

SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER 2012

SAT 00:00 Midnight News (b01nbn3)

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

SAT 00:30 Book of the Week (b01nf3nd)

Nancy: The Story of Lady Astor

Episode 5

Forced into retirement, Nancy struggles to adapt to non-political life in her twilight days.

The fascinating life of the first woman to take a seat in the British Parliament.

Anna Maxwell Martin concludes Adrian Fort's biography.

Abridger: Alison Joseph.

Producer: Kirsteen Cameron.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

SAT 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b01nbn9)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b01nbn7)

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

SAT 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b01nbn9)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 05:30 News Briefing (b01nbnrc)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b01nbtwm)

A spiritual comment and prayer to begin the day with Sheikh Michael Mumisa, of the Woolf Institute for Abrahamic Faiths, Cambridge.

SAT 05:45 IPM (b01nbtwp)

Listeners remember the Great Storm of 1987 and weatherman Peter Gibbs reads Your News.

SAT 06:00 News and Papers (b01nbnrf)

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

SAT 06:04 Weather (b01nbnrh)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 06:07 Ramblings (b01nbnqzh)

Series 22

Simon Evans of the Wye and Usk Foundation

Clare Balding walks with Simon Evans and his family along a tributary of the Usk, in the shadow of the Sugar Loaf. Simon is a passionate fisherman and river conservationist who works for the Wye and Usk Foundation.

Simon's wife Hazel and their two children - Freya and Arlo - also joined in... Freya contributing musical accompaniment (Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose...) and Arlo narrowly avoiding tree-branches from his elevated position in Simon's backpack. A highlight was discovering otter spraint under a bridge - concrete evidence of recent otter activity. It's lilac-scented although perhaps not (as Clare pointed out) enough to warrant taking it home and putting it in her chest of drawers...

An extraordinary 1000 year old sweet chestnut tree loomed into view towards the end of the walk... one of the boughs as big as a sizable tree. Clare's attempts to create a human circle ended in tears... not her's... rather Freya's nose got rather too close to the trunk.

We started at the Red Lion pub in Llanbedr, the walk took us along a tributary of the River Usk...(with a small trout leaping upstream) to our end point at The Bell in the village of Glangwryney

Producer: Karen Gregor.

SAT 06:30 Farming Today (b01ng03n)

Farming Today This Week

UK farmers spend nearly half a billion pounds annually on chemicals to control pests, weeds, and diseases. Charlotte Smith visits the Warwick Crop Centre to find out how pesticides are developed and regulated. Scientists at Warwick are working on Biopesticides, which make use of the natural enemies of fungal diseases and insects. But, as Charlotte discovers, the end product looks a lot like mouldy rice! Heather Simons visits the labs and glasshouses of the agri-chemical giant, Syngenta. And landowners in the north of England and Scotland explain why they're applying for special permission to use a banned chemical to battle bracken.

Presented by Charlotte Smith and produced by Sarah Swadling.

SAT 06:57 Weather (b01nbnrk)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 07:00 Today (b01ng03q)

Morning news and current affairs presented by Evan Davis and Justin Webb, including:

0750

The Pakistani teenager, Malala Yusufzai, who was shot in the head by the Taliban after campaigning for education for girls, is making signs of recovery in a Birmingham Hospital. Dr Farzana Shaikh, associate Fellow at Chatham House, and Wajid Shamsul Hasan, the Pakistan High Commissioner in London examine the political impact of the shooting by the Taliban.

0810

The TUC is holding a mass demonstration today entitled "A Future That Works" to protest against the government's austerity policies but the demonstration comes in a week when official figures show that the number of people in work has hit a record high and unemployment has fallen more sharply than expected. Professor Len Shackleton, labour market expert from the Institute of Economic Affairs, explains what is happening with the job market and Brendan Barber general Secretary of the TUC outlines the reasons for the demonstration.

0821

A new edition of Ernest Hemingway's A Farewell to Arms has been published, including for the first time the many alternative endings the author originally considered. The Today programme's Evan Davis spoke to Sean Hemingway to find out what was the purpose of this new edition.

0831

The government's Chief Whip, Andrew Mitchell, has resigned after he had been under mounting pressure since it was alleged he called police officers "plebs". Inspector Ken Mackaill chairman of the West Mercia Police Federation, and Crispin Blunt MP, former prisons minister and a friend of Andrew Mitchell discuss whether Mr Mitchell was right to resign.

SAT 09:00 Saturday Live (b01ng03s)

Michael Morpurgo, John McCarthy in the Wye Valley, dialect poet Raymond Reed, Lenny Henry's Inheritance Tracks

Sian Williams and Richard Coles with author, playwright and poet Michael Morpurgo, Jane Esuantsiwa Goldsmith who went to Ghana to find her father and ended up being anointed Queen Mother of Akoanson village, Northumbrian dialect poet Raymond Reed, and animal movement coach Peter Elliott. John McCarthy continues his romantic tour of the Wye Valley, best-selling crime writer Peter James takes a stroll through Brighton's dark underbelly and actor and comedian Lenny Henry shares his Inheritance Tracks.

Producer: Dixi Stewart.

SAT 10:30 For One Night Only (b01ng098)

Series 7

Get Yer Ya-Yas Out!

Paul Gambaccini re-lives Thanksgiving 1969 when The Rolling Stones played Madison Square Garden and recorded an album later reviewed as 'the best rock concert ever put on record'.

In the company of many who were there on the night, including the tour promoter Ronnie Schneider, sound engineer Glyn Johns, Mick Jagger's assistant at the time Jo Bergman, Chip Monck who looked after the lighting, tour manager Sam Cutler, photographer Ethan Russell, and rock journalist Michael Jahn, Paul Gambaccini re-creates the occasion.

Producer: Marya Burgess

(Repeat).

SAT 11:00 The Week in Westminster (b01ng09b)

George Parker of the Financial Times asks what impact any

future Scottish Independence might have on Westminster.

The Tories have just one seat in Scotland but Labour have 41. How would the loss of those seats affect the parliamentary arithmetic in the House of Commons?

Labour's former Scottish Secretary Lord Reid and the English Conservative Roger Gale consider the answers.

Also in the programme: the former European Commissioner Peter Mandelson offers a critical assessment of David Cameron's stance on the EU. And he has a warning for Labour.

The editor of the ConservativeHome website, Tim Montgomerie, and the Lib Dem, Duncan Hames, discuss the collapse of a coalition deal to redraw constituency boundaries.

And after the resignation of the chief whip, Andrew Mitchell, Conservative MP David Ruffley speaks of the challenges ahead for government whips.

Editor : Peter Mulligan.

SAT 11:30 From Our Own Correspondent (b01ng09d)

India's quick-fix solutions

Despatches from reporters across the globe, presented by Kate Adie.

Chris Morris analyses Angela Merkel's increasing international confidence.

Fergal Keane hears the echoes of history amidst Syrian refugees in the Turkish city of Izmir.

Niall O'Gallagher takes the temperature of Catalan nationalism on the streets of Barcelona.

Craig Jeffrey asks if "jugaad" - the idea of delighting in ingenuity and quick fixes - is really the solution to India's challenges.

And Hamilton Wende in Maputo, the booming capital of Mozambique, finds corruption on the rise.

Producer: Tony Grant.

SAT 12:00 Money Box (b01ng09g)

Everyone's talking about getting a better deal for our gas and electricity. First the Prime Minister on Wednesday said energy companies should put customers on their lowest tariffs. Then the regulator Ofgem announced yesterday that bills should include information about the cheapest gas and electricity tariffs on offer. But will the consumers really be better off? We speak to Richard Lloyd, executive director of the consumer association, Which?

Last year we investigated a car hire company that was failing to give customers back their deposit at the end of the car hire agreement. Money Box has learnt that customers are still being stung despite action from Trading Standards.

A listener alerts us to changes to NS&I's Children's Bonus Bonds so the bonds can no longer be held until the child's 21st birthday. Each bond will now mature once it reaches its five-year anniversary on or after the child's 16th birthday. The reason? NS&I says it's to simplify its range of accounts and investments to make them easier to understand. But our listener is frustrated as she doesn't want her children to get a windfall, aged 16.

Fighting the fraudsters. We hear about a new project to help older people spot 'too good to be true' offers and out-right scams.

SAT 12:30 The News Quiz (b01nbtb1)

Series 78

Episode 7

A satirical review of the week's news, chaired by Sandi Toksvig. Panellists include Jeremy Hardy, Phill Jupitus and Michael Deacon.

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.

SAT 12:57 Weather (b01nbnrm)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 13:00 News (b01nbnrp)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 13:10 Any Questions? (b01nbtb7)

St Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a discussion of news and politics from St Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury in Shropshire. Guests include the media commentator Sally Bercow, Health Minister Anna Soubry, The General Secretary of the RMT Bob Crow, and Nigel Farage from UKIP.
Producer: Lisa Jenkinson.

SAT 14:00 Any Answers? (b01ng09j)

A chance for Radio 4 listeners to have their say on the issues discussed on Any Questions from St Alkmund's Church in Shrewsbury, Shropshire last night. Call Anita Anand on 03700 1000 444 or email any.answers@bbc.co.uk or tweet using #bbcqa. Topics include: The resignation of Andrew Mitchell, The decision to award the Nobel Peace Prize to the EU, should the private correspondence between Prince Charles and politicians be revealed? MPs renting out their second homes to each other? And David Cameron's plan to reduce energy tariffs.

SAT 14:30 Saturday Drama (b01ng158)

The Gothic Imagination: Bloody Poetry

In Switzerland 1816, by the shore of Lake Geneva, the poet Shelley and his future wife Mary, together with her step-sister Claire, meet the infamous Lord Byron. All are in exile, self-imposed on Shelley's part, more serious for Byron, and find they are natural allies in a world which is threatened by their radical politics and unconventional attitudes to sexual freedom. Close friendships and treacherous affairs are begun, and a journal that bears witness to it all is kept by Byron's companion and doctor, William Polidori. And on one particular evening, in a thunderstorm, stories are told that are to inspire Mary Shelley to create the myth of Frankenstein.

Howard Brenton's play was first performed in 1984 and celebrates the artistic radicalism and the fiery, intellectual anger of these young people, whose ideas threatened to kick over the traces of the society from which they were escaping. But their dreams of a utopian future were to be swallowed up in lives of excess, illness and tragic accidents.

This production forms part of The Gothic Imagination season which includes new dramatisations of Frankenstein and Dracula for Radio 4, as well as some contemporary new takes on gothic themes for 4 Extra.

Adapted for radio and directed by Alison Hindell

By coincidence, the play was recorded in the same week that a London auctioneer put on view the copy of Frankenstein that Mary Shelley inscribed for Byron ('To Lord Byron from the author'). The book was recently rediscovered in a private library and is expected to fetch something in the region of £400,000.

SAT 16:00 Woman's Hour (b01ng15b)

Weekend Woman's Hour: Fiona Shaw, Amanda Palmer, Martha Wainwright

Gary McKinnon's mother Janis Sharp; Amanda Palmer talks about her music and performs; The End of Men... Hanna Rosin discusses her book with journalist John Harris; Martha Wainwright tells Jenni about losing her mother Kate McGarrigle and the birth of her son and sings in the studio. Should we be concerned about Pimps and Hoes events at universities? Fiona Shaw on her new play Scenes from an Execution. And a girl's first period... cause for celebration, or embarrassment?

Presented by Jane Garvey
Produced by Diane McGregor.

SAT 17:00 PM (b01ng15d)

Saturday PM

Full coverage of the day's news, presented by Ritula Shah.

SAT 17:30 The Bottom Line (b01nrbjm)

Overcrowded markets

The view from the top of business. Presented by Evan Davis, The Bottom Line cuts through confusion, statistics and spin to present a clearer view of the business world, through discussion with people running leading and emerging companies.

Evan and his guests consider the perils and possibilities of doing business in an overcrowded market, with too many products chasing too few customers. And ahead of the arrival of the latest James Bond film, they swap thoughts on product placement and celebrity endorsement. How do you ensure your products are seen in all the right places and none of the wrong ones?

In the studio are Willie Walsh, Chief Executive of International

Airlines Group; fashion and retail expert Kim Winsor; Peter Bamford, Chairman of Supergroup.

Producer: Ben Crighton
Editor: Innes Bowen.

SAT 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b01nrbnr)

The latest shipping forecast.

SAT 17:57 Weather (b01nrbnr)

The latest weather forecast.

SAT 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b01nrbnr)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SAT 18:15 Loose Ends (b01ng15g)

Honor Blackman, Charlie Brooker, Peter Serafinowicz, George The Poet, The Herbaliser and The Magnetic North

Clive has Pussy Galore in the studio! Original Bond Girl Honor Blackman has Clive Shaken not stirred and now stars in a new breed of zombie adventure. 'Cockneys Vs Zombies' follows a group of bank-robbing cousins trying to save their grandparents care home from developers. Whilst they're cleaning out the vault, zombies head towards the care home with an appetite for OAPs! It's available on DVD from Monday 22nd October.

The actor, comedian and twitter legend Peter Serafinowicz comes prepared to share 'A Billion Jokes' with Clive. His widely popular twitter feed is the inspiration of his new book and Vol 1 is published by Boxtree on 8th November.

Queen of bling Nikki Bedi raps with George The Poet. Hailing from North West London via Uganda, George juxtaposes his experiences of an African heritage, an inner city upbringing, and life as a Cambridge undergraduate to create social commentary through poetry. George also joins The Herbaliser to rap on their track 'A Sad State of Affairs'.

Journalist, screen burner and all-round ray of sunshine Charlie Brooker rants to Clive about his latest collection of hastily spluttered articles and scarcely literate scrawl. 'I Can Make You Hate' contains words and punctuation, but won't help you lose weight, feel smarter or feel happier about yourself.

With musical magnetism from Orcadian singer-songwriter Erland Cooper and his band The Magnetic North who perform their new single 'Rackwick' from the album 'Orkney: Symphony of The Magnetic North'.

And from hip-hop-infused funksters The Herbaliser who play 'A Sad State of Affairs' from their new album 'There Were Seven'.

Producer: Cathie Mahoney.

SAT 19:00 Profile (b01ng15j)

Sam Mendes

As the new James Bond film "Skyfall" opens next week, Mary Ann Sieghart profiles its director Sam Mendes, a man who wanted to play cricket for England but went on to become a theatre supremo before winning critical acclaim in Hollywood.

Born in Reading and brought up by a single mother, Sam Mendes was educated at Magdalen College School in Oxford, where he demonstrated a competitive streak as captain on the cricket pitch, and Cambridge University where he won critical acclaim for a production of "Cyrano de Bergerac". At just twenty four, he directed Judi Dench in Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard" and as she tells Profile "one day when we were rehearsing, I said Sam, I would like to try this another way, can I show you? And he said to me, well you can but it won't work and so during the filming of Skyfall, he asked me to do something and so, I thought I'd complete the circle and I said, well I'll do it but it won't work and he roared with laughter. So we have closed the circle on it."

Later he joined the Royal Shakespeare Company where he forged a life long collaboration with actor Simon Russell Beale. He remembers how Sam would bring humour into the rehearsal room. "We had a fart machine in Twelfth Night. I cannot tell you what pleasure it gave him. It was only used once in the play. Toby Belch and Andrew Aguecheek were sitting on the sofa having a talk after a night on the town and they had a sort of farting competition. I would be in the middle of some very complicated Malvolio bit, something emotionally precise and then this fart would go off. And he loved all that. That was absolutely Sam the schoolboy."

But it was as artistic director to the Donmar Theatre in London that Mendes made his mark, winning five Olivier Awards. Moving into Hollywood, he sealed his success with five Oscars for his first film "American Beauty" starring Kevin Spacey.

And now, Mendes has chosen to direct a British classic, a James Bond film "Skyfall".

SAT 19:15 Saturday Review (b01ng15l)

Tom Sutcliffe and his guests playwright Laura Wade, broadcaster John Tusa and anthropologist Kit Davis review the week's cultural highlights

Benh Zeitlin's film Beasts of the Southern Wild stars Quvenzhané Wallis as Hushpuppy - a young girl living an almost feral existence in the swamplands of southern Louisiana.

Adrian Lester stars as 19th century actor Ira Aldridge in Lolita Chakrabarti's play Red Velvet at the Tricycle Theatre in London. Aldridge causes a sensation when he is brought in to replace an indisposed Edmund Kean in Othello - the idea of a black actor playing the role meets considerable resistance.

Ginger and Rosa is a film by Sally Potter set in the early sixties and stars Elle Fanning and Alice Englert as the two girls of the title - teenagers who are preoccupied by the threat of nuclear annihilation.

The comic strips that Posy Simmonds drew for the Guardian from 1977 - first under the title of Mrs Weber's Diary and then simply Posy - have been collected in Mrs Weber's Omnibus. The cartoons map the marriage and career problems and characteristic anxieties of three middle-class families.

Billed as a blockbuster exhibition, Hollywood Costume at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London brings together over 130 outfits from some of the most celebrated films in cinema history that defined their characters as much as the actors who wore them.

