute to supper by making a donation to his refugee charity. Kenton willingly gives him five pounds but Joe's reluctant to pay up. Alan makes it clear that no money equals no grub.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b00qt1rp)

John Wilson is joined by Harrison Ford to discuss his new film *Extraordinary Measures*, about a father who risks his family's future to pursue a cure for his children's life-threatening disease.

Painter and collage artist Richard Hamilton, who turns 88 today, discusses the new solo exhibition featuring his use of photographic material and his political paintings.

Rosie Swash reviews new albums by singer-songwriters Ellie Goulding, Laura Marling and Joanna Newsom.

Following the announcement of the shortlist for the UK's first City Of Culture in 2013, representatives of the four cities in question - Birmingham, Derry/Londonderry, Norwich and Sheffield - explain why their own city should be chosen.

WED 19:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvj3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b00qvnjk)

How much should the personality of our leaders influence our vote? Politics has always been about making a connection with the voter, but with the prime minister and party leaders giving increasingly personal interviews and a US presidential-style TV debate on the cards, is politics turning into the X Factor? Have spin doctors destroyed politics or are we part of the problem? Are we increasingly unwilling to devote the time and intellect, to engage fully with political debate and the tough moral and ethical choices that poses?

Witnesses:

George Pascoe Watson, former political editor of *The Sun*, now partner at Portland Public Relations.

Mark Vernon, co-editor *Citizen Ethics*

Iain Dale, political blogger

Mehdi Hasan, senior editor *The New Statesman*.

WED 20:45 Lent Talks (b00qvpf0)

Will Self

Series of talks by eminent thinkers exploring how faith and religion interact with a variety of aspects in society.

Novelist Will Self reflects on the relationship between art and religion.

WED 21:00 Physics Rocks (b00d9yz5)

CERN physicist and science broadcaster Brian Cox meets some of the celebrity enthusiasts of particle physics.

He talks to Alan Alda and John Barrowman about their enthusiasm for the largest, most ambitious science experiment ever undertaken, CERN's Large Hadron Collider. He travels to CERN with former quantum physicist turned comedian Ben Miller, discusses the shape of the universe with ex-cosmologist Dara O Briain and ponders the validity of the big bang with Eddie Izzard.

WED 21:30 Midweek (b00qvmvs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b00qt1zj)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b00qt2cg)

National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00qtp9n)

Moonlight in Odessa

Episode 8

Jane Collingwood reads from Janet Skeslien Charles' debut novel, set in the Ukraine.

Daria and Tristan have not been married long when she learns

that he has lied to her: he is not a teacher, but a school janitor. Then she meets Anna, a Polish girl who, like Daria, also wanted to live the American dream.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 23:00 Earls of the Court (b00qvpk2)

Earls Reunited

Comedy drama series by Will Adamsdale and Stewart Wright about two Australians down on their luck in London.

Lloydie returns after years of travel to find best mate Johnno still living in their old flat. But their former gang has disbanded and times have changed. Worse still, the sins of the past are about to catch up with them.

Lloydie Stewart Wright
Johnno Will Adamsdale
Bonzo Rufus Wright
Kirsty Keely Beresford
Shalk Michael Shelford
Brett David Seddon

Directed by Sasha Yevtushenko.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

WED 23:15 The News at Bedtime (b00pftg)

Series 1

Episode 6

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

Mary Mary has shocking news of an egg on a wall.

With Jack Dee, Peter Capaldi, Lewis MacLeod, Alex MacQueen, Lucy Montgomery, Vicki Pepperdine, Dan Tetsell.

Written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman.

WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00qtrr4)

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

THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2010

THU 00:00 Midnight News (b00qs8j8)

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

THU 00:30 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvj3)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00qs8lx)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00qs8y2)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00qs900)

The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b00qs960)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00qs1b7p)

Daily prayer and reflection with Dr Gemma Simmonds.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b00qs9bt)

Charlotte Smith hears how the European Union is to consider reintroducing rules to ban wonky vegetables and misshapen fruits.