Producer: Torquil MacLeod.

SAT 20:00 Archive on 4 (b01ng15n)

A Life Less Ordinary

Lisa Potts

In July 1996, Horrett Campbell attacked children and staff at St Lukes School in Wolverhampton with a machete. Lisa Potts was a nursery nurse helping to run a teddy bears picnic for the under-fives, and in the course of the attack she suffered major wounds while protecting children who might otherwise well have been killed.

Over the next few days she became a national hero, championed in the press as the so-called angel whose courage led to numerous awards including the George Medal. What the press rarely mentioned, however, was the pressure that not only the attack but also the massive media attention put on Lisa, and the dark periods during which she longed for an end to the press coverage and a return to normal life.

In the final part of this series of 'A Life Less Ordinary' Geoff Bird takes her back over the TV, newspaper and radio coverage of her story to find out what it's like to declared a hero and how difficult that can make returning to a normal life away from the media spotlight.

Produced by Geoff Bird.

SAT 21:00 Classic Serial (b01n9whk)

The Gothic Imagination

Dracula, pt 1

1/2 Launching a month's focus on The Gothic Imagination, Bram Stoker's disturbing vampire tale of horror, in a new version by Rebecca Lenkiewicz. Told through letters, journal entries, and other found testimony, this is the story of the brief reign of terror of an uncivilised monster in Victorian Britain.

The Gothic Imagination on Radio 4 and 4 Extra, is reclaiming original gothic creations from the clichés they have become, and introducing three new works into the canon. For all the fireworks of blood, flesh and horror, Frankenstein reveals itself as the story of parenting and abandonment, and Dracula, as a supernatural fable reflecting a harrowing fear of female sexuality, and the treatment meted out to the insane pervert who unleashes it for pleasure.

Narrated by various characters, and with different 'takes' on the progress of the story, this is an all action adventure story, with ghosts, ghouls, lunatics, and seriously gripping chase sequences. Adapting it in just two hours takes the audience on a thrilling ride through the dark psyche of Victorian England.

SAT 22:00 News and Weather (b01nrbny)

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

SAT 22:15 Moral Maze (b01nbq68)

It's an interesting exercise looking back at the obituaries of Jimmy Savile. You'd never describe them as warm. Even before the child abuse revelations Savile was the kind of personality who divided opinions. But the one thing that unites the obits is the fact that there was a man who did a vast amount of good work for charity. Savile came from an impoverished background, survived a potentially fatal accident working in the mines during the war and went on to personally raise an estimated £40 million for various charitable causes - giving away 90% of his income, including £12 million to help rebuild the National Spinal Injuries Unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Along the way he turned "Jim'll Fix It" in to a national institution - attracting over 3 million requests in the 19 years it was on TV and fulfilling the dreams of thousands of those who appeared on it. How should we view those good works now? Have they been fatally morally contaminated by his crimes? His charity, The Savile Foundation, is now considering changing its name and even where it spends Savile's legacy with the possibility of money going to groups helping the victims of sexual abuse. Is it possible to draw a clear line between the sin and the sinner, especially in the current climate of heightened moral anxiety that has resulted in Jimmy Savile's headstone being removed and ground-up for landfill and talk of his body being dug up for cremation so his ashes can be scattered to oblivion? Can we ever imagine a time when we look back and say "Jimmy Savile wasn't all bad?" And if good works can be morally transformed by the evil that motivated them, what about works of art? There are plenty of artists with morally reprehensible private lives whose work we still value. The sculptor Eric Gill, who created the statue of Ariel and Prospero over the entrance to BBC Broadcasting House in Portland Place London, sexually abused his own children, but should that concern the worshippers at Westminster Cathedral who pray in front of his sculptures for the Stations of the Cross? The legacy of Good versus Evil on the Moral Maze. Combative, provocative and engaging debate chaired by Michael Buerk with Kenan Malik, Giles Fraser, Melanie Phillips and Claire Fox.

Witnesses: Jo Summers -PWT Advice LLP, Alec Shelbrooke - MP for Elmet & Rothwell, Dr Constantine Sandis - Reader in Philosophy at Oxford Brookes University, Antoinette Fox - Assistant Principal at a Comprehensive School in Cambridgeshire.

SAT 23:00 Round Britain Quiz (b01n9yfj)

(7/12)

Believe it or not, you might confuse an alien's most determined adversary with a talented murderer. Why, and who are they?

Another trademark puzzle opens the latest Round Britain Quiz contest, this week between the South of England and the Midlands. It's the second time these teams have played one another in the current series, and the South of England team of Marcus Berkmann and Marcel Berlins will be hoping to get their own back against the Midlands, Rosalind Miles and Stephen Maddock, who beat them very narrowly in the previous encounter.

They'll need all of their powers of recall and lateral thinking, to weave together the programme's apparently unrelated factual fragments into some logical patterns. Tom Sutcliffe is in the chair to ensure fair play, and to provide gentle good-humoured hints when they seem to be needed.

Producer: Paul Bajoria.

SAT 23:30 Poetry Please (b01n9whp)

Celebrating the Bicentenary of Edward Lear's Birth

Roger McGough celebrates the bicentenary of Edward Lear's birth. Shirley Henderson and Andrew Sachs read a selection of his nonsense poems as requested by listeners, including The Jumbles and The Quangle Wangle's Hat. Adding to the mix are some old favourites like Elton Hayes singing The Owl and the Pussycat to a small guitar and Kenneth Williams' unique interpretation of The Dong with the Luminous Nose.

Produced by Beatrice Fenton.

SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER 2012**SUN 00:00 Midnight News (b01nfc5s)**

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SUN 00:30 James Hopkin - A Georgian Trilogy (b01ng1hz)

The Soul Is Missing Fairy Tales!

The third of three specially commissioned stories by James Hopkin, inspired by his travels in Georgia in Autumn 2008.

A tour bus of journalists, writers and artists breaks down on the infamous military highway from Vladikavkaz to Tbilisi. It is

only nine days since the Russian army withdrew from parts of Georgia, but there are rumours of a return.

Read by Ben Miles.

Producer: Rosalind Ward
A Sweet Talk production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b01nfc5v)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b01nfc5x)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

SUN 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b01nfc5z)

The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 05:30 News Briefing (b01nfc61)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 05:43 Bells on Sunday (b01ng1j1)

The bells of St Mary the Virgin, Ilminster, Suffolk.

SUN 05:45 Profile (b01ng15j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 06:00 News Headlines (b01nfc66)

The latest national and international news.

SUN 06:05 Something Understood (b01ng1j3)

Homecoming

Mark Tully discusses a concept encapsulated in the words of Julian of Norwich - that "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." Should we all be thinking about belief in a God, who ultimately always comforts us - the god St Paul describes as "the God of all comfort who comforteth us in all tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God"?

It would take courage and faith to trust in God the comforter because of course very often we go through travails which seem endless.

Mark talks to journalist Christopher Howse and introduces readings from Gerard Manley Hopkins, John Donne and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, with music ranging from Handel to Melody Gardot and REM.

Producer: Frank Stirling
A Unique production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 06:35 On Your Farm (b01ng1j5)

Farmer of the Year finalist: Henry Edmunds

Adam Henson and Christine Tacon visit the second finalist vying to become Farmer of the Year as part of this year's BBC Food and Farming Awards. Henry Edmunds farms the Cholderton Estate near Salisbury and has already been named as the UK's most wildlife friendly farmer by the RSPB.

The three finalists come from Devon, Wiltshire and Yorkshire and the winner will be announced at the BBC Food and Farming Awards on the 28th of November.

Produced by Anna Varle.

SUN 06:57 Weather (b01nfc6c)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 07:00 News and Papers (b01nfc6h)

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

SUN 07:10 Sunday (b01ng1j7)

As Roman Catholic pilgrims are evacuated from Lourdes following flooding, we hear from from a UK tour operator based in the town.

Matt Wells reports from the swing state of Ohio, ahead of the US election. Fears over immigration are dominating the battle for Latino hearts and minds

Many people with mental health problems report that the stigma can have a worse impact than the mental health problem itself. A seminar at Lambeth Palace explored how the faith

communities can help combat the stigma. Trevor Barnes went along.

Baroness Cox's Arbitration and Mediation Bill had its second reading in parliament this week. Kevin Bocquet met Muslim women's rights campaigner Kalsoom Bashir, who supports the bill, and Muslim Academic Amra Bone who sits on the Sharia Law panel. Edward also speaks to Baroness Cox about the reasoning behind her bill and some of the women she has met while researching the bill.

In Russia the dangerous French art of Parkour, jumping from roof top to roof top is being used as a way of rehabilitating young offenders. The Russian Orthodox Church is teaching this as a way of introducing discipline to their life.

Mosques all over the country will be praying for the rapid recovery of Malala. Edward talks to Dr Shuruk Naquib who will talk about the attitude of Islam towards educating women.

The acclaimed Scottish novelist, Ali Smith, gave this year's Manchester Sermon at the city's Literature Festival. The remit for the sermon was to reflect on the ethical issues of the day. Edward met her at Manchester Cathedral.

Operation Black Vote has launched a campaign with the black churches to recruit one million new voters by the 2015 general election - church leader Bishop Doyé Agama talks about why the campaign is needed now.

SUN 07:55 Radio 4 Appeal (b01ng1j9)

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Danny Mills presents the Radio 4 Appeal for SHINE.
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SUN 07:57 Weather (b01nfc6k)

The latest weather forecast.

SUN 08:00 News and Papers (b01nfc6m)

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

SUN 08:10 Sunday Worship (b01ng1je)

"ASKING QUESTIONS" A Service of Worship from Hillsborough Presbyterian Church in County Down. Led by the Rev Andrew Conway. Preacher: Rev John Davey. Organist and Director of Music: Diane McMullan. Producer: Bert Tosh. Broadcast Assistant: Robert Gardiner

Job 38.1-7

Mark 10.35-45

God is here as we his people

And can it be that I should gain

Here I am

For the healing of the nations

When our confidence is shaken.

SUN 08:50 A Point of View (b01nbtb9)

What Will China Be Like as a Superpower? 2/4

In this second talk, he examines the tributary system, the historical China-centric network of international relations which involved other parts of East Asia accepting the principle of Chinese superiority in return for protection and access to the Chinese market, an arrangement distinct to European forms of colonialism. He asks whether a system of this kind is now re-emerging.

Martin Jacques is the author of 'When China Rules the World'.

Producer: Rosamund Jones.

SUN 09:00 Broadcasting House (b01ng1jf)

Sunday morning magazine programme with news and conversation about the big stories of the week, presented by Paddy O'Connell. Reviewing the papers, comedian and actress Jocelyn Jee Esien, former Today programme editor Kevin Marsh and soldier & author Patrick Hennessey.

SUN 10:00 The Archers Omnibus (b01ng1jh)

For detailed descriptions see daily episodes

Writer...Joanna Toye

Director...Kim Greengrass
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Ruth Archer..... Felicity Finch
Pip Archer..... Helen Monks
Brian Aldridge..... Charles Collingwood
Jennifer Aldridge..... Angela Piper
Matt Crawford..... Kim Durham
Lilian Bellamy..... Sunny Ormonde
Jolene Perks..... Buffy Davis
Fallon Rogers..... Joanna Van Kampen
Kathy Perks..... Hedli Niklaus
Jamie Perks..... Dan Ciotkowski
Eddie Grundy..... Trevor Harrison
Emma Grundy..... Emerald O'Hanrahan
Edward Grundy..... Barry Farrimond
Neil Carter..... Brian Hewlett
Susan Carter..... Charlotte Martin
Lynda Snell..... Carole Boyd
Kirsty Miller..... Annabelle Dowler
Jazzer McCreary..... Ryan Kelly
Jim Lloyd..... John Rowe
James Bellamy..... Roger May
Rhys Williams..... Scott Arthur
Arthur Walters..... David Hargreaves
Doctor..... Jan Knightley.

SUN 11:15 Desert Island Discs (b01ng1kv)
Mona Siddiqui

Kirsty Young's castaway this week is the academic & commentator, Mona Siddiqui.

Born in Karachi and brought up in Huddersfield, she's a rarity - a female Muslim theologian. As Professor of Islamic and Interreligious Studies at Edinburgh University her analysis regularly sheds light on controversial issues affecting the Muslim faith. Her calm & reasoned standpoint can be heard regularly on the Today programme's Thought for the Day.

Brought up in a house stuffed full of books, her academic promise revealed itself early on and despite dallying with the idea of journalism as a career, she finally followed the path her mother wanted for her - academia. She says, "I like to be in places where I feel my voice can be heard and I can say things of some value."

Producer: Cathy Drysdale.

SUN 12:00 The Museum of Curiosity (b01n9yfs)
Series 5

Ker, Stephenson Connolly, Geim

Professor of Ignorance at the University of Buckingham, Professor John Lloyd CBE is joined by comedian Jimmy Carr for the fifth series.

Three guests are invited to donate one item each and explain why it deserves a place in the museum.

John and Jimmy welcome comedian Humphrey Ker, sex therapist, comedian and author Dr Pamela Stephenson-Connolly and Nobel Physics Laureate Professor Sir Andre Geim.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012

SUN 12:32 The Food Programme (b01ng1tw)
The Future of the Oven

Tim Hayward glimpses the future of the domestic oven. After decades of remaining relatively unchanged, ovens will soon be intelligent, with probes, steam and user interfaces.

Mary Berry gives Tim some tips on how best to use your oven, and food historian Bee Wilson explains how ovens used to be so cutting edge that people were afraid of them.

Presenter: Tim Hayward. Producer: Emma Weatherill.

SUN 12:57 Weather (b01nfc6p)
The latest weather forecast.

SUN 13:00 The World This Weekend (b01ng1ty)

The latest national and international news with Shaun Ley, including an in-depth look at events around the world. Email: wato@bbc.co.uk; twitter: #theworldthisweekend.

SUN 13:30 The 'arse that Jack Built (b01ljwm4)

Ian McMillan goes on a quest to find one of Britain's strangest linguistic features.

Somewhere between Sheffield and Chesterfield, people stop saying house and say something that sounds a lot more like 'arse.

It's an isogloss, a kind of linguistic boundary line where accent and dialect changes. Ian calls it the house / arse interface, and with his friend the musician Ray Hearn and linguist Kate Burland in tow, he sets out to track it down.

But can it really be as simple as crossing a line on a map?

Producer: Laura Thomas

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in August 2012.

SUN 14:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b01nbT9n)
Kidlington

Eric Robson chairs an episode of the horticultural panel programme recorded in Kidlington in Oxfordshire, with Pippa Greenwood, Matthew Wilson, and Anne Swithinbank taking questions from a local audience.

Produced by Howard Shannon
A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 14:45 The Listening Project (b01ng1v0)
Sunday Edition

Fi Glover presents conversations about dead pets, plastic surgery, retirement, and the impact of disability on family relationships between sisters, married couples, and 8-year-old friends in the Sunday edition of Radio 4's series that proves it's surprising what you hear when you listen.

The Listening Project is a Radio 4 initiative that offers a snapshot of contemporary Britain in which people across the UK volunteer to have a conversation with someone close to them about a subject they've never discussed intimately before. The conversations are being gathered across the UK by teams of producers from local and national radio stations who facilitate each encounter. Every conversation - they're not BBC interviews, and that's an important difference - lasts up to an hour, and is then edited to extract the key moment of connection between the participants. Many of the long conversations are being archived by the British Library and used to build up a collection of voices capturing a unique portrait of the UK in the second decade of the millennium. You can upload your own conversations or just learn more about The Listening Project by visiting bbc.co.uk/listeningproject

Producer: Marya Burgess.

SUN 15:00 Classic Serial (b01ng1v2)
The Gothic Imagination

Dracula, pt 2

2/2 Bram Stoker's disturbing vampire tale of horror, in a new version by Rebecca Lenkiewicz. Lucy Westenra is dead, but Professor Van Helsing is determined to find out the true cause of her death, track it down, fight it and defeat it forever.

Directed by Jessica Dromgoole.

SUN 16:00 Open Book (b01ng26b)
AM Homes on her new novel May We Be Forgiven

A. M. Homes discusses her poignant and funny new book *May We Be Forgiven*. Academic and Nixon obsessive Harold is our companion in this whirlwind of a novel when his dull life is ruptured by his super successful brother George, who having caused a terrible road accident, commits an even more heinous crime within his own home.

After James Bond has got the baddies and usually the girl, who is left to clear up the foreign relations devastation? The answer of course is the Diplomatic Service. It's a career that's been lampooned brilliantly by the likes of Evelyn Waugh and Graham Greene but Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles and Brigid Keenan, who have both written memoirs about diplomatic life, discuss the real story behind the embassy door.

A British presence was established in what is now Western Australia in the 1820s, home to the indigenous Noongar people. It was a colonisation that led to violence and disease, and fights for land reclamation that continue to this day. The award winning author Kim Scott, who has a foot in both camps with a white mother and a Noongar father, talks about how his latest novel *That Deadman Dance* uses this first contact to explore the fractious relationship between white and indigenous peoples

and its oppressive and emotional impact.

Producer: Andrea Kidd.

SUN 16:30 Learning to Love Dafydd (b01ng26d)

Gwyneth Lewis, the first Welsh Poet Laureate whose giant words light up the front of the Wales Millennium Centre, has never been able to come to terms with the great Welsh language poet Dafydd ap Gwilym.

He's the Welsh equivalent of Chaucer or Shakespeare and has been hugely influential on contemporary Welsh poetry, from Dylan Thomas to the bardic competitions on Radio Cymru. But Gwyneth's teenage self found him sexist and laddish and a representative of a tradition she rebelled against.

As a Welsh language poet Gwyneth feels she can't avoid Dafydd any longer and needs to face him head on. She visits the ruined abbey at Strata Florida in West Wales where he worked and was buried, meets songwriter and former lead singer of Catatonia Cerys Matthews and Welsh poet and language activist Menna Elfyn, and goes in search of him in the poetry competitions at the National Eisteddfod of Wales. Actor Steffan Rhodri brings Dafydd ap Gwilym's poetry to life.

Gwyneth tries to come to terms with her heritage and learn to love Dafydd - and see if she can write a poem directly to him.

Producer: Allegra McLroy.

SUN 17:00 File on 4 (b01nb1sc)
Recoiling the Arab Spring

The ultra-conservative Salafist movement, which is said to be the fastest growing branch of Islam, has been blamed for being behind many of the recent violent protests over an anti-Muslim film which appeared on the internet. Jenny Cuffe investigates the spread of Salafism across the countries of the Arab Spring. She asks what threat it poses to democracy in the whole region and also examines concerns in Europe that Salafists now represent a significant security risk.

Presenter: Jenny Cuffe
Producer: Ian Muir-Cochrane.

SUN 17:40 Profile (b01ng15j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Saturday]

SUN 17:54 Shipping Forecast (b01nfc6t)
The latest shipping forecast.

SUN 17:57 Weather (b01nfc6w)
The latest weather forecast.

SUN 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b01nfc6y)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

SUN 18:15 Pick of the Week (b01ng26j)

This week we have the unusual experience of Radio 4 presenters hallucinating live on air and if that wasn't enough, there's Reece Shearsmith being stalked by ghostly women, there's the story of how the chaps in the Commons made life as difficult as it could be for Nancy Astor the first woman to take a seat in the British parliament in 1919.

We've a lesson in 'Interrogation without Pliers', the Kafkaesque tale of a man left with no home and no state in India, how the gas cooker helped the women's movement and ..the pros and cons of perming your eyelashes. All that and a serenade from the lovely Kate Rusby.

Hallucination: Through the Doors of Perception - Radio 4
Hollywood on the Tiber - Radio 4
Interrogators Without Pliers - Radio 4
Witness: The Cuban Missile Crisis - World Service
World at One: 95 Year Old Headmaster - Radio 4
Nowhere Man - World Service
Kate Rusby: Live in Concert - Radio 2
Meet David Sedaris - Radio 4
Digital Human - Radio 4
A Call From The Dead - Radio 4extra
Scream Queens - Radio 4
The Food Programme - Radio 4 (archive material c/o National Grid Archive)
Book of the Week: Nancy, The Story of Astor - Radio 4
Breakfast Show with Toby Foster - Radio Sheffield.

SUN 19:00 The Archers (b01ng26l)

Brian and Will discuss the shoot. Bird numbers are dwindling due to the bad summer weather. Brian thinks this might not make a huge difference, since bookings are down anyway. Ruairi's wishing he didn't have to go back to school. He likes watching the shoot.

George is bored at the Apple Day event until Will offers to buy him a toffee apple. Fed up Emma tackles Will about splashing the cash, accusing him of undermining her. Will thinks this is an overreaction; he refuses to ask her permission for everything he does for George.

Joe starts the cider making demonstration, removing his teeth to relieve his sore mouth. When Eddie tells him to put the teeth back in there's panic as Joe realises they're lost - probably in the apple scatter. Joe's worried about how he'll manage with no teeth. Eddie just tells him not to open his mouth. He doesn't want this becoming known.

The atmosphere at the Dower House is still icy. They bicker over Matt's reluctance to visit James, and Matt's attitude towards him generally. Lilian asserts that whatever Matt thinks, James will come straight to the Dower House when he's discharged, and will stay until he's better.

SUN 19:15 Meet David Sedaris (b01ng26n)
Series 3

Put a Lid on It

The multi-award winning American essayist brings more of his wit and charm to BBC Radio 4 with a series of audience readings. This week we encounter his sister, Tiffany, in a story called "Put A Lid On It" and hear some more extracts from his diaries.

Producer: Steve Doherty
A Boom Pictures Cymru production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 19:45 Alice Munro - Dear Life (b01nhcq8)
In Sight of the Lake

Alice Munro was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2013. She is widely regarded as a doyenne of the short story form, a writer whose acuity and compassion shines through all her work. These stories are from her 2012 collection, Dear Life.

Set mostly in the small towns and quiet domestic surroundings of her native Canada, Munro, as always, captures the ordinary and reveals the extraordinary that lies beneath. Life is laid bare, and the complicated emotions of normal lives resonate long after the final page is turned.

Today in 'In Sight of the Lake' a woman goes in search of a doctor, again.

The reader is Liza Ross,
The abridger is Sally Marmion
The producer is Di Speirs.

SUN 20:00 Feedback (b01nbt9v)
Presented by Roger Bolton, this is the place to air your views on the things you hear on BBC Radio.
This programme's content is entirely directed by you.

If the Prime Minister hasn't given a speech yet, why report on it? When a politician speaks, what does he really mean? In this week's Feedback, Roger Bolton gets a lesson in political code-breaking from chief political correspondent Ben Wright. Ben takes us behind the scenes at BBC Westminster and answers your questions about the dark art of political reporting.

A heartfelt plea from listeners who can only get long wave - get rid of the cricket! Radio 4's Network Manager Denis Nowlan responds to listeners who are fed up with losing their regular Radio 4 schedule when the cricket is on. And if the men's cricket deserves it's long wave spot, why not the women's? We hear from disappointed fans who feel that airing the women's cricket on digital-only stations keeps the sport away from bigger audiences.

Plus the return of the Chicken Forecast. After a brief clip in last week's programme left listeners clamouring for more, we reveal the full story of the cult phenomenon sweeping the nation.

Producer: Kate Taylor
A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

SUN 20:30 Last Word (b01nbt9s)
Keith Campbell, King Sihanouk, Wendy Greengross, Danny Sims, Sylvia Kristel

John Wilson on

Professor Keith Campbell, the geneticist whose cloning experiments helped create Dolly the Sheep.

King Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia, who led his country to independence, was forced into exile after a coup and later returned as part of a deal with the Khmer Rouge.

Wendy Greengross - a pioneering GP who became a tabloid agony aunt and sex counsellor.

Danny Sims, the music manager who discovered Bob Marley.

And actress Sylvia Kristel who starred in the Emmanuelle series of erotic films.

They're all coming up after the news at 4pm.

SUN 21:00 Money Box (b01ng09g)
[Repeat of broadcast at 12:00 on Saturday]

SUN 21:26 Radio 4 Appeal (b01ng1j9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 today]

SUN 21:30 Analysis (b01n9yg1)
Manuel Castells: Alternative Economic Cultures

Paul Mason interviews renowned sociologist Prof Manuel Castells about the rise of alternative economic cultures since the financial crisis. Recorded in front of an audience at the London School of Economics on Monday 8th October.

The financial crisis which has unfolded since 2008 marks more than an economic downturn, according to Prof Castells. The problems which caused the crisis are so deep rooted that they have provoked a profound reassessment of our economic beliefs and institutions. They have also given rise to social movements such as Occupy and alternative economic cultures opposed to financial capitalism. These ideas are explored in "Aftermath: The Cultures of the Economic Crisis", a book edited by Prof Castells.

Manuel Castells is Professor of Sociology, and Director of the Internet Interdisciplinary Institute at the Open University of Catalonia (UOC), in Barcelona. He is also University Professor and the Wallis Annenberg Chair Professor of Communication Technology and Society at the Annenberg School of Communication, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Paul Mason is the Economics Editor of BBC 2's Newsnight programme. His books include Meltdown: The End of the Age of Greed; and Why It's Kicking Off Everywhere: The New Global Revolutions.

The hashtag for this event is #LSECastells.

SUN 22:00 Westminster Hour (b01ng26q)
Preview of the week's political agenda at Westminster with MPs, experts and commentators. Discussion of the issues politicians are grappling with in the corridors of power.

SUN 22:45 What the Papers Say (b01ng26s)
Andrew Gimson of the London Evening Standard analyses how the newspapers are covering the biggest stories.

SUN 23:00 The Film Programme (b01nbrj5)
Apocalypse looms in the waterlogged deep south of America - director Benh Zeitlin talks Beasts of the Southern Wild. Cinema owner Kevin Markwick gives a potted history of the ad reel. Filmmaker Sally Potter discusses her latest, Ginger and Rosa, a teenage drama set at the start of the Cold War. And critic Scott Jordan Harris reveals his film of the year - a three hour epic - Woody Allen: A Documentary, directed by Robert B. Weide.

Producer: Craig Smith.

SUN 23:30 Something Understood (b01ng1j3)
[Repeat of broadcast at 06:05 today]

MONDAY 22 OCTOBER 2012

MON 00:00 Midnight News (b01nfc8r)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by Weather.

MON 00:15 Thinking Allowed (b01nbq5y)
Sociologists and the financial crisis - Against security

Are the stringent checks at airports really for our benefit? 'Against Security', a new book by the acclaimed American sociologist, Harvey Molotch, explores the complex systems which are designed to make us feel safe in public places. He tells Laurie Taylor why he thinks that security measures in airports and subways, post 9.11, have damaged the pleasure and dignity of our daily lives. They're joined by the design critic, Stephen Bayley. Also, Sociology's failure to address the

financial crisis. The social scientist, Alberto Toscano's paper 'Reformism and Melancholia' argues that the twin spectres of Fordism and Keynesianism have prevented sociologists from imagining a future beyond austerity.

Producer: Jayne Egerton.

MON 00:45 Bells on Sunday (b01ng1j1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 05:43 on Sunday]

MON 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b01nfc8t)
The latest shipping forecast.

MON 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b01nfc8w)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

MON 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b01nfc8y)
The latest shipping forecast.

MON 05:30 News Briefing (b01nfc90)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b01ng2dr)
A spiritual comment and prayer to begin the day with Sheikh Michael Mumisa, of the Woolf Institute for Abrahamic Faiths, Cambridge.

MON 05:45 Farming Today (b01ng2ql)
The National Farmers Union say they are poised for the badger cull to begin. Adam Quinny, the NFU's Vice President, told Farming Today that everything was in place for the cull to go ahead. He criticises the RSPCA for attacking free-roaming badgers, while permitting it for the culling of deer and seals.

A new study released today claims that pyrethroid and neonicotinoid pesticides are having a devastating effect on bumble and solitary bees. Dr Nigel Raine from Royal Holloway University, London, who conducted the study, says these findings need to be taken in to consideration when licensing pesticides.

As the Bramley Apple harvest finishes in Armagh, Ruth Sanderson visits a father and son apple grower. Sam and Greg McNeice talk about the importance of their newly gained PGI status and why the Armagh Bramley deserves this special plaudit.

Farming Today was presented by Charlotte Smith and presented in Birmingham by Ruth Sanderson.

MON 05:57 Weather (b01nfc92)
The latest weather forecast for farmers.

MON 06:00 Today (b01ng2qn)
Morning news and current affairs with James Naughtie and Sarah Montague, including:0750

David Cameron will deliver a speech on criminal justice today and is expected to promise that the government will be "tough but intelligent." The Justice Secretary Chris Grayling outlines what is new about the plans.

0810

The BBC will broadcast a Panorama special on Monday examining why Newsnight dropped an investigation into Jimmy Savile's abuse of children. John Whittingdale, Chair of Culture, Media & Sport Select Committee, explains the extent to which this has damaged the BBC's reputation.

0818

Despite the efforts of government to cap housing benefit and control its spiralling cost, the total bill is set to rise over the coming years. Housing Minister Mark Prisk MP explains that lack of supply of new housing is the underlying problem.

0822

It is the third and final of the US presidential debates tonight and candidates are currently level in the polls. Candy Crowley, CNN anchor who moderated the second debate and host of State of the Union, outlines what we can expect to hear from the candidates.

MON 09:00 Start the Week (b01ng2qq)
Modernism with Ali Smith and Kevin Jackson

On Start the Week Andrew Marr looks at the legacy of modernism. Kevin Jackson returns to 1922, the year he argues changed the literary world with publications of Joyce's Ulysses

and TS Eliot's *The Waste Land*. And Ali Smith reveals how her writing today melds different forms to explore style, love, death and the art of writing. But Will Gompertz and the composer Julian Anderson argue that art and music respectively embraced modernism earlier and more profoundly than the world of literature.
Producer: Katy Hickman.

MON 09:45 Book of the Week (b01ng2qs)

Into the Abyss

Episode 1

Read by Barbara Barnes.

The astonishing true life adventure story of a plane crash in the wilds of northern Canada and the four men who survived to tell the tale.

On a wintry October night in 1984, nine passengers boarded a Piper Navajo commuter plane bound for remote communities in the far north of Canada. Only four people - strangers from wildly different backgrounds - survived the night that followed: the pilot, a prominent politician, an accused criminal and the rookie policeman escorting him.

The title is taken from the American mythologist Joseph Campbell who explored mankind's quest for meaning and adventure: 'It is by going down into the abyss that we recover the treasures of life'.

The author, Carol Shaben, is the daughter of Larry Shaben a politician in the Alberta Legislature who survived the crash. Using extensive interviews with all the remaining survivors and their families, as well as investigation reports and court records, she reconstructs the events leading up to the fatal crash and unravels the enduring impact it had on the four survivors and the bonds they formed that night on the mountain.

Episode 1:

When Carol Shaben was starting out as a young journalist in Jerusalem, she opened the paper one day and saw a tiny report on an inside page. It briefly described a small plane crash back in Canada, only four of the ten people on board had survived. One of them was her father.

Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 10:00 Woman's Hour (b01ng2qv)

Dionne Warwick, Neda Soltani, Abortion debate

Soul music legend Dionne Warwick on fifty years of hits and how she became the muse of songwriting duo Burt Bacharach and Hal David; Neda Soltani on the case of mistaken identity that led to her being confused with an Iranian student shot dead during protests in Tehran in 2009 and its impact on her life; is the abortion debate more rightly owned by women than men?; why one organisation believes that women's rights in the UK have come to a standstill and in some cases are being reversed. Presented by Jane Garvey
Producer: Dianne McGregor.

MON 10:45 The Pillow Book (b01ng2qx)

Series 5

Episode 1

Lady Shonagon and Lieutenant Yukinari reunite for a new mystery in 10th century Japan.

Yukinari returns to the palace to find that the Lady Shonagon's affections are no longer his, and furthermore his lover is not pleased to see him. Instead she is focused on unravelling a mystery that Yukinari cannot understand: the mystery of her friend's marriage - a passionate affair between a woman of royal blood and a young low-born poet that seems to be moving towards an increasingly dark place.

Meanwhile, the entire palace is captivated by the Emperor's new pet - a tiger sent all the way from India.

Inspired by the writings of Sei Shonagon, a poet and lady-in-waiting to the Empress of the 10th Century Japanese court.

Written by Robert Forrester.

Directed by Lu Kemp.

MON 11:00 Earworms (b01ng2qz)

Earworms are those nagging songs you find yourself humming on the bus.

In this programme, music presenter Shaun Keaveny meets fellow sufferers and scientists to find out why songs get stuck in

our head. He asks songwriter Guy Garvey from Elbow how to write a catchy tune and discovers the Holy Grail of musicians everywhere - the 'earworm formula'.

For the past three years on his 6 Music breakfast show, Shaun has been asking listeners to send in their earworms. When psychologist Dr Lauren Stewart found out, she was fascinated by this strange mental phenomenon. Together they've compiled the largest study on earworms to date, with over 10,000 reports from people around the world.

Lauren and her team at Goldsmiths have found that some people are particularly susceptible to earworms. Plus they are starting to discover that certain songs are more 'earwormy' than others.

So is there a secret formula behind the world's catchiest tunes?

Producer: Michelle Martin

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

MON 11:30 Ayres on the Air (b01mxypr)
Series 4

Summer

Pam Ayres continues her series of poetry and sketch shows about the seasons.

Summer includes matters of keeping cool, finding the perfect swimsuit, summer weddings and eating al fresco.

Her poems include: No Alarm on the Flight Deck, That Perfect Swimsuit, The Seagull and The Swifts Are Back.

With Felicity Montagu and Geoffrey Whitehead

Producer: Claire Jones.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Extra in September 2012.

MON 12:00 You and Yours (b01ng3zy)

Criminalising council house subletting and the future of train fares

MPs are considering making subletting council property a criminal offence.