With 1.4 billion pounds spent on exotic foods last year, Farming Today visits a tilapia farm where demand for this lesser-known fish is on the rise.

THU 06:00 Today (b00qs9bw)

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

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b00qvqpz)

Calvinism

Melvyn Bragg and guests Justin Champion, Susan Hardman Moore and Diarmaid MacCulloch discuss the ideas of the religious reformer John Calvin - the theology known as Calvinism, or Reformed Protestantism - and its impact. John Calvin, a Frenchman exiled to Geneva, became a towering figure of the 16th century Reformation of the Christian Church. He achieved this not through charismatic oratory, but through the relentless rigour of his analysis of the Bible. In Geneva, he oversaw an austere, theocratic and sometimes brutal regime. Nonetheless, the explosion of printing made his theology highly mobile. The zeal he instilled in his followers, and the persecution which dogged them, rapidly spread the faith across Europe, and on to the New World in America. One of Calvin's most striking tenets was 'predestination': the idea that, even before the world began, God had already decided which human beings would be damned, and which saved. The hope of being one of the saved gave Calvinists a driving energy which has made their faith a galvanic force in the world, from business to politics. Anxiety about salvation, meanwhile, led to a constant introspection which has left its mark on literature. Justin Champion is Professor of the History of Early Modern Ideas at Royal Holloway, University of London; Susan Hardman Moore is Senior Lecturer in Divinity at the University of Edinburgh; Diarmaid MacCulloch, Professor of the History of the Church at the University of Oxford.

THU 09:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvj5)

The World in the Age of Confucius (500 - 300 BC)

Olmec Stone Mask

Neil MacGregor, in his history of mankind as told through objects at the British Museum, selects a miniature mask to tell the story of the Olmec - the mysterious people of ancient Mexico who lived before the time of the Aztecs or Maya.

As the Parthenon was being created in Greece and the Persians were expanding the world's biggest empire, what was life like for the "mother culture" of Central America? Neil explores the life of the Olmec and visits the remains of one of their greatest legacies. He considers their remarkable skills in mask making with the Olmec specialist Karl Taube and the Mexican novelist Carlos Fuentes.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00qsvm4)

John Barrowman; Women's Liberation in 1970

Actor John Barrowman on show tunes. Plus, the impact of the first UK Women's Liberation Conference in 1970; and actor Lesley Sharp on Ibsen.

THU 10:45 15 Minute Drama (b00qxzbb)

Absent

Reality

By Mark Davies Markham.

Tony is outraged when his parenting skills are assessed during his children's visits. But his son Josh has a solution: that his parents spend half the week each in their house.

Tony Craige Els
Clare Gillian Kearney
Helen Joanna Monro
Morley Bruce Alexander
Sean Carl Prekopp
Ryan Michael Shelford
Nick Robert Hitchmough

Directed by Claire Grove.

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b00qvs36)

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

THU 11:30 Capturing America: Mark Lawson's History of Modern American Literature (b00qvs38)

Divided States

Mark Lawson tells the story of how American writing became the literary superpower of the 20th century, telling the nation's stories of money, power, sex, religion and war.

Each American president ends speeches by asking God to bless 'these United States'. But in a nation born through war - and later almost split by civil conflict - there remain deep divisions of colour and opportunity. Mark Lawson explores the way in which this legacy of division and violence has been explored by the nation's authors.

He talks to writers including Joyce Carol Oates, Toni Morrison, James Ellroy and Walter Mosley and literary critic Professor Harold Bloom, who nominates Cormac McCarthy's Blood Meridian as the greatest modern American novel because it deals with the violence at the heart of American life.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b00qswnc)
Consumer news and issues with Winifred Robinson.

THU 12:57 Weather (b00qswq2)
The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b00qswrg)
National and international news with Martha Kearney.

THU 13:30 Costing the Earth (b00qtwbl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Monday]

THU 14:00 The Archers (b00qsynq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Drama (b00qx43c)
Robin Glendinning - Edith's Story

The true story of 16-year-old Edith Scholem, forced to flee Berlin in 1934 as her family was arrested. Stars Emerald O'Hanrahan.