A listener warns of a new scam in which crooks masquerade as police officers to trick you into handing over thousands of pounds of cash on your doorstep.

And part two of our examination of rail franchises. The experts - and you - discuss what you want and what's realistic when it comes to train fares and ticketing.

MON 12:57 Weather (b01nfc94)

The latest weather forecast.

MON 13:00 World at One (b01ng400)

National and international news with Shaun Ley. Listeners can share their views via email: wato@bbc.co.uk or on twitter: #wato.

MON 13:45 Foreign Bodies (b01nrxgr)

Series 1

Belgium - Hercule Poirot and Jules Maigret

Mark Lawson looks at modern European history through the device of crime fiction.

In the first programme, he's assisted in his inquiries by Jules Maigret and Hercule Poirot as he probes Belgium's unexpected prominence in the history of detective fiction. Poirot was created by an English woman and Maigret, a French detective, created by a Belgian Georges Simenon.

With Val McDermid, Lord Grey Gowrie, Andrea Camilleri and David Suchet.

Crime fiction reflects society's tensions. Helped by famous literary detectives, Mark shows how crimes reflect Europe's times from the 20th-century world wars to the Eurozone crisis and nationalist tensions of the 21st.

In crime fiction, everyday details become crucial clues: the way people dress and speak, the cars they drive, the jobs they have, the meals they eat. And the motivations of the criminals often turn on guilty secrets: how wealth was created, who slept with whom, what somebody did in the war. For these reasons, detective novels often tell the story of a place and a time much better than more literary novels and newspapers which can take

a lot of contemporary information for granted.

Mark Lawson's series focuses on some of the celebrated investigators of European fiction and their creators: from popular modern protagonists - including Henning Mankell's Kurt Wallander, Jo Nesbø's Harry Hole and Andrea Camilleri's Inspector Montalbano - through Ian Rankin's Inspector Rebus and Lynda La Plante's DCI Jane Tennison back to Friedrich Dürrenmatt's Inspector Barlach and Josef Skvorecky's Lieutenant Boruvka.

Producer: Robyn Read.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

MON 14:00 The Archers (b01ng26f)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Sunday]

MON 14:15 Drama (b01ng402)

Best Queue

Absurdist, existential drama by Sean Grundy about a family stuck in a queue that never ends.

One Tuesday evening, Jean Brooker receives a call from her husband Mark. He tells her to quickly come and join him and their two teenage kids in a queue forming at the end of Daisy Street: apparently someone's giving away a million pounds to anyone who makes it to the front. When Jean turns up it's an incredible sight, the queue has gained thousands of people and goes on for miles, moving intermittently. A celebrity turns up with a TV crew and it's all very exciting. Food and water is handed down the line, and, at first, it feels like a street party. But as the days pass, the Brookers lose track of time and their lives change from stability and ordinariness to despair and chaos and their commitment to the queue and to each other is sorely tested.

Producer: Alison Crawford.

MON 15:00 Round Britain Quiz (b01ng404)

(8/12)

Why might you find Julia Roberts and King Lear's daughters on a pedestrian crossing in Louisiana?

This is just the first of the mind-bending puzzles the teams in today's contest have to tackle. Alan Taylor and Michael Alexander of Scotland take on Polly Devlin and Brian Feeney of Northern Ireland, in a return fixture following Northern Ireland's victory a few weeks ago.

Tom Sutcliffe is in the chair, to award points and to give the teams the gentlest of verbal nudges when they seem to be struggling. As usual the programme features two questions devised by Round Britain Quiz listeners. The programme was recorded in County Antrim: but does this give the Northern Ireland team any home advantage?

Producer: Paul Bajoria.

MON 15:30 The Food Programme (b01ng1tw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 12:32 on Sunday]

MON 16:00 Monty Python's Fliegender Zirkus! (b010y1wr)

Roll up, it's Monty Python's Fliegender Zirkus! This is the extraordinary tale of when the Pythons went Bavarian.

German Comedy Ambassador, Henning Wehn, tells the story of how in 1971 the Pythons were flown into Bavaria, full of new original ideas for sketches, including pieces about the German artist Albrecht Durer, William Tell and The Merchant of Venice. They also adapted the popular Flying Circus Lumberjack Song into German and planned to sing it with the Austria Border Police Choir.

Only Michael Palin and John Cleese were capable of delivering lines in 'understandable' German. Despite extensive language coaching, Eric Idle, Terry Gilliam, Terry Jones and Graham Chapman were virtually incomprehensible. This may have added to the Pythons' trademark absurdity and surrealism, but was somewhat confusing to the German TV audience.

Realising this dream was becoming a nightmare, Alfred Biolek took the decision to make the second programme in English, with German overdub added later. It proved to be a major hit on German TV, but all concerned decided it best not to repeat the experience.

We hear clips from both programmes and Michael Palin, Terry Jones and Alfred Biolek, the man who persuaded them to take their comedy to Germany, talk about how they came up with the material for the German shows - and how life on set began to imitate a Monty Python sketch.

Producer: Jo Meek
An All Out production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 16:30 The Digital Human (b01ng40n)
Series 2

Intent

Aleks Krotoski looks at whether we've all become techno-fundamentalists. Do we know what all our technology is for or more intriguingly what it wants?

Aleks hears from Douglas Rushkoff about how the whole of the world around us has always been programmed by architects, religion, and politics. But it's something we seem to have forgotten about technology itself.

Tom Chatfield discusses how the biases of technology (the things it naturally tends towards or is best at) interplay with human nature to turn much of our interaction with technology into some sort of perverse game.

But some of these biases like the end use of technology only emerge once people start to use it. Kevin Kelly is one of the world's most respected commentators on technology he believes that the biases of all our technology put together start to combine so that it behave very much like an organism. His provocative theories are detailed in his book What does Technology want?

We explore these theories by discussing our biggest technologies; the city and whether the latest innovations aiming to make our city's smarter and more sustainable hint at a better future relationship with the world of technology.

MON 17:00 PM (b01nk2q)

Eddie Mair with interviews, context and analysis.

MON 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b01nfc96)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

MON 18:30 The Museum of Curiosity (b01ng413)
Series 5

Roberts, Cottrell Boyce, Nyman

Professor of Ignorance at the University of Buckingham, Professor John Lloyd CBE is joined by comedian Jimmy Carr for the fifth series.

Three guests are invited to donate one item each and explain why it deserves a place in the museum.

John and Jimmy welcome screenwriter Frank Cottrell Boyce, actor/writer/magician Andy Nyman and anatomist Dr Alice Roberts.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

MON 19:00 The Archers (b01ng41j)

Lilian takes chocolates from Ambridge Organics to impatient James, who has a growing list of chores for her in advance of his release from hospital. She agrees to his bewildering array of demands, including retrieving items from the car pound and collecting belongings from his flat. Alarmed at his talk of discharging himself, she leaves him with a promise to return in the morning with his shaver and clean pyjamas.

In the corridor, Lilian is surprised by a phone call from Paul. Guiltily she apologises for not being in touch. She assures Paul that James is fine, and promises to call back once she's in her car.

Fallon's nervous about her interview at Jaxx. Kenton gives her some tips and tells her she's the perfect candidate. Her creativity and energy will give her the edge over Naomi. Kirsty reassures Fallon her nerves will vanish once she gets in to the interview. And she'd be a dream to work for, unlike bossy Naomi. Fallon's still not convinced. And when she emerges she's even less sure. She thinks it went OK, but is worried that Don was inscrutable and unsmiling throughout. She'll find out tomorrow morning, one way or another.

MON 19:15 Front Row (b01ng4h1)

Skyfall director Sam Mendes, Kevin Costner's TV series

With Kirsty Lang.

Sam Mendes, director of the new James Bond film Skyfall, discusses the vital ingredients needed to make a successful 007 adventure, and the art of updating Ian Fleming's classic character for a contemporary audience.

Kevin Costner won the Best Actor in a mini-series award at the Emmys this year for his performance in the TV drama Hatfields & McCoys. He's not the only Hollywood star winning acclaim on TV - Claire Danes, Julianne Moore and Jessica Lange all also won Emmys this year for their small-screen work. As Hatfields & McCoys comes to the UK, Sarah Churchill reviews the programme, and considers the allure of TV for cinema stars.

Biographer Tom Reiss discusses the real Count of Monte Cristo: General Alexandre Dumas was an idol of Revolutionary France, famed for his military exploits and physical courage. He inspired the adventure novels The Three Musketeers and The Count Of Monte Cristo, which were written by his son, also called Alexandre. Tom Reiss discusses how General Dumas, the son of a black slave, rose to a position of power, which brought him into conflict with Napoleon.

Producer Claire Bartleet.

MON 19:45 The Pillow Book (b01ng2qx)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

MON 20:00 The Real Rachman - Lord of the Slums (b01ng4h3)

History tells us that Peter Rachman was a slum landlord; the evil head of an empire based on vice, violence and extortion. His festering heartland was Notting Hill - long before the rich and famous made it their home.

But can we really trust history?

On the fiftieth anniversary of Rachman's death, Joshua Levine goes in search of the man behind the legend. Looking beyond the tabloid headlines and the scandal of the Profumo affair, he asks whether Rachman deserves such a sordid reputation?

With no films or tapes, and only three photographs of the notorious 50s landlord, rumour and hearsay is all that remains. In an attempt to find the truth, Levine tracks down the key players who can shed light on Rachman's past. Mandy Rice Davis, famous for her role in the Profumo scandal, tells Josh about the generous, intelligent and vulnerable man she fell in love with as a 16 year old fresh to London; controversial modern landlord Nicholas van Hoogstraten shares how landlords like he and Rachman made money out of the slums; and noted psychologist James Thompson analyses the behaviour of Rachman in light of his experiences as a Holocaust survivor.

With access to newly released Home Office documents and old Rachman tenants, Joshua Levine pieces together the puzzle to ask who is the real Peter Rachman?

Produced by Gemma Newby
A Goldhawk Essential Limited production for BBC Radio 4.

MON 20:30 Analysis (b01ng4h5)
The School of Hard Facts

E.D. Hirsch is a little-known American professor whose radical ideas about what should be taught in schools are set to have a profound effect on English schools. A favoured intellectual of the Education Secretary, Michael Gove, Hirsch advocates a curriculum strongly grounded in facts and knowledge. He also believes that there are certain specific ideas, works of literature and scientific concepts which everyone should know so that they can be active participants in society.

Presenter Fran Abrams interviews Hirsch about his ideas. She considers their likely impact on English schools and speaks to the former English schools minister, Nick Gibb MP, who championed Hirsch's ideas when he was in government. He explains the reasons for bringing Hirsch's ideas across the Atlantic and how they could counteract what he describes as a prevailing left-wing ideology among teachers.

Fran also visits London's Pimlico Academy which is pioneering a "Hirsch-style" curriculum in its new primary school. She talks to the young women leading this experiment: Anneliese Briggs and Daisy Christodoulou.

Daisy was once dubbed "Britain's brightest student" after captaining the successful Warwick University team on "University Challenge". She discusses why she finds Hirsch's ideas so compelling. She also explains why, in her view, he stands in a proud left-wing tradition that champions knowledge as power, a view that contrasts with Nick Gibb's more right-of-centre take on Hirsch's ideas.

Fran also talks to Professor Sir Michael Barber, chief education adviser to Pearson and former policy implementation director to Tony Blair in Downing Street, and to a former leading member of the Government's expert panel on the curriculum, Professor Andrew Pollard.

Producer Simon Coates.

MON 21:00 Material World (b01nhrj7)

The ten year randomised badger culling trial was set up under the eye of Lord Krebs. On Material World this week he outlines some of the scientific knowledge - and the gaps in that knowledge - that relate to the two licences granted recently to pilot wider badger culls in England. Badgers can carry TB and infect cattle. Bovine TB is a significant and growing problem for British farmers.

As part of the inaugural Biology Week, Prof. Adam Hart outlines the results from this year's "Flying Ant Survey", promoted by the Society of Biology. 6000 sightings were reported by the public. And it seems that this year at least, there was no single genuine "Flying Ant Day..."

Two interesting new exoplanets have been announced this week: one discovered by the crowd research site planethunters.org which would seem to have four suns; the other, orbiting one of our nearest stars, alpha centauri B, and likely to be our nearest planetary neighbour outside of our solar system.

And finally, this year marks 50 years of British involvement in space. Royal Mail has released a set of stamps covered with images from ESA space probes of the sights of our solar system. Stuart Clark explains.

MON 21:30 Start the Week (b01ng2qq)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

MON 21:58 Weather (b01nfc98)
The latest weather forecast.

MON 22:00 The World Tonight (b01ng4h7)

Presented by Ritula Shah. The editor of the BBC's Newsnight programme - Peter Rippon - has "stepped aside" while an investigation is carried out into his decision not to broadcast a report on Jimmy Savile last year. The BBC has corrected the account posted by Mr Rippon on the internet, saying it had not been accurate in some respects. And the Independent Police Complaints Commission says any investigation it might make into allegations of police behaviour at the Orgreave coking works during the miners' strike would be separate from its inquiry into the Hillsborough disaster.

MON 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b01ng4h9)
Patricia Ferguson - The Midwife's Daughter

Episode 6

By Patricia Ferguson

Read by Joanna Tope

The new novel by Patricia Ferguson is the compassionate and moving story of two sisters and the young black orphan who changes their lives.

Grace has caught the eye of young Tommy Dando. And Violet learns the astonishing truth about her adopted daughter.

Abridged by Robin Brooks

Produced by Gaynor Macfarlane.

MON 23:00 Fresh From the Fringe (b01ng4hc)
Fresh from the Fringe: 2012

Jason Cook hosts a showcase of the best new acts from the 2012 Edinburgh Fringe. Featuring stand-up from Nish Kumar, Celia Pacquola and Dan Schreiber, character comedy from Kieran Hodgson and music from Jonny & the Baptists and Mae Martin.

An extended version of the show, also featuring interviews and outtakes, is available on the BBC Red Button service.

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.

MON 23:30 Today in Parliament (b01ng4hf)

The Prime Minister, David Cameron, promises to ensure the UK's interests are defended as eurozone countries move towards a banking union. But the Labour leader, Ed Miliband, accuses him of "losing control" and alienating the UK's supporters in Europe. MPs debate the findings of the Hillsborough Independent Panel and the Home Secretary says she will work with Labour to see if new laws are needed to compel former police officers to cooperate with the police watchdog, the IPCC. Over in the House of Lords, the Government suffers a defeat over plans to change council tax benefit and concerns are raised over new broadband street cabinets. Susan Hulme and team report on today's events in Parliament.

TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2012

TUE 00:00 Midnight News (b01nfc3)

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

TUE 00:30 Book of the Week (b01ng2qs)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Monday]

TUE 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b01nfc5)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b01nfc7)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

TUE 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b01nfc9)

The latest shipping forecast.

TUE 05:30 News Briefing (b01nfc6)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

TUE 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b01ngn41)

A spiritual comment and prayer to begin the day with Sheikh Michael Mumisa, of the Woolf Institute for Abrahamic Faiths, Cambridge.

TUE 05:45 Farming Today (b01ng7rm)

Organic cereal farmers in the UK are facing a shortage of organically certified, good quality seeds. This year, fusarium, a fungal disease which can greatly reduce yields and even wipe out an entire crop has taken hold in the damp conditions.

As one charity estimates that only around 1% of the paths and bridleways are fully accessible to people with disabilities, Anna Hill asks if the countryside is closed to those with additional access needs.

Presented by Anna Hill and produced in Birmingham by Rich Ward.

TUE 06:00 Today (b01nkyw)

Morning news and current affairs presented by James Naughtie and Sarah Montague, including:

0751

The European Commissioner for Justice Viviane Reding is proposing a new law that would force all major European companies to have at least 40 per cent of their boards made up of women. Helena Morrissey, chief executive of Newton Investment Management, and MEP Mary Honeyball, Labour's spokesperson on gender and equality in the European parliament discuss why the commission is deeply divided on the issue.

0810

The director general of the BBC is in front of the Culture Select Committee this morning and Peter Rippon steps aside as editor of Newsnight, during the Pollard Review into the run up to Newsnight dropping the Savile story. Dame Pauline Neville Jones, a governor of the BBC between 1998 and 2004, and Peter Saunders, chief executive of the National Association for People Abused in Childhood, analyse what happens next and how badly have the BBC's management and regulatory systems failed in the handling of the Savile story.

0820

Reports this morning that the former Director General of the BBC, Mark Thompson was made aware of the Newsnight investigation into Jimmy Savile, after being asked by a BBC journalist at a party whether he was "worried" about it. The BBC's Media correspondent Torin Douglas explains the allegations.

0824

Scouts are to be told not to use nicknames for each other as the Scout Association is worried that using nicknames fuels bullying. Roger Alton, executive editor of the Times and writer for the Spectator, and Quentin Letts, sketch writer at the Daily Mail, discuss whether there is a place for nicknames.

TUE 09:00 The Public Philosopher (b01ng7rr)

Series 2

Immigration

The eminent Harvard political philosopher Michael Sandel is Radio 4's "Public Philosopher." Now, as America prepares for its Presidential elections, he and Radio 4 are going on the road in America with a unique mission to lay bare the deeper moral

questions bound up in the noisy Romney and Obama campaigns.

In this week's programme, Professor Sandel visits the heartland of America's deep south, hosting a public discussion at the University of Dallas in Texas. He challenges ordinary Texans to consider the moral issues raised when it comes to controlling immigration and deciding who should be entitled to citizenship.

Texas has a long frontier with Mexico and the issue of immigration divides people sharply. A million people in Texas are "undocumented" living without immigration papers. Many Hispanic voters want immigration to be reformed and President Obama recently outlined initiatives aimed at this base. Mitt Romney, too, is reaching out to Hispanic voters but many in the Tea Party movement pull the Republicans in the other direction. They insist that the border must be closed and deportations must be stepped up.

Against this backdrop, our public audience will be asked: "how far should an open society go on accepting outsiders?" Michael Sandel weaves through these issues with the help of philosophers past and present.

Producer: Mukul Devichand.

TUE 09:45 Book of the Week (b01njy41)

Into the Abyss

Episode 2

Read by Barbara Barnes.

The astonishing true life adventure story of a plane crash in the wilds of northern Canada and the four men who survived to tell the tale.

On a wintry October night in 1984, nine passengers boarded a Piper Navajo commuter plane bound for remote communities in the far north of Canada. Only four people - strangers from wildly different backgrounds - survived the night that followed: the pilot, a prominent politician, an accused criminal and the rookie policeman escorting him.

The title is taken from the American mythologist Joseph Campbell who explored mankind's quest for meaning and adventure: 'It is by going down into the abyss that we recover the treasures of life'.

The author, Carol Shaben, is the daughter of Larry Shaben a politician in the Alberta Legislature who survived the crash. Using extensive interviews with all the remaining survivors and their families, as well as investigation reports and court records, she reconstructs the events leading up to the fatal crash and unravels the enduring impact it had on the four survivors and the bonds they formed that night on the mountain.

Episode 2:

Erik Vogel was the 24 year old pilot of the Piper Navajo plane and he was not at all comfortable with the idea of flying north on the evening of 19th October 1984. The small airline had been repeatedly cited for safety violations and visibility on that snowy night was dangerously poor.

Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

TUE 10:00 Woman's Hour (b01ng7rt)

PD James, Tina Nash on surviving domestic abuse

P D James, The Queen of Crime Writing, on her long career and being presented with a Lifetime Achievement award at the Women of the Year lunch; Tina Nash on surviving the domestic abuse which left her blind; Rose Heilbron, the first female Q.C. and Diana Henry on how to make smoked salmon at home. Presented by Jane Garvey.

TUE 10:45 The Pillow Book (b01nmj1)

Series 5

Episode 2

Lady Shonagon and Lieutenant Yurkinari reunite for a new mystery in 10th century Japan.

Yurkinari has returned to the palace to ask the Lady Shonagon to be his wife, only to discover that his lover is already married. Furthermore, Shonagon is obsessed by a new mystery, one that Yurkinari cannot understand: the mystery of her friend's marriage - a passionate affair between a woman of royal blood and a young low-born poet that seems to be moving towards an increasingly dark place.

Meanwhile, the entire palace is captivated by the Emperor's new pet - a tiger sent all the way from India.

Inspired by the writings of Sei Shonagon, a poet and lady-in-waiting to the Empress of the 10th Century Japanese court.

Written by Robert Forrester.

Directed by Lu Kemp.

TUE 11:00 Saving Species (b01ng7rw)

Series 3

British Raptors

Before the nineteenth century many bird of prey species were a common sight in our towns and cities, with red kites being frequent scavengers in the City of London. The rise of game shooting from the mid 1800's and changes in agricultural practices saw many birds of prey populations begin to seriously decline. After the World War Two, increased use of agricultural pesticides; pesticides that gradually built up in the ecosystems of birds of prey, finally tipped the balance and many of our once familiar birds of prey such as the peregrine and red kite were slowly driven to near extinction in Britain.

In the 1950's and 60's the tide turned, with the outlawing of certain pesticides; and this along with changing attitudes to what our British countryside was for meant that many of our birds of prey have increased dramatically over the last half century, with some conservationists stating that their recovery is one of the glories of 21st century Britain.

All birds of prey are protected by law, and 2012 saw public opinion reversing a Government plan to allow research into buzzard control to reduce the so-called 'significant' effect of buzzards on pheasant shoots. For this Saving Species, Brett Westwood discusses what does the science and the ecology of birds of prey reveal about their needs and how does this fit in to the landuse in which they live.

TUE 11:30 Swansong (b01ng7ry)

Synchronicity by The Police

Series in which Stuart Maconie examines the final album by a major artist - starting with Synchronicity by The Police.

Released in 1983, it was the band's fifth album and it hit the number one spot on both sides of the Atlantic. In America, it knocked the commercial juggernaut of Michael Jackson's Thriller from the top of the charts, selling over 8 million copies in the process. It also produced five international hit singles, including their most famous track Every Breath You Take. As Sting & co toured the world to promote their most successful release, each night playing 60,000 seater venues, at that point in their career they could genuinely lay claim to being the biggest band on planet Earth.

Although the split was never officially announced, Synchronicity was to be the last studio album they would ever record. Despite all of the success, the truth was the three members couldn't stand to be in the same room as each other.

With archive interviews from Sting and Andy Summers and brand new contributions from Stewart Copeland, manager Miles Copeland, producer Hugh Padgham and journalist John Pidgeon, Stuart Maconie examines what went wrong.

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

TUE 12:00 You and Yours (b01ng7s0)

Call You and Yours

How was Jimmy Savile able to become what the NSPCC called "a well-organised prolific sex offender" and what of the trust put in him by institutions like the BBC and the NHS?

What about the supposed 'culture change' that's happened since the 1970s? Have things really changed?

Why were those victims who did speak out not taken seriously? Sometimes not even by their own family? Was it embarrassment? Shame? Fear? Or was it simply Jimmy Savile's celebrity status?

After all it was his adoring public who helped make Jimmy Savile a national treasure? How much power did his charitable work give him?

According to the NSPCC, this story has led to many other people not connected to the case speaking out about abuse. Why are people more willing to come forward and talk about their experiences now?

On Call You & Yours tomorrow we'll be asking for your views. How has the Jimmy Savile case affected your trust in institutions like the BBC and the NHS? What are the lessons which can be learned from the Jimmy Savile case?

President George H. W. Bush. Gaylene Gould reviews.

Elena, a new film from Russian director Andrey Zvyagintsev, won the Cannes Film Festival's Un Certain Regard Special Jury Prize earlier this year. Elena is forced to fight for an inheritance from her wealthy husband, in a modern take on the classic noir. Author A D Miller, a former Moscow correspondent for The Economist, discusses what the film tells us about contemporary Russia.

Chris Difford and Glenn Tilbrook of the band Squeeze are preparing to tour the UK next month. Following each performance they will be behind the counter of their Pop-Up Shop, where they'll be selling recordings of that evening's concert. Tilbrook and Difford discuss this new venture, the first music they've written together for 14 years, and what it's like to sing the old hits more than 30 years on.

Producer Rebecca Nicholson.

TUE 19:45 The Pillow Book (b01nmjt1)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

TUE 20:00 File on 4 (b01ng83c)
Public, Private and Profitable

The midnight collapse of the Government's plans for the West Coast main railway line once again raises questions about the outsourcing of public services to private providers. Public bodies of all kinds now face massive budget cuts and are under pressure to deliver savings. As a result, across the country, public services of all kinds are now up for tender in the hope they can be delivered more cheaply by the private sector. With relatively straightforward things such as refuse collection, there's general agreement that experience to date shows outsourcing can work, and can save the taxpayer money. But with complex services in education, health or transport, the picture is far less clear. Michael Robinson investigates the outsourcing of these complex public services and uncovers another, as yet unreported, example of huge profits being earned by major private companies at taxpayers' expense. Producer: Rob Cave.

TUE 20:40 In Touch (b01ng83f)
Peter White talks to a blind teenager about her experience of doing her Duke of Edinburgh Award with assistance from Henshaw's Society for the Blind, currently celebrating their 175th anniversary. Dr Graeme Douglas from Birmingham University talks about his research into teenage life, the Transition Project.

The Ombudsman has criticised Suffolk County Council for cancelling its Talking Book Service. Suffolk CC has issued a statement confirming its intent to comply with report's findings.

TUE 21:00 Inside Health (b01ng83h)
Self-Harm, Insulin Pumps, Night Terrors, Penile Cancer

Dr Mark Porter discovers that three quarters of people with diabetes who are likely to benefit from an insulin pump are not on one. He talks about the cancer that no one talks about - cancer of the penis. And he learns why you shouldn't wake your child during a night terror. GP and regular contributor Margaret McCartney investigates the growing incidence of self harming amongst the young as a new report on it is published.

TUE 21:30 The Public Philosopher (b01ng7rr)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

TUE 21:58 Weather (b01nfcbk)
The latest weather forecast.

TUE 22:00 The World Tonight (b01ng83k)
A BBC News investigation into sexual abuse allegations against Jimmy Savile should not have been dropped, director general George Entwistle tells MPs; Libya one year on; Qatar's emir has become the first head of state to visit the Gaza Strip since Hamas came to power; Birmingham City Council says £600m of savings must be made by 2017, £200m more than originally thought; After 38 years Ceefax is switched-off, with Ritula Shah.

TUE 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b01ng83m)
Patricia Ferguson - The Midwife's Daughter

Episode 7

By Patricia Ferguson

Read by Joanna Tope

The new novel by Patricia Ferguson is the compassionate and moving story of two sisters and the young black orphan who changes their lives.

Grace is injured in an unexpected attack while Violet is away. She becomes dangerously ill and is looked after by both her mother and her aunt.

Abridged by Robin Brooks

Produced by Gaynor Macfarlane.

TUE 23:00 Arthur Smith's Balham Bash (b00lg3p)
Series 1

Episode 1

Comedian Arthur Smith presents comedy and music from his flat in Balham, south London.

Paul Sinha in the lounge, Milton Jones in the bedroom and Glenn Tilbrook in the kitchen provide music and nourishment in the shape of Welsh rarebit.

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

Producer: Alison Vernon-Smith

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in July 2009.

TUE 23:30 Today in Parliament (b01ng83p)
Sean Curran reports the top news stories from Westminster: the Director General of the BBC gives evidence to MPs on the Jimmy Savile scandal; the controversial badger cull is put on hold ; and new questions about legal tax avoidance by big companies..

WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2012

WED 00:00 Midnight News (b01nfcdd)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by Weather.

WED 00:30 Book of the Week (b01njy4l)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Tuesday]

WED 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b01nfcgg)
The latest shipping forecast.

WED 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b01nfcfj)
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WED 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b01nfccl)
The latest shipping forecast.

WED 05:30 News Briefing (b01nfcfn)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b01ng89b)
A spiritual comment and prayer to begin the day with Sheikh Michael Mumisa, of the Woolf Institute for Abrahamic Faiths, Cambridge.

WED 05:45 Farming Today (b01ng89d)
The president of the National Farmers Union Peter Kendall says the pilot badger cull in England was postponed due to a series of delays including poor weather, the Olympic games and a recounting of the badger populations.

Farming Minister David Heath admits that the badger recount should have been done sooner but denied that this is a government U-turn on the issue. Meanwhile, the chief executive of the RSPCA Gavin Grant welcomes the delay but says the pilot cull needs to be completely rethought.

Farmer Jan Rowe is one farmer involved in the badger cull. He says there is disappointment amongst farmers over the delay as TB is an ever growing problem for those in the industry.

Farming Today was presented by Anna Hill and produced in Birmingham by Ruth Sanderson.

WED 06:00 Today (b01nkw0d)

Morning news and current affairs presented by James Naughtie and Sarah Montague, including:

0751

The Royal British Legion launches its annual appeal today. Ted Harrison, writer and artist, and Teresa Greener, head of fundraising events at the Royal British Legion, examine whether people wear poppies as a sign of remembrance or because of patriotism.

0810

The government and the food industry have reached a voluntary agreement on food labelling, which will come into force next summer. Richard Lloyd, executive director of Which, and Sian Jarvis, corporate affairs director at Asda, analyse whether the introduction of the labelling will benefit consumers.

0821

The Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond has become embroiled in a row over the legal advice he did - or did not - receive on whether an independent Scotland would automatically continue to be a member of the European Union. Scotland correspondent James Cook explains the implications of the ambiguity.

0822

Actress Joanna Lumley will be discussing the question Why Become a Nun? at the Carmelite Priory in London tonight. The discussion is pegged to a production by Grange Park Opera at its festival next year of Poulenc's Dialogue of the Carmelites, an opera based around the lives of nuns. Ms Lumley and Dr Lavinia Byrne, a former nun, discuss the life of a nun.

WED 09:00 Midweek (b01ng89j)

Fiona Fullerton, Cesar Millan, Jemima Dury, Dr Helen Mason

Libby Purves meets former actor Fiona Fullerton; Jemima Dury, daughter of Ian; solar physicist Dr Helen Mason and dog whisperer, Cesar Millan.

Dr Helen Mason is a solar physicist at the University of Cambridge. She appears in a BBC Four programme 'Seven Ages of Starlight' which tells the epic tale of the stars through seven ages. The film starts with their births in the clouds of dust and gas that lurk in deep space to their various ends as enigmatic white dwarfs, explosive supernovae and mysterious black holes.

Fiona Fullerton is a former actor whose roles included a Bond girl in 'A View to a Kill' with Roger Moore. While appearing in the popular TV series Angels she began a correspondence with a prisoner, Anthony 'Alex' Alexandrowicz, who was serving a life sentence. She writes about their friendship in her book 'Dear Fiona - Letters from a Suspected Soviet Spy' published by Waterside Press.

Jemima Dury is the daughter of the late Ian Dury. Her book 'Hallo Sausages, The Lyrics of Ian Dury' is a collection of his lyrics written for the Blockheads and his first band Kilburn and the High Roads. 'Hallo Sausages, The Lyrics of Ian Dury' is published by Bloomsbury.

Cesar Millan is self-taught dog trainer and presenter of the TV series 'The Dog Whisperer'. Born and raised in Mexico, he went to America to pursue his dream of working with dogs. Oprah Winfrey; Scarlett Johansson; Will Smith and Nicolas Cage have all had their dogs trained by him. He is in the UK to promote his 2013 'Trust Your Instincts Tour'.

Producer: Paula McGinley.

WED 09:45 Book of the Week (b01njy53)

Into the Abyss

Episode 3

Read by Barbara Barnes.

The astonishing true life adventure story of a plane crash in the wilds of northern Canada and the four men who survived to tell the tale.

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Episode Three:

Paul Archambault was a convicted criminal, but he was also a personable young man and his police escort had felt comfortable removing his handcuffs once the plane was airborne. Relatively unscathed, it was Paul who chose to go back to the wrecked plane to see who was alive. He found Erik, Scott the police officer and Larry Shaben - the author's father. Now all they had to do is stay alive until help arrived.

Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters

A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 10:00 Woman's Hour (b01ng89l)

Should pornography be discussed in school classes?

As school children seem increasingly to come into contact with pornography teachers debate whether porn should be discussed as part of the school curriculum. Lucy Mangan reviews the new Sherlock Holmes drama, Elementary, which features Lucy Liu as a female Dr Watson. We look at the history of advertising of sanitary products - what is it with those jars of blue liquid? And Caroline Redman Lusher, the founder of Rock Choir, receives an award for her work. Presented by Jenni Murray.

WED 10:45 The Pillow Book (b01nmjzn)

Series 5

Episode 3

Lady Shonagon and Lieutenant Yukinari reunite for a new mystery in 10th century Japan.

Yukinari has returned to the palace to ask the Lady Shonagon to be his wife, only to discover his lover is already married. And the Lady Shonagon is obsessed by a new mystery, one that Yukinari cannot understand: the mystery of her friend's marriage - a passionate affair between a woman of royal blood and a young low-born poet that seems to be moving towards an increasingly dark and tempestuous place.

Meanwhile, the entire palace is captivated by the Emperor's new pet - a tiger sent all the way from India.

Inspired by the writings of Sei Shonagon, a poet and lady-in-waiting to the Empress of the 10th Century Japanese court.

Written by Robert Forrester.

Directed by Lu Kemp.

WED 11:00 Lives in a Landscape (b01ng89n)

Series 11

The Allotment

Alan Dein visits a Hastings allotment and finds that a plot of land means a lot more to people than a place to grow vegetables. He joins various allotmenters as they tend their plot and hears how differently they use it. A young family have created a haven where the children learn about nature; a teacher who tended the land as a means of combatting depression and two friends meet under a full moon to await the wild original inhabitants of the allotment.

Produced by Sarah Bowen and Neil McCarthy.