THU 15:00 Rambblings (b00qr46q)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:07 on Saturday]

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b00qs4tc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Elvis in Prestwick (b00qvlrk)
Don't Ask Me Why by Ruth Thomas

Stories first broadcast in 2010, celebrating 50 years since Presley's only trip to Britain - a brief stopover at a small Scottish airport on his return from military service in Germany.

In Ruth Thomas's short story, the news that Sonia's best friend has been hit by a car is overshadowed by the arrival of an international celebrity at the local airport.

Read by Sally Reid.

Producer: Eilidh McCreadie

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

THU 15:45 The Generation Gap (b00qszyx)
Series 1: Respect

Post Workers

Series of programmes in which two people from different generations discuss a topic that reveals the changing nature of Britain.

The theme of the first five programmes is Respect.

Alistair Redman is a sub-postmaster on the Scottish Isle of Islay and Elizabeth Stuart drives the post bus around the island. They discuss the changing nature of the post business and how change has to respect the society it operates in.

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 16:00 Open Book (b00qs5lx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:30 Material World (b00qx43f)
We tend to think of the universe as consisting of matter and energy, arrayed in space and time. But to a quantum physicist like Vlatko Vedral of Oxford University, all the world is information. There's the information in our books and websites and in the DNA in our cells; but in a sense, the entire universe and its workings are the ebb and flow of information. Professor Vedral discusses quantum information with Quentin Cooper. Where did it all come from? Where is it leading? And how can we tap into it with super-fast quantum computers?

THU 17:00 PM (b00qt0f0)
Full coverage and analysis of the day's news with Eddie Mair. Plus Weather.

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00qt1py)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 18:30 Mark Thomas: The Manifesto (b00qx43h)
Series 2

Episode 4

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 episode will include policies such as crushing the cars of anyone illegally parked in a disabled space; the legalisation of Viking-style funerals; and consolidating the United Kingdom's national debt into one easy-to-pay loan.

Produced by Ed Morrish.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b00qsyns)
Susan's feeling messed around with her hours at the shop. Pat asks her if she'll consider some part-time work at the dairy. Clarrie would show her the ropes. Susan says she'll think about it.

Pat invites Kirsty to lunch. She's making a stew for the guys planting the willow trees round the pools. Pat and Tony think the pools will be a wonderful site for their grandchildren to learn about nature. Tony's still worried about Helen's sudden urge to have a baby. Pat reminds him that it's Helen's decision. All they can do is support her

It's Neil and Susan's wedding anniversary. They enjoy a quiet night in with a takeaway and a bottle of champagne from Christopher. It's a contrast to the surprise parties that were organised for their silver wedding last year. Susan reflects on Pat's offer of work. She likes the idea of working alongside Clarrie. Neil jokes that the two of them will never get any work done. Susan decides to take the job at the dairy. It's never too late to learn new skills.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b00qt1rr)
Director Tim Burton talks to Kirsty Lang about reinventing Alice in Wonderland.

A review of Two Women, the first stage adaptation of a Martina Cole novel.

Pianist Joanna MacGregor on performing the tango in Buenos Aires.

The French artist whose latest installation is a flock of zebra finches playing electric guitars.

THU 19:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvj5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

THU 20:00 Law in Action (b00qvm1f)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

THU 20:30 The Bottom Line (b00qx454)
Evan Davis asks his panel of top business guests where they draw the line when it comes to outsourcing. They also discuss the future of publishing.

Evan is joined by Ronan Dunne, chief executive of mobile phone company O2 UK; Stevie Spring, chief executive of magazine publisher Future Plc; and Ananda Mukerji, chief executive of outsourcing company Firstsource.

THU 21:00 Blood For Blood (b00qx456)
What lies behind the reluctance of black and Asian people in Britain to act as blood and organ donors? Statistically, they are far less likely to come forward as donors than their white compatriots. The oft repeated suggestion is that there is a greater fear and suspicion of the medical profession by these groups. But is that really the case? Might the answers be cultural, religious or stem from a lack of awareness?