WED 11:30 Fags, Mags and Bags (b01ng89q)

Series 5

Turn Around Dave Eyes

More shop-based shenanigans and over the counter philosophy courtesy of Ramesh Mahju and his trusty sidekick Dave.

The staff of Fags, Mags and Bags continue their tireless quest to bring nice-price custard creams and cans of coke with Arabic writing on them to an ungrateful nation. Ramesh Mahju has built the business up over 30 years and loves the art of the shop. However, he does apply the "low return" rules of the shop to all other aspects of his life. Then there are Ramesh's sons Sanjay and Alok, both surly and not keen on the old school approach to shopkeeping, but Ramesh is keen to pass all his worldly wisdom onto them whether they like it or not!

In this episode, Dave embraces internet dating and gets close to someone who is passing themselves off as 80s rock goddess Bonnie Tyler. Meanwhile Ramesh has a wobble about his Meat Loaf date with Malcolm as it falls on a delicate family anniversary.

Producer: Gus Beattie

A Comedy Unit production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 12:00 You and Yours (b01ng98s)

'Green' light bulbs, football mascots and printer cartridges

Consumer news.

WED 12:57 Weather (b01nfccq)

The latest weather forecast.

WED 13:00 World at One (b01ngmcj)

National and international news with Martha Kearney. Listeners can share their views via email: wato@bbc.co.uk or on twitter: #wato.

WED 13:45 Foreign Bodies (b01mnz3x)

Series 1

Czechoslovakia - Lieutenant Boruvka

When Josef Skvorecky published the Mournful Demeanour of Lieutenant Boruvka in 1966 he had to refer obliquely to the Czech political situation but following the Prague Spring he emigrated to Canada and his writing became more explicit.

Mark Lawson discusses his writing with translator and former member of the Plastic People of the Universe, Paul Wilson, who argues that the country was a crimescape and that Skvorecky's interest in the crime genre went beyond his Boruvka series.

Producer: Robyn Read

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

WED 14:00 The Archers (b01ng837)

[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Tuesday]

WED 14:15 Drama (b01ngmcl)

Peter Souter - What Love Sounds Like

What Love Sounds Like centres around the meeting of a blind man, Dom, and a deaf woman, Thea, in a faith-healer's waiting room. Dom has only recently gone blind and is at odds with the world and himself. Thea, using her computer voice generator, plies him with questions - particularly about an old, painful relationship which Dom is initially reluctant to talk about. As the play progresses we realise that all is not quite as it seems, and that this meeting may have profound consequences for them both. Alex Jennings and Juliet Stevenson star in a new play by award-winning playwright Peter Souter

Produced and directed by Gordon House.

WED 15:00 Money Box Live (b01ngmcn)

Mortgages

Mortgage rates have fallen which is good news for borrowers, but if you want to get the best deals, you'll still need a hefty deposit. Should you get a fixed rate or a tracker? Can you get an interest-only loan or must it be repayment? What's a reasonable arrangement fee? If you're over 60, how easy is it to get a mortgage? Whatever your questions on home loans, Money Box Live is for you. Join Ruth Alexander and a panel of experts at 3pm, Wednesday. Email moneybox@bbc.co.uk now or call 03 700 100 444. Lines open from 1pm on Wednesday.

Ruth Alexander will be joined by

Ray Boulger, Senior Technical Manager, John Charcol

Melanie Bien, mortgage expert

Jane King, Mortgage Adviser, Ash-Ridge Private Finance

Producer Emma Rippon.

WED 15:30 Inside Health (b01ng83h)

[Repeat of broadcast at 21:00 on Tuesday]

WED 16:00 Thinking Allowed (b01ngmcq)

Trouble at work, travellers vs tourists

Trouble at work: Laurie Taylor considers the findings of the largest UK study on ill treatment in the workplace ever undertaken. He's joined by the researchers, Ralph Fevre and Amanda Robinson, who claim that organisations which are well versed in modern management practices may create a culture in which bullying, harassment and stress thrive. Also, travellers

versus tourists - Lara Week's research questions whether or not those seeking 'authentic culture' provide more to foreign countries than those who stick to the 'tourist trail'

Producer: Jayne Egerton.

WED 16:30 The Media Show (b01ngmcs)

Savile crisis, political reporting

The Director of Editorial Policy and Standards David Jordan talks to Steve Hewlett and explains how the BBC appears to have got its wires so hopelessly crossed over the shelving of Newsnight's film on Jimmy Savile.

And why do TV Political Editors insist on standing in front of iconic Westminster locations. Nick Robinson talks about his new book The Inside Story of Politics, Power and the Media.

Producer Beverley Purcell.

WED 17:00 PM (b01nktln)

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

WED 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b01nfccs)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

WED 18:30 Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show!

(b00wsqvc)

Series 6

Calendar Boys

Arthur is informed by Malcolm that there is an emergency meeting to be held in order to discuss raising funds for the local Church Hall, which is in dire straits and requires important improvements to remain open.

In true Arthur style he comes up with an idea or two to help the fund-raising process, hoping to involve as many of his friends in the process.

With an idea finally put to the committee and inevitably agreed to, after Arthur's persuasive words, the 'stage is set' for a fund-raising project that will surely turn heads and raise Arthur's personal profile as well as the much needed funding for the Church...

Cast:

Count Arthur Strong Steve Delaney
Man, Wilf, Policeman Alastair Kerr
Ref, Geoffrey, Child Dave Mounfield
Mother, Sally, Woman Mel Giedroyc
Malcolm Terry Kilkelly

Producers: Richard Daws, Mark Radcliffe & John Leonard
A Komedia Entertainment Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 19:00 The Archers (b01ngmcx)

Neil finds Emma in the shop agonising over the price of nappies. Neil hands her money but Emma doesn't want to take it. He offers to at least buy the nappies, and invites them for tea. Later he gives Emma some sausages, saying he won't get round to eating them. He asks how things are. Emma assures him there's no need to worry.

Elizabeth contacts Iftikar about maths tuition. Whilst Freddie isn't keen on the idea, he's looking forward to meeting Ifty; he's heard about his cricket skills.

Emma's pleased to have got some work in the Orangery, and asks when she can come next. She's disappointed when Elizabeth says there would only be the odd hour. They're having to tighten their belts.

Ruth and David chat while they clip the sheep's feet. They agree it's good to see Adam back on form now that things are settling down.

In The Bull, Neil and David discuss Joe's teeth and bonfire night. A tipsy Joe appears and David can't help teasing him. Joe nearly tells them about his dentures being destroyed in the scrapper on Apple Day. Realising he's said too much, Joe tries to make a quick exit, leaving Neil and David puzzling over his cryptic comments.

WED 19:15 Front Row (b01ngmcs)

Thomas Keneally, Dan Stevens, 25 years of Michael Palin's TV travels

With Mark Lawson.

Thomas Keneally, who won the Booker Prize for Schindler's Ark, discusses the inspiration for his new novel The Daughters

of Mars. Set in 1915, the book focuses on two Australian sisters who join the war effort as nurses, bringing a guilty family secret with them. Keneally talks about his technique of taking historic subjects and showing them from an individual perspective.

Dan Stevens, best known for his role as Matthew Crawley in ITV's *Downton Abbey*, is making his first appearance on Broadway. He plays the charming suitor Morris Townsend in a revival of *The Heiress*, a play based on Henry James' novel *Washington Square*. He reflects on making Broadway history as the first actor to take a break from performing to judge the Man Booker prize.

Michael Palin's career after Monty Python has taken him literally around the world. For 25 years he has been making travel documentaries, starting with *Great Railway Journeys of the World*, and his latest series takes him to Brazil. Rebecca Nicholson and Chris Dunkley discuss Palin's global exploration over the decades.

Producer Olivia Skinner.

WED 19:45 The Pillow Book (b01nmjzn)
[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

WED 20:00 Moral Maze (b01ngmjp)
Moral Authority of Institutions

Bloody Sunday, Leveson, Hillsborough, Chilcott, Mid Staffordshire NHS, Savile - just some of the more notable examples of public inquiries of the last few years and hardly a week goes by without a call for another hearing into some perceived scandal or injustice. MPs, police, journalists, NHS carers, local government, the church - it seems there's hardly any major institution left in this country that hasn't been undermined by scandal and in the name of 'transparency' many institutions seem willing, even eager, to expose their inner workings and problems. At the heart of these cases there are of course victims who need answers and redress and we're told that by exposing these institutions or organisations to transparent public scrutiny "lessons will be learnt". Institutions are an essential component of civil society; a focus for shared values and solidarity; can we expect our institutions to function properly in an atmosphere of constant critical scrutiny? Has this ever growing clamour for inquiries, often fuelled by freedom of information requests, just undermined their moral integrity? In our pursuit of transparency have we sacrificed the moral authority of some of the very organisations that are vital to the moral wellbeing of our society? In an age dominated by new social networks, is this process an essential part of re-defining social solidarity or is the passion for openness actually generating a kind of corrosive suspicion that destroys trust not just in institutions but in our day-to-day lives?

Combative, provocative and engaging debate chaired by Michael Buerk with Michael Portillo, Melanie Phillips, Matthew Taylor and Giles Fraser.

Witnesses: Nicholas Rengger - Professor of Political Theory & International Relations, University of St Andrews, Phillip Blond - Respublica, Dr Karl Mackie - Chief Executive, Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution and Oliver Kamm - Leader Writer and columnist for *The Times*.

WED 20:45 Four Thought (b01ngmjz)
Series 3

Ben Dyson: Understanding How Money Works

Ben Dyson, founder and director of Positive Money, tells how his disillusionment with mainstream economics led him to campaign for a proper understanding of how money works as the first step in fixing a failed banking system.

Producer: Sheila Cook.

WED 21:00 The Ice Mountain (b01lg65gs)

This haunting soundscape follows the journey of a fictional iceberg as it travels south into the North Atlantic after calving from a glacier in Greenland. One hundred years ago RMS Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic, and more than 1500 people died as a result of this collision. As a result, the International Ice Patrol (I.C.P.) was formed to monitor the ice conditions near the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and warn mariners of the dangers that icebergs present to safe navigation. Since the formation of the I.C.P. no ship which has heeded their warnings has struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic. Narrated by Adjoa Andoh and with sound recordings by Chris Watson, the ICE MOUNTAIN follows the journey of an iceberg; from creation to destruction and recalls the events which led up to the sinking of RMS Titanic. Each spring, huge numbers of icebergs set off on a 'one way migration' south. How far they travel and in which direction depends on their size, shape, wind direction and strength, currents and tides. During their journey the most astonishing groans, creaks and

growls can be heard as they heat up in the sun, crack and melt or roll around in the waves. Writer and broadcaster Tony Soper describes how birds including Glaucous gulls and Kittiwakes, will use them as places to roost and fish. This in turn will attract killer whales which feed on small fish like Capelin. But for mariners, icebergs are to be avoided. One of the most dangerous aspects is that most of the body of the berg is below the surface. About 1/10th is above water and the rest below. "There's nothing, almost nothing you can do to control its behaviour, to determine what it's going to do, and it is just a force of nature."

Producer Sarah Blunt.

WED 21:30 Midweek (b01ng89j)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

WED 21:58 Weather (b01nfecv)
The latest weather forecast.

WED 22:00 The World Tonight (b01ngmjt)

The UN envoy to Syria Lakhdar Brahimi says a ceasefire has been agreed over the Muslim festival of Eid al-Adha, but who exactly has he reached agreement with? Also tonight, the BBC's Johnny Dymond reports from Alabama on whether Obama still inspires black voters. And two major art exhibition spaces open in Paris, suggesting a new burst of life in a city long said to have lost its cultural shine. Presented by Roger Hearing.

WED 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b01ngmjw)
Patricia Ferguson - *The Midwife's Daughter*

Episode 8

By Patricia Ferguson

Read by Joanna Tope

The new novel by Patricia Ferguson is the compassionate and moving story of two sisters and the young black orphan who changes their lives.

The War is taking its toll on the young men of the community. Grace is recovering and is offered a job in a convalescent home in Patricia Ferguson's story of two sisters and the young black orphan who changes their lives.

Abridged by Robin Brooks

Produced by Gaynor Macfarlane.

WED 23:00 My Teenage Diary (b014qnw)
Series 3

Arabella Weir

My Teenage Diary returns with four more brave celebrities ready to revisit their formative years by opening up their intimate teenage diaries and reading them out in public for the very first time.

Comedian Rufus Hound is joined by actor Arabella Weir who describes a teenage life full of drinking, calorie-counting and boys.

Producer: Harriet Jaime
A Talkback Production for BBC Radio 4.

WED 23:30 Today in Parliament (b01ngmjy)

David Cameron defends his record in Government in the face of Labour accusations that he's presiding over a "shambles". The criticism follows the resignation of the Conservative Chief Whip, confusion over energy policy and further controversy over the West Coast Main Line rail service. The Prime Minister insists the coalition will not give prisoners the vote in opposition to a ruling by the European Court of Human Rights. MPs debate the Government's energy policy, while the House of Lords considers a plan to cut the cost of pay-day lending. Alicia McCarthy and team report on today's events in Parliament.

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER 2012

THU 00:00 Midnight News (b01nfcdz)
The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4. Followed by Weather.

THU 00:30 Book of the Week (b01njy53)
[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Wednesday]

THU 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b01nfcdt)
The latest shipping forecast.

THU 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b01nfcdw)
BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

THU 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b01nfcdy)
The latest shipping forecast.

THU 05:30 News Briefing (b01nfcdx)
The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b01ngn3b)

A spiritual comment and prayer to begin the day with Sheikh Michael Mumisa, of the Woolf Institute for Abrahamic Faiths, Cambridge.

THU 05:45 Farming Today (b01ngn3d)

Conservationists say new EU proposals to improve sustainable fishing are weak and won't help protect depleted fish stocks. Fisheries Minister Richard Benyon says the changes will reduce discards and support smaller fishing communities, but Greenpeace says as it is a voluntary scheme it can never solve the problem of overfishing.

And tiny clumps of moss are being airlifted to the Peak District to help re-seed areas of bare peat land. Reporter Bob Walker is out in the National Park to see how the spores can help restore the natural landscape.

This programme is presented by Charlotte Smith and produced in Birmingham by Angela Frain.

THU 06:00 Today (b01ngn3g)

Morning news and current affairs with John Humphrys and Evan Davis, including:

0751

The National Audit Office has released a report warning of the risk of a deterioration in road maintenance across England (excluding London) if planned cuts of 28% of subsidies from the DLR are put through. Today reporter Zubeida Malik is joined by Paul Waters, head of roads at the AA, by a pothole in Basingstoke.

0810

The government has been sending out letters to up to 60,000 benefits claimants warning them they face a cut in the amount of money they receive from next April. Today reporter Tom Bateman examines the current state of welfare from south Wales and Iain Duncan Smith, Work and Pensions Secretary, outlines why the government are saying that those on benefits should not get more money than people who work.

0823

Columbia Records, the oldest record label in the world, is celebrating 125 years in the business. Sean Wilentz professor of American history at Princeton University and Adrienne Connors, music editor, at *The Sunday Times* culture section explain that the label went on to promote some of the 20th century's greatest African American musical artists.

0833

Downing Street has insisted that the prime minister was not referring to tomorrow's growth figures when he told the Labour leader at Question Time that: "I can tell him, the good news will keep coming." The BBC's economics editor Stephanie Flanders explains why it is illegal to leak the GDP figures head of official publication.

THU 09:00 In Our Time (b01ngn3j)

Fermat's Last Theorem

Melvyn Bragg and his guests discuss Fermat's Last Theorem. In 1637 the French mathematician Pierre de Fermat scribbled a note in the margin of one of his books. He claimed to have proved a remarkable property of numbers, but gave no clue as to how he'd gone about it. "I have found a wonderful demonstration of this proposition," he wrote, "which this margin is too narrow to contain". Fermat's theorem became one of the most iconic problems in mathematics and for centuries mathematicians struggled in vain to work out what his proof had been. In the 19th century the French Academy of Sciences twice offered prize money and a gold medal to the person who could discover Fermat's proof; but it was not until 1995 that the puzzle was finally solved by the British mathematician Andrew Wiles.

With:

Marcus du Sautoy

Professor of Mathematics & Simonyi Professor for the Public Understanding of Science at the University of Oxford

Vicky Neale
Fellow and Director of Studies in Mathematics at Murray Edwards College at the University of Cambridge

Samir Siksek
Professor at the Mathematics Institute at the University of Warwick.

Producer: Natalia Fernandez.

THU 09:45 Book of the Week (b01njy62)
Into the Abyss

Episode 4

Read by Barbara Barnes.

The astonishing true life adventure story of a plane crash in the wilds of northern Canada and the four men who survived to tell the tale.

On a wintry October night in 1984, nine passengers boarded a Piper Navajo commuter plane bound for remote communities in the far north of Canada. Only four people - strangers from wildly different backgrounds - survived the night that followed: the pilot, a prominent politician, an accused criminal and the rookie policeman escorting him.

The title is taken from the American mythologist Joseph Campbell who explored mankind's quest for meaning and adventure: 'It is by going down into the abyss that we recover the treasures of life'.