The problem is made even more stark by figures which show that black and Asian people comprise a quarter of the people on the waiting list for kidney transplants for example, far in excess of their percentage of the population.

In Blood for Blood, Beverley De-Gale examines the imbalance between donors and recipients in the black and Asian populations.

Beverley De-Gale's son, Daniel, was in need of a bone marrow transplant and held out hope for several years before finding a donor but sadly died from non-related complications in 2008. But the years of anxious waiting on a list exposed a truth: the pool of black donors was virtually dry.

In the wake of the death of her son, Beverley De-Gale asks just what is behind the conundrum of Britain's black and Asian population's disinclination to volunteer as blood and organ donors.

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b00qvppz)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b00qt1zn)
The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b00qt2cj)
National and international news and analysis with Robin Lustig.

President Obama brings together Democrats and Republicans in an attempt to revive the healthcare bill.

Land leasing in Ethiopia: a shameless land grab by the rich or an opportunity for the poor?

Turkish politicians try to defuse tensions between the military and the government.

Is female promiscuity a cure for the extinction of species?

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00qtp9q)
Moonlight in Odessa

Episode 9

Jane Collingwood reads from Janet Skeslien Charles's debut novel, set in the Ukraine.

Daria is becoming increasingly disenchanted with life in California, and her unhappiness is compounded by her failure to become pregnant.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 23:00 Sarah Millican's Support Group (b00qx458)
Series 1

2. 'Mum is behaving like a teenager'.

'My Mother is behaving like a teenager - she's 50 not 15!'

'I'm a sensitive butcher who loves meat jokes and innards but is too nice to find a girl - where am I going wrong?'

Sarah Millican plays a life counsellor and modern-day agony aunt tackling the nation's problems head on, dishing out real advice for real people.

Assisted by her very own team of experts.

Sarah Sarah Millican
Marion Ruth Bratt
Terry Simon Daye
Shirley Janice Connolly
Julie Emma Fryer
David Tim Key

Written by Sarah Millican.

Producer: Lianne Coop

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010.

THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00qtrr6)
News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament with Sean Curran.

FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2010

FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b00qs8jc)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by Weather.

FRI 00:30 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvj5)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b00qs8m1)
The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b00qs8y4)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b00qs902)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b00qs962)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b00qsbt7r)

Daily prayer and reflection with Dr Gemma Simmonds.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b00qsbqw)

Charlotte Smith hears demands for CCTV to be installed in all UK abattoirs, to help improve animal welfare. And as the snow continues in Scotland, there are calls for starving red deer to be shot rather than fed.

FRI 06:00 Today (b00qsbwy)

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

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b00qs4zs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvj7)

The World in the Age of Confucius (500 - 300 BC)

Chinese Bronze Bell

This week Neil MacGregor is exploring the emergence of sophisticated new powers across the world 2500 years ago, from the Parthenon in Greece, to the great empire of Cyrus in Persia and the forgotten people of the Olmec in Mexico.

Today he arrives in China at the time of Confucius. He explores the Confucian view of the world with a large bronze bell - with help from the writer Isabel Hilton and the percussionist Evelyn Glennie. Confucius believed in a society that worked in harmony. How do his teachings go down in China today?

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b00qsvm6)

Hilary Mantel; Beth Nielsen Chapman

Songwriter Beth Nielsen Chapman sings live. Plus novelist Hilary Mantel interviewed; and how much have police attitudes to rape really changed?

FRI 10:45 15 Minute Drama (b00qzxbd)

Absent

Departure

By Mark Davies Markham.

Tony has proved himself as a father but his access to his children remains the same. His wife wants a new start 200 miles away.

Tony Craige Els
Clare Gillian Kearney
Miss Farrow Alison Pettitt
Josh Alfie Davies
Ryan Michael Shelford
Nick Robert Hitchmough

Directed by Claire Grove.

FRI 11:00 Last Orders (b00qx1m5)

Episode 2

Conclusion of a two-part celebration of the pub landlord and landlady.

With pubs disappearing at the rate of more than three a day, signalling one of the most rapid cultural shifts of recent times, half a dozen landlords and landladies reflect on life as a licensee and explore what we're in danger of losing besides the beer and the buildings.

This rueful view from behind the bar includes reflections on the qualities of a good landlord or landlady; their role as community confessional and settler of tap room fights, dispenser of best bitter and pearls of wisdom.

We hear from old hands like Barbara, an ex-Bunny girl who runs the Grapes in London's Limehouse; Tetley Dave who fought a battle to keep the Shoulder of Mutton from closing in

Castleford; Maureen from the Waggon and Horses at Langsett who's famous for her pies; ex miner Dennis from Barnsley, whose *bête noir* is health and safety; stand-up comedian Toby who recalls lining up six pints apiece for the miners coming off shift at his auntie's pub in a Yorkshire pit village; and former Cambridge academic Tim, who's taken early retirement to open his first pub in York - the Phoenix- just as many others are shutting up shop.

How have these landlords and landladies kept their marriages together, living and working on the premises? How much of a temptation was it to hit the top shelf and go for the optics after a hard day's graft behind the bar? Why do they think the pub can teach the next generation how to hold their drink. And how do they handle an objectionable customer without starting a wild-west barroom brawl?

Producer Lindsay Leonard.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in February 2010

FRI 11:30 People In Cars (b00qx1m7)

Getaway

People In Cars

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The first in a season of three Simon Brett comedies set in cars. Gilly's fourteen year old son Ben complains that nothing exciting ever happens to them. Until a gangster on the run jumps into their car.

Gilly Samantha Bond
Ben Angus Imrie
Nigel Stephen Critchlow
Policewoman Tessa Nicholson

Writer: Simon Brett

Director: Peter Kavanagh

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b00qswnf)

Consumer news and issues with Peter White.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b00qswq5)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b00qswrj)

National and international news with Shaun Ley.

FRI 13:30 Feedback (b00qx1m9)

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

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b00qsyms)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Bad Faith (b00qx1mc)

Nothing Sacred

Lenny Henry stars as Jake Thorne, a police chaplain who's lost his faith and has decided, as a test for God, to behave appallingly towards those he's supposed to help. Today, Jake counsels a policeman who has lost his memory of a fatal blaze, while Jake's father Isaac, slipping into dementia, seems intent on wreaking revenge on the whole world but particularly on his own son.

Jake Thorne Lenny Henry
Michael Danny Sapani
Ruth Thorne Jenny Jules
Isaac Thorne Oscar James
Juana Sharon D Clark
Eamonn Lloyd Thomas
Sienna Wunmi Mosaku
Photographer John Biggins

Producer Mary Peate
Writer Peter Jukes

FRI 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b00qx5r5)

Peter Gibbs chairs the popular horticultural forum, which joins the fuschia fanatics of Camborne in Cornwall.

Matt James visits the UK's only tea plantation and Matthew Wilson visits gardening celebrity Christine Walkden.

Includes gardening weather forecast.

FRI 15:45 The Generation Gap (b00qs26f)

Series 1: Respect

Funeral Directors

Series of programmes in which two people from different generations discuss a topic that reveals the changing nature of Britain.

The theme of the first five programmes is Respect.

Michael Ryan, a funeral director in Newport, and his daughter Louise - who, at 21, is the youngest female funeral director in the world - discuss whether changes in funeral styles mean that our respect for the dead has changed.

A Juniper production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b00qx5r7)

Matthew Bannister presents the obituary series, marking the lives of Alexander Haig, Cy Grant, Geoffrey Wooley and Allan Wicks.

FRI 16:30 The Film Programme (b00qx5r9)

Amelie and Delicatessen director Jean Pierre Jeunet reveals why he thinks all his films are the same, and why his latest *MicMac's* is no exception.

Poet Ian McMillan reviews the Keats biopic *Bright Star*.

Colin Shindler reports from the cinemas of February 1960.

Francine Stock embarks on the first leg of her national tour of local cinema.