The author, Carol Shaben, is the daughter of Larry Shaben a politician in the Alberta Legislature who survived the crash. Using extensive interviews with all the remaining survivors and their families, as well as investigation reports and court records, she reconstructs the events leading up to the fatal crash and unravels the enduring impact it had on the four survivors and the bonds they formed that night on the mountain.

Episode Four:

In the aftermath of the accident and the rescue, the nation decides that Paul is a hero - but can he rise to fill the role that he finds himself unexpectedly cast in? Meantime, Scott is recovering from life-threatening injuries and trying to work out just what he had witnessed that night on the mountain.

Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 10:00 Woman's Hour (b01ngn3l)
James Cracknell & Beverley Turner; Kate Mosse; The Sapphires

James Cracknell and Beverley Turner talk about how their lives were affected by his head injury. Equal pay for equal work: Ceri Goddard from the Fawcett Society and Kathy Gyngell from the Centre for Policy Studies discuss. Kate Mosse on her novel, Citadel. Lois Peeler, one of the four indigenous Australian women who formed the singing group, The Sapphires, talks about entertaining troops in Vietnam in the 1960's and the new film based on their story. The future of women's football - how the FA plan to capitalise on Team GB's success and the crowds that supported them.

Presented by Jenni Murray
Produced by Steven Williams.

THU 10:45 The Pillow Book (b01nmkv2)
Series 5

Episode 4

Lady Shonagon and Lieutenant Yukinari reunite for a new mystery in 10th century Japan.

Yukinari has returned to the palace to ask the Lady Shonagon's to be his wife, only to discover his lover is already married. Furthermore, the Lady Shonagon has become obsessed by a new mystery, one that Yukinari cannot understand: the mystery of her friend's marriage - a passionate affair between a woman of royal blood and a young low-born poet. That mystery has now met a tragic end, but Shonagon is sure that the explanation everyone else seems so prepared to accept is far from being the whole truth.

Meanwhile, the Emperor's new pet, a tiger sent all the way from India, paces in its cage in the palace grounds.

Inspired by the writings of Sei Shonagon, a poet and lady-in-waiting to the Empress of the 10th Century Japanese court.

Written by Robert Forrest.

Directed by Lu Kemp.

THU 11:00 From Our Own Correspondent (b01ngn3n)
The baffling art of spirit possession in Burma

The BBC's foreign correspondents take a closer look at the stories behind the headlines. Presented by Kate Adie.

THU 11:30 What's So Great About ...? (b00c7f8x)
Series 1

Bob Dylan

Comedian and actor Lenny Henry asks "What's So Great About...?" people, things, institutions and aspects of contemporary life that frequently go unexplored, unchallenged and widely accepted but which he, personally doesn't really buy.

In this episode, he questions the greatness of Bob Dylan.

Lenny - a great fan of Soul music and Rhythm & Blues - gets to grips one recording artist he never really "got". From the time he was a teenager in Dudley in the early 70s he had to listen to his schoolmate Greg Stokes tell him what a "classic" the Dylan album 'Blonde On Blonde' was; and ever since friends have been trying to convince him that "His Bobness", as Lenny describes him, is the one recording artist to whom he should really devote his energies.

It's now make or break time and Lenny assembles a band of musicians and fans to see if they can, once and for all, change his mind.

"Dear oh dear", says Lenny. "That whine! That grating music!"

Poet Laureate Andrew Motion, Kris Kristofferson, Bryan Ferry, Jools Holland and Al Kooper, who played with Dylan on some of his most famous albums in the 1960s, are among the defence team.

It seems they have their work cut out.

Producer: Patrick Gregory

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in June 2008.

THU 12:00 You and Yours (b01ngn3s)
Funding for public parks, dying with dementia and contaminated boreholes

Today the Heritage Lottery Fund is announcing they'll spend £100m on parks over the next three years. But they're also worried that the money will be wasted if the parks aren't maintained.

As the supermarkets reduce the price they charge for petrol we examine what's behind the fall and how long it will last.

The Office of Fair Trading has written to almost 30,000 state schools asking them to review their uniform policies. Families could save tens of millions of pounds a year, they say, if restrictions on where uniforms can be bought are removed.

Why talking about death is a good thing. The Alzheimer's Society say we need to be more open in discussing end of life care for people with dementia.

And boreholes may be good for the environment, but it's claimed that up to half of all our private supplies could be contaminated.

Plus the MPs complaining about the price of razor blades.

And what makes a good hotel? Warner Hotels topped a survey where six thousand people were asked to nominate their favourite chain of hotels. They have a 'just for grown-ups' policy.

Producer: Louise Clarke
Presenter: Winifred Robinson.

THU 12:57 Weather (b01nfcf2)
The latest weather forecast.

THU 13:00 World at One (b01ngn3v)
National and international news with Martha Kearney. Listeners can share their views via email: wato@bbc.co.uk or on twitter: #wato.

THU 13:45 Foreign Bodies (b01mzn4r)
Series 1

Netherlands - Commissaris Van Der Valk

The Van der Valk novels written by Nicholas Freeling became a popular Thames TV series starring Barry Foster in the 1970s. A British chef who lived first in Holland and then France, Freeling's books depict both post-war Europe and the development of closer European ties in the European Union.

Mark Lawson's series exploring European history through crime fiction continues with a trip to Amsterdam in search of Van der Valk. Lord Grey Gowrie remembers interviewing Nicholas Freeling before his death in 2003, and Dutch author Saskia Noort describes her books about crimes involving women which draw on trends in Dutch society now.

Producer: Robyn Read

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

THU 14:00 The Archers (b01ngmxc)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Wednesday]

THU 14:15 Stone (b00vcprb)
Series 2

The Night

Detective series created by Danny Brocklehurst. Written by James Rye.

DCI John Stone investigates the sexual assault of the wife of one of his team and uncovers a dark secret. DI Tanner's wife Karen finds herself in a dodgy hotel after a night out remembering nothing of the night before; she has been assaulted and Stone suspects she has been given Rohypnol. I would seem that this is just the beginning of something bigger and as Stone investigates further he uncovers a dark secret.

Directed by Nadia Molinari.

THU 15:00 Rambblings (b01ngnwb)
Series 22

Steve Backshall

Clare Balding walks with naturalist, author & TV presenter, Steve Backshall. Together they stroll along his favourite stretch of the Thames from Bourne End to Boulter's Lock in Buckinghamshire.

Steve is best known for presenting CBBC's 'Deadly 60', and has recently started writing children's fiction - his first book is 'Tiger Wars', about a group of renegade children who become involved with tiger poaching in India.

He spends a lot of time filming abroad so Clare was lucky to catch up with him on his home patch. As they wander along the Thames, Steve explains that his love of the outdoors began when - as a child - his parents sent him and his sister out to play and told them not to come back until it was dark. This kind of 'feral' (as he put it) freedom developed in him an enduring passion for the natural world.

Producer: Karen Gregor.

THU 15:27 Radio 4 Appeal (b01ng1j9)
[Repeat of broadcast at 07:55 on Sunday]

THU 15:30 Open Book (b01ng26b)
[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Sunday]

THU 16:00 The Film Programme (b01ngnwd)
Daniel Craig, Sister, The Shining

Daniel Craig on being James Bond, working with Sam Mendes and Her Majesty the Queen.

Actor Martin Compston discusses his new film Sister, set in the seedy underbelly of the Swiss ski slopes.

Is Stanley's Kubrick's film The Shining just a horror film? Or is it about the Holocaust, the moon landing, or the massacre of Native Americans? A new documentary, Room 237, claims it's about all three - and more. We hear from its director, Rodney Ascher. Plus Sir Christopher Frayling and critic Adam Smith discuss the pros and cons of film theory.

Producer: Craig Smith.

THU 16:30 Material World (b01ngnwg)
Seven members of a panel convened by Italy's Civil Protection Department in the days prior to the L'Aquila earthquake of

2009 have this week been sentenced to six years each in prison. The trial has been watched eagerly around the world by seismologists and earthquake specialists around the world.

The men - four scientists, two engineers and a government official - were found guilty of manslaughter for downplaying the risks of a big earthquake happening, after months of weaker tremors. But did the scientists get too close to a political role in those confused days? Will the verdict deter other scientists from offering their advice in future?

Prof Tom Jordan, who chaired an International Committee formed at the request of the Italian government to look into risk communication gives his thoughts on the verdict, and Dr Roger Mussen and Prof Robert Holdsworth give a UK view on the consequences for science.

Dr Jacob Dahl is trying to decrypt one of the oldest known written languages, proto-Elamite. He's putting hi-tech images of over 1000 clay tablets online, and hopes that with international cooperation he'll have cracked the code in the next two years.

And Dr Leonel Dupuy describes his breakthrough in the development of a see-through soil which will revolutionise crop studies, enabling extraordinarily highly detailed images of root systems in vivo.

THU 17:00 PM (b01nkw1t)

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

THU 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b01nfcf6)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

THU 18:30 Andrew Lawrence: How Did We End Up Like This? (b01njxp8)

Dietary Practices

Andrew Lawrence, kicks off his comic explanation of our development via stand up, sketch and song.

In this opening episode, Andrew looks at what goes in to making our diet: "what we shove in our mouths, dissolve in our guts and shunt out of our poo pipes".

Including a rather different view of fair trade, a comment on road-kill as food and a moving song about the extinction of the Mammoth.

Sara Pascoe and Marek Larwood assist.

Producer: Jane Berthoud

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in October 2012.

THU 19:00 The Archers (b01ngnwl)

James arrives at the Dower House with his leg in plaster. While Lilian's run ragged catering to his every whim, Matt warns James that they are not his servants and to keep his orders to a minimum. When they are alone, Matt suggests a pub lunch at a later date, but distracted Lilian doesn't jump at the suggestion. Instead she heads off to see to James's next demand.

Later, Lilian's excited when Paul phones and provides her with much-needed support.

Tom gives Peggy a lift to The Laurels en route to picking up his first professional batch of ready meal samples. Tom mentions to Peggy that he's been asked to come up with a novelty ready meal idea for the Christmas market. He's thrilled when Peggy suggests targeting his ready meals at people who are hard-pressed in the run up to Christmas, leaving them time to concentrate on Christmas Day preparations. He tells Peggy that she's a legend!

Later, Tom and Brenda are shocked when their meatball ready meal sample tastes far too salty. Tom says it just goes to show you can't take your eye off the ball for a minute.

THU 19:15 Front Row (b01ngnwn)

Mark Gatiss as Charles I; Posy Simmonds; 2013 City of Culture plans

With Mark Lawson.

Mark Gatiss stars as King Charles I in Howard Brenton's play 55 Days, which focuses on the period culminating in the trial and execution of the monarch, as Oliver Cromwell takes control. Peter Kemp reviews.

Cartoonist and writer Posy Simmonds, whose creations include Tamara Drewe, discusses Mrs Weber's Omnibus - a collection of the newspaper comic strips she began in 1977 and continued for more than a decade. The strips centre on three middle-class, middle-aged school friends and their families, and Posy

Simmonds reflects on finding inspiration from everyday life, and how she approached the ageing of her characters.

At lunchtime today Derry-Londonderry City of Culture 2013 announced its programme of events. Executive Programmer Graeme Farrow reveals what's happening, and the decisions behind his choice.

Seal Team Six: the Raid on Osama Bin Laden is a new film to be broadcast on TV in America two days before the Presidential election - and it has prompted controversy following reports that producer Harvey Weinstein, a Democrat supporter, had added more footage to highlight the role played by the current President. David Darcy reports from New York.

Producer Ella-mai Robey.

THU 19:45 The Pillow Book (b01nmkv2)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

THU 20:00 Law in Action (b01ng7s8)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:00 on Tuesday]

THU 20:30 The Bottom Line (b01ngnqw)

The World of Sport

Evan Davis meets three of the sport sector's top business brains and gets them to share their stories of reinvention and the secrets of their industry. Evans hears from the darts, snooker and boxing promoter, Barry Hearn, who is also chairman of Leyton Orient and creator of the televised fishing contest, Fishomania. Former Formula 1 boss Max Mosley gives the inside story on how his sport became a hit in the Far East. And former managing director of IMG India explains how the Indian Premier League turned cricket into a showbiz sporting sensation.

THU 21:00 Saving Species (b01ng7rw)

[Repeat of broadcast at 11:00 on Tuesday]

THU 21:30 In Our Time (b01ngn3j)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:00 today]

THU 21:58 Weather (b01nfcf8)

The latest weather forecast.

THU 22:00 The World Tonight (b01ngnws)

Syrian Government agrees to temporary ceasefire - but will it hold?

The economy returns to growth - but when will the feel good factor return?

And could Mount Etna revive the fortunes of Sicily?

With Ritula Shah.

THU 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b01ngnvw)

Patricia Ferguson - The Midwife's Daughter

Episode 9

By Patricia Ferguson

Read by Joanna Tope

The new novel by Patricia Ferguson is the compassionate and moving story of two sisters and the young black orphan who changes their lives.

Grace has met the injured soldier, Joe Gilder, and they plan their life together - with support from Aunt Bea.

Abridged by Robin Brooks

Produced by Gaynor Macfarlane.

THU 23:00 Bigipedia (b012wjdp)

Series 2

Bigipedia 2.0 - BigiHype!

This episode sees the launch of BigiHype - the surefire way to raise the profile of a new event or an unpopular charity.

At last, the long-awaited release of Bigipedia 2.0 - the infallible, ever-present cyberfriend is back. Now with all errors and mistakes.

Bigipedia was conceived by Nick Doody and written by Nick

Doody, Matt Kirshen and Sarah Morgan with Carey Marx. It features Ewan Bailey, Margaret Cabourn-Smith, Nick Doody, Neil Edmond, Pippa Evans, Martha Howe-Douglas, Lewis Macleod and Jess Robinson. Occasionally you can hear Matt Kirshen.

Guy Jackson has done some music and that.

Bigipedia is a Pozzitive production, produced by David Tyler. His radio credits include Armando Iannucci's Charm Offensive, Cabin Pressure, Another Case Of Milton Jones, Jeremy Hardy Speaks To The Nation, Giles Wemmbley Hogg Goes Off, The 99p Challenge, The Castle, The 3rd Degree and even, going back a bit, Radio Active. His TV credits include Paul Merton - The Series, Spitting Image, Absolutely, The Paul and Pauline Calf Video Diaries, Coogan's Run, The Tony Ferrino Phenomenon and Executive Producer of Victoria Wood's Dinnerladies.

Produced and directed by David Tyler

A Pozzitive production for BBC Radio 4.

THU 23:30 Today in Parliament (b01ngnxx)

Sean Curran and team with the day's top news from Westminster - reports on Afghanistan, economic growth, the badger cull in England and the final resting place of Richard III as well as other stories. Editor: Rachel Byrne.

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FRI 00:00 Midnight News (b01nfcg9)

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

FRI 00:30 Book of the Week (b01njy62)

[Repeat of broadcast at 09:45 on Thursday]

FRI 00:48 Shipping Forecast (b01nfcge)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 01:00 Selection of BBC World Service Programmes (b01nfcgf)

BBC Radio 4 joins the BBC World Service.

FRI 05:20 Shipping Forecast (b01nfcgh)

The latest shipping forecast.

FRI 05:30 News Briefing (b01nfcgk)

The latest news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 05:43 Prayer for the Day (b01ngnr3)

A spiritual comment and prayer to begin the day with Sheikh Michael Mumisa, of the Woolf Institute for Abrahamic Faiths, Cambridge.

FRI 05:45 Farming Today (b01ngnr5)

48 hours after the Government announced it was postponing the pilot badger culls in England, MPs debate the controversial plans. A vote on the issue, though not binding came back in support of a halt to the badger cull.

Whilst Jim Paice, former Farming Minister says the Government remains committed - Shadow Environment Minister, Mary Creagh says it will be forced to make a U-turn, as the badger cull has proved so unpopular with voters. More than 160,000 people have signed a e-petition against the cull.

Queen guitarist and anti-cull campaigner Brian May tells Charlotte Smith, fast tracking a cattle vaccine for use in the UK would prevent the need for a badger cull next summer. Currently the vaccine is illegal here and it's use would restrict the multi-billion pound beef and dairy export business to Europe. However, Conservative MEP Julie Girling, who sits on the European Parliament's Agriculture Committee says that's wishful thinking and it could take years.

Farming Today was presented by Charlotte Smith and produced in London by Ruth Sanderson.

FRI 06:00 Today (b01ngnr7)

Morning news and current affairs with John Humphrys and Evan Davis, including:

0750

The Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt has outlined his ambition to make England "one of the best places in Europe to grow old". Diana Athill, a writer in her 90s who has documented her life in a care home extensively, and Professor James Goodwin, head

of research at Age UK explain the reality of growing old in England.

0810

The government will announce today tougher tests in English and maths for prospective teachers before they can start training. Sarah Ebner runs the education blog School Gate and Christine Blower, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, analyse whether standards in teaching are sliding.