FRI 17:00 PM (b00qt0f2)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b00qt1q0)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 18:30 The News Quiz (b00qx5rc)

Series 70

Episode 8

Sandi Toksvig chairs the topical comedy quiz. The panellists are Susan Calman, Jeremy Hardy, Andy Hamilton and Victoria Mather.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b00qsyms)

Lynda and Vicky spot more graffiti in the village. Lynda decides something needs to be done about it and sets about looking for volunteers for a clean-up operation.

Vicky's helping Mike and Ed interview two people for the new milk rounds. She sees herself as the human resources arm of the business. She takes an instant dislike to the first candidate, Harry. He seems too young to fit in with their more mature customers. But Mike and Ed think he'll be perfect and decide to offer him the job.

Jill catches Shula at an awkward time, as she's about to set out with a small riding party. Shula's worried that Jill's lonely and later goes round to check on her. She's surprised to find that Jill has taken all the sympathy cards down and disposed of all the flowers. Shula's worried that Jill's overdoing it. Jill comes across a plastic bag with a pair of shoes inside. Jill thought Phil would never get around to mending the heel, but he had. It's all too much for Jill. She bemoans all the visitors she's received, when the only person she wants to see walk through the door never will again. Shula holds Jill as the tears overwhelm her.

Episode written by Nawal Gadalla.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b00qt1rt)

Colin Farrell discusses his latest film *Ondine*, in which he returns to his native Ireland to play a fisherman who finds a mysterious woman in his net.

Front Row has the first play of the new album from Damon Albarn's award-winning electro-pop band Gorillaz. Music journalist Miranda Sawyer reviews.

Director Michael Moore is known for his outspoken documentaries on a range of politically controversial subjects, from gun law to health care. Gillian Tett, Assistant Editor of *The Financial Times*, gives the verdict on his latest: *Capitalism: A Love Affair*.

Waldemar Januszczak reviews a new exhibition at The British

Museum which features art from The Kingdom of Ife, a powerful, cosmopolitan city-state in West Africa which flourished as a cultural and economic centre in the 12th-15th centuries AD.

Singer Carly Simon has claimed that she has revealed the answer to one of pop's greatest mysteries: the identity of the man about whom she wrote the lyrics: 'you're so vain, you probably think this song is about you'. David Hepworth sheds some light on the conjecture surrounding who the song is about, and investigates whether she really has come clean after all these years.

FRI 19:45 A History of the World in 100 Objects (b00qsvj7)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 today]

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b00qx5rf)

Ed Stourton chairs the topical debate from Wirral. The panellists are home secretary Alan Johnson, Liberal Democrats' home affairs spokesman Chris Huhne, deputy leader of Plaid Cymru Helen Mary Jones and Iain Duncan Smith, former Conservative leader and chairman of the Centre for Social Justice.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b00qx5rh)

Lisa Jardine: The Power of Memory

The late historian Lisa Jardine presented many editions of A Point of View. As a tribute, this is another chance to hear her reflections on the importance for history of the recording of personal memories and her regrets that her mother could no longer recall her own fascinating life.
Producer: Sheila Cook.

FRI 21:00 Friday Drama (b00qx5rk)

After the Accident

By Julian Armitstead. A couple's young daughter is killed in a head-on car crash. Four years later the parents summon the courage to meet the young lad responsible.

Leon Jack O'Connell
Petra Lia Williams
Jimmy Russell Boulter
Mr E Duncan Bonner
Leon's Mum Amanda Horlock

Directed by Mark Smalley.

FRI 21:58 Weather (b00qt1zs)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b00qt2cl)

Appeal Court judge says MI5 agents' word cannot be trusted.

Greece's prime minister warns of 'bankruptcy' danger. But after insulting Germany, can his government expect a bailout?

Ethiopia's questionable human rights record - a special report

With Ritula Shah.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b00qtp9s)

Moonlight in Odessa

Episode 10

Jane Collingwood reads from Janet Skeslien Charles's debut novel, set in the Ukraine.

Daria makes some important decisions about the future, including a separation from Tristan, which he violently opposes. But help is at hand from a most unlikely source.

A Heavy Entertainment production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b00qvm1h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b00qtrr8)

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