0820

The idea that life, the universe and everything is a computer simulation has been talked about around in philosophy for, but how could you ever find out such a thing was true? Professor Silas Beane, a theoretical physicist behind the research at Bonn University, explains that his group of scientists have come up with a way of testing the hypothesis and Peter Millican, professor of philosophy at Hertford College, questions the logic behind the theory.

FRI 09:00 Desert Island Discs (b01ng1kv)
[Repeat of broadcast at 11.15 on Sunday]

FRI 09:45 Book of the Week (b01njy7v)
Into the Abyss

Episode 5

Read by Barbara Barnes.

The astonishing true life adventure story of a plane crash in the wilds of northern Canada and the four men who survived to tell the tale.

On a wintry October night in 1984, nine passengers boarded a Piper Navajo commuter plane bound for remote communities in the far north of Canada. Only four people - strangers from wildly different backgrounds - survived the night that followed: the pilot, a prominent politician, an accused criminal and the rookie policeman escorting him.

The title is taken from the American mythologist Joseph Campbell who explored mankind's quest for meaning and adventure: 'It is by going down into the abyss that we recover the treasures of life'.

The author, Carol Shaben, is the daughter of Larry Shaben a politician in the Alberta Legislature who survived the crash. Using extensive interviews with all the remaining survivors and their families, as well as investigation reports and court records, she reconstructs the events leading up to the fatal crash and unravels the enduring impact it had on the four survivors and the bonds they formed that night on the mountain.

Episode Five:

Erik becomes a campaigner for aviation safety and warns of the dangers of pilot fatigue. He takes to the air once again. Larry organises a reunion.

Abridged and Produced by Jill Waters
A Waters Company production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 10:00 Woman's Hour (b01ngw9)
Mary McAleese, sexually abused women and smear tests, whining at work and big sisters

The former President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, has just written a book in which she criticises the hierarchy in the Catholic Church for not being open enough. She also talks about her reaction to the sexual abuse involving Irish clergy, gay marriage and her views on the ordination of women.

A clip on YouTube is proving a massive hit. It shows a younger brother being lectured by his big sister - she is just five if she's a day. How much sway does big sis really have?

And Hillary Clinton has raised eyebrows, for reportedly saying she can't stand people who "whine" at work. If you accept a high pressure job and the salary that goes with it, is it fair to say to career women 'If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen'?

Join Jenni Murray.

FRI 10:45 The Pillow Book (b01nml7l)
Series 5

Episode 5

The concluding episode in a new series of Robert Forrester's popular thriller set in 10th century Japan.

Yukinari has returned to the palace to discover that his lover, the Lady Shonagon, is married. Shonagon claims to want peace and tranquillity and yet her determination to unravel the

mystery of a crime committed on the Palace grounds threatens her favoured position in the palace. Shonagon is asking questions, and looking into dark corners, and Yukinari fears for her safety while he struggles to understand why she will not let this mystery lie.

Meanwhile the Emperor's new pet, a tiger all the way from India, roars inside its cage in the palace grounds.

Inspired by the writings of Sei Shonagon, a poet and lady-in-waiting to the Empress of the 10th Century Japanese court.

Written by Robert Forrester.

Directed by Lu Kemp.

FRI 11:00 Universities Challenged (b01ngwrc)

The Coalition insists their reforms to the English university system will create a healthy marketplace where universities have to compete to fill their places and students become consumers shopping around for value for money, and driving up quality. But - as the Secretary of State responsible for universities, Business Secretary Vince Cable, tells this programme - that part of the reforms is "experimental".

So how is the experiment working out ?

For more than a year, Radio 4 has been given inside access to the University of Bedfordshire as it, along with every other university in England, tries to recruit as many students as it can, setting fees as high as it dares.

The programme hears how Bedfordshire's outspoken Vice Chancellor, Professor Les Ebdon (who midway through the year became the Government's independent universities access czar) justified charging nine thousand pounds a year - the same as Oxford and Cambridge. And how did he handle a tabloid campaign attacking him and the University's so called "Mickey Mouse" degrees?

Professor Ebdon's successor at Bedfordshire, former Labour universities minister Bill Rammell, also responds to the view that it's just too easy to get into his university.

"Universities Challenged" charts an extraordinary year for English universities. It's a story of risk, good news and some nasty surprises .

Produced by Ivor Gaber
An IGA production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 11:30 Gloombsbury (b01ngwrf)
Series 1

A Desperate Attempt to Have Fun

The writer Vera Sackcloth-Vest has to tear herself away from her beloved garden just at the moment when her mammillarias are about to open.

She and her husband Henry have been summoned to London by her bosom chum, the novelist Ginny Fox. Ginny and her husband Lionel have realized that they have never had what is known as "fun" and they beg Vera and Henry to provide it.

Simultaneously, Vera's ardent acolyte Venus Traduces asks Vera to educate her, so she can be taken seriously by the Gloombsbury set. Exhausted by her efforts to educate and entertain, and haunted by the fear that her beloved Henry will soon be posted to the Balkans, Vera endures an emotional crisis at a picnic in Kensington Gardens.

Rescue arrives unexpectedly, and she escapes back to her beloved Sizzlinghurst, just as her mammillarias lift their saucy little faces to the sun.

Cast:
Vera Sackcloth-Vest Miriam Margolyes
Henry Mickleton Jonathan Coy
Venus Traduces Morwenna Banks
Mrs Ginny Fox Alison Steadman
Lionel Fox Nigel Planer

Produced by JamieRIX
A Little Brother production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 12:00 You and Yours (b01ngwrh)
Supermarket prices, energy deals and broken clocks

You & Yours has investigated the supermarket deals promising refunds for groceries bought cheaper elsewhere but found that in most cases their sums don't add up.

We have discovered that nearly a quarter of publicly owned clocks are broken; does it matter in an age when everyone has access to a device that can tell the time.

Collective energy switching offers an opportunity for consumers to reduce their power bills, says the government but will the companies who arrange the deals make a killing at the bill payers' expense?

With the launch of three tablets this week and two more over the weekend is the consumer being well served or blinded by science

More and more merchants abroad are asking consumers paying by card if they want the deal done in their home currency; it's good for them; bad for you; don't do it.

The O2 arena has launched a 'ticket direct' service to compete head on with agencies like Ticketmaster. They say it will mean cheaper tickets and less risk for consumers of being ripped off.

FRI 12:52 The Listening Project (b01ngwrk)
Noel and Roy: Too Late to Say 'Thanks Mum'

Fi Glover presents Radio 4's series that proves it's surprising what you hear when you listen. Identical twins Roy and Noel, from County Down, wish they could have their mother back to say thank you for the buying them Yakety Yak, even if it was only a cover version.

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Producer: Marya Burgess.

FRI 12:57 Weather (b01nfcgm)
The latest weather forecast.

FRI 13:00 World at One (b01ngwrw)
National and international news with Shaun Ley. Listeners can share their views via email: wato@bbc.co.uk or on twitter: #wato.

FRI 13:45 Foreign Bodies (b01mz57)
Series 1

Sweden - Inspector Martin Beck

In 1965 husband and wife Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahlöö published the first of their series of 10 police procedurals featuring Inspector Martin Beck and his team. Written during a time when Stockholm saw demonstrations against the Vietnam War, the arming and re-organisation of the police force and stresses on the welfare state, the Beck novels deliberately used the crime genre to depict changes in Swedish society.

Current crime best sellers Jo Nesbø, Henning Mankell, Åsa Larsson, Camilla Lackberg, Jens Lapidus, Val McDermid and Gunnar Staalesen are amongst those discussing the influence of the Martin Beck series with Mark Lawson as part of his series looking at European history through crime fiction.

Producer: Robyn Read

First broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2012.

FRI 14:00 The Archers (b01ngwnl)
[Repeat of broadcast at 19:00 on Thursday]

FRI 14:15 Drama (b01ngwrp)
Andy Walker - The Man Who Jumped From Space

The real life story of Captain Joe Kittinger and Project Excelsior. As jet planes flew higher and faster in the 1950s, the USAF became increasingly worried about the safety of flight crew who had to eject at high altitude. So Project Excelsior was initiated to perfect a parachute system that would allow a safe, controlled descent after a high-altitude ejection.

Producer Gary Brown

Project Excelsior was initiated in 1958 to design a parachute system that would allow a safe, controlled descent after a high-altitude ejection.

To test the parachute system, staff at Wright Field built a 200 ft (61 m) high helium balloon with a capacity of nearly 3 million cubic feet (85,000 m³) that could lift an open gondola and test pilot into the stratosphere. Joe Kittinger, who was test director for the project, made three ascents and test jumps. This is the story of the three jumps.

FRI 15:00 Gardeners' Question Time (b01ngrwr)

Stamford

The GQT team visit Stamford in Lincolnshire, with Eric Robson in the chair and Pippa Greenwood, Bunny Guinness and Bob Flowerdew taking questions from the local gardening audience.

Produced by Howard Shannon.
A Somethin' Else production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 15:45 First for Radio (b01ngrwt)

Series 1

The Coup

Four acclaimed novelists write their first stories for radio. The Coup by Tom Rachman describes how a protest threatens to turn into a coup, in London's genteel Kensington, which is next door to where the two Geraldts have just moved in.

Reader Julian Rhind-Tutt.
Producer Duncan Minshull.

FRI 16:00 Last Word (b01ngrww)

George McGovern, Fiorenzo Magni, Paul Kurtz, Mike Morris, Roy Bates

On Last Word this week:

Senator George McGovern, who lost to Richard Nixon in the 1972 Presidential election, is remembered by Gary Hart and Henry Kissinger.

Italian cycling champion - and three times winner of the Giro d'Italia race - Fiorenzo Magni.

Paul Kurtz, founder of the 'skeptical' and humanist movements.

TVAM presenter Mike Morris is remembered by her fellow presenter Anne Diamond.

And Major Roy Bates, the self-styled prince of a disused sea fort which he dubbed the free state of Sealand.

FRI 16:30 Feedback (b01ngrwy)

Presented by Roger Bolton, this is the place to air your views on the things you hear on BBC Radio.
This programme's content is entirely directed by you.

Are radio programmes about prisoners too sympathetic? In this week's Feedback, Roger meets two programme makers to discuss your questions on the rights and wrongs of radio about prisons.

Rex Bloomstein is the presenter and co-producer of Radio 4's Dying Inside, which looked at the experiences of the growing number of older prisoners, over 40% of whom are men convicted of sexual offences. Rosie Dawson produced The Bishop and the Prisoner following the Rt Rev James Jones, the Church of England's Bishop for Prisons, as he talked to prisoners, politicians and pundits about the prison system.

One listener has tried six times to get a ticket to watch the recording of Just a Minute - and still had no luck. Another was turned away from a recording of the Today programme even though she had a ticket. She compares the BBC to a low-cost airline. We put your concerns about radio recordings to Francesc Rivas, Studio Audience Manager.

As the allegations surrounding Jimmy Savile continue to make the news, we hear your reactions to the way the BBC is covering the story.

Plus the art of reading aloud. After many listeners were underwhelmed by the acclaimed actress Anna Maxwell Martin's rendition of a recent Book of the Week, we ask what makes a good reader?

Producer: Kate Taylor
A Whistledown production for BBC Radio 4.

FRI 16:55 The Listening Project (b01ngrx0)

Tush and Toller: The Names People Play

Fi Glover presents Radio 4's series that proves it's surprising what you hear when you listen. Fish hawk Tush and retired

fisherman Toller discuss the extraordinary names the Hastings fishing community has given its members over the years

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Producer: Marya Burgess.

FRI 17:00 PM (b01nkw1w)

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

FRI 18:00 Six O'Clock News (b01nfcgp)

The latest national and international news from BBC Radio 4.

FRI 18:30 The News Quiz (b01ngrx4)

Series 78

Episode 8

A satirical review of the week's news, chaired by Sandi Toksvig. Panellists are Jeremy Hardy, Hugo Rifkind, Roisin Conaty and Kevin Day.

Produced by Lyndsay Fenner.

FRI 19:00 The Archers (b01ngrx6)

Excited that her Christmas Show is coming along, whimsical Lynda looks for Jazzer at Bridge Farm to ask if he'll sing a selection of Elizabethan ballads. Later at Grange Farm, Lynda tells Ed she's now got Oliver and Caroline on board. But Jazzer has only agreed to the Elizabethan ballads if they're bawdy.

Fallon and Rhys enjoy rehearsing their roles as Beatrice and Benedick and with Lynda's help gain a greater understanding of their characters. Rhys comments that by the end of the play, the audience must be screaming "Just get together!". Tense Emma snaps at Ed. When he asks her what's wrong, tearful Emma admits that she's disappointed she didn't get any more work in the Orangery. She's not asking for much, just a bit extra so they can get by. Later she's even more disheartened when she can't get a cleaning job. Ed's supportive, saying it should be him looking for extra work; Emma does a great job raising the children.

Later at Bridge Farm, Tom tells Ed about his ready meal problem. His meatballs were made with too much salt, so they're being reprocessed. Ed's disappointed when he asks Tom if there's any work at Bridge Farm and Tom tells him that unfortunately there isn't.

FRI 19:15 Front Row (b01ngrx8)

Jez Butterworth, Wizards vs Aliens, soundscapes for journeys

With Mark Lawson

Dramatist Jez Butterworth talks about the pressures of following on from the success of his play Jerusalem, which starred Mark Rylance. His new play The River stars Dominic West and is being staged in a very small theatre. Jez Butterworth explains the choice of venue, and the unusual ticketing arrangements introduced to cope with demand.

Doctor Who and Sarah Jane Adventures writers Russell T Davies and Phil Ford have created a new action thriller, Wizards vs Aliens. In the CBBC series, a 16 year old wizard and his best friend are the only people who can protect Earth from magic hungry aliens. Novelist Matt Thorne and his young son give the verdict from different generations.

The idea of music on the move has inspired two specially-commissioned soundscapes to fit specific journeys. Portishead guitarist Adrian Utley has created a piece of music for the National Trust, to accompany a walk at Croft Castle in Herefordshire, and composer Philip Sheppard has written a score to accompany the Gatwick Express rail route between Victoria and Gatwick Airport. They discuss the art of responding in music to very specific locations.

Producer Ella-mai Robey.

FRI 19:45 The Pillow Book (b01nml7l)

[Repeat of broadcast at 10:45 today]

FRI 20:00 Any Questions? (b01ngrxb)

Blackheath Halls, London

Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the political discussion and debate programme from Blackheath Halls in South London. Guests include the former Home Secretary, Charles Clarke, David Elstein from Open Democracy, Dr Katherine Rake from the Family and Parenting Institute and Economic Secretary, Sajid Javid. Producer: Lisa Jenkinson.

FRI 20:50 A Point of View (b01ngrxd)

Who are the Chinese? 3/4

Martin Jacques presents a personal view on how best to understand the unique characteristics and apparent mysteries of contemporary China, its history, development and its possible future. In a new series of talks he sets out the building blocks for making sense of China today.

In this third talk, he explores the nature of race in China. Over 90 per cent of the Chinese population regard themselves as belonging to the same race, the Han. This is a stark contrast to the multi-racial composition of the world's other populous states. Chinese ethnic identity stems from a process of integration and of cultural identity. What defines the Chinese above all is a sense of cultural achievement. Martin Jacques argues that the Han identity has provided the glue which has held China together and has given the Chinese people an admirable confidence. But this strong sense of pride in who they are can also have a downside: a tendency to look down on others.

Martin Jacques is the author of 'When China Rules the World'.

Producer: Nina Robinson.

FRI 21:00 Foreign Bodies (b01ngrxg)

[Repeat of broadcast at 13:45 on Monday]

FRI 21:58 Weather (b01nfcgr)

The latest weather forecast.

FRI 22:00 The World Tonight (b01ngrxj)

The latest US growth data shows stronger growth than expected. How will this play into the very tight presidential race. We also have a report from US by Johnny Dymond; Syria's brief ceasefire came into effect today, but there have already been violations; also, we'll be looking into the extent to which neglect and abuse of patients in UK care homes has been addressed. Tonight the programme is presented by Roger Hearing.

FRI 22:45 Book at Bedtime (b01ngrxl)

Patricia Ferguson - The Midwife's Daughter

Episode 10

By Patricia Ferguson

Read by Joanna Tople

The new novel by Patricia Ferguson is the compassionate and moving story of two sisters and the young black orphan who changes their lives.

There is wonderful news for Grace but joy is short lived. And the final truth about the past is revealed.

Abridged by Robin Brooks

Produced by Gaynor Macfarlane.

FRI 23:00 A Good Read (b01ng831)

[Repeat of broadcast at 16:30 on Tuesday]

FRI 23:30 Today in Parliament (b01ngrxn)

Mark D'Arcy reports on the day's events at Westminster.

FRI 23:55 The Listening Project (b01ngrxq)

Bill and Richard: Filipino Dreaming

Fi Glover presents Radio 4's series that proves it's surprising what you hear when you listen. Richard wants to move to the Philippines when he retires; he thinks he'll have more chance with women there. Bill is tempted, but not convinced it's for him.

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