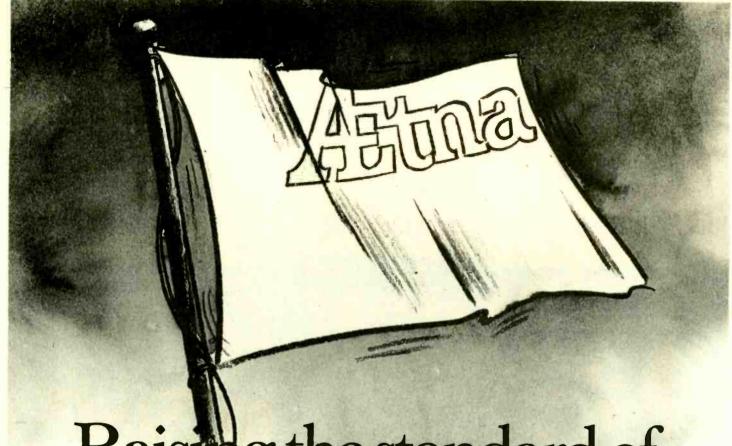
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## HIGHLIGHTS

# PROMS 88

David Stirling (below) gives Jill Thomas his view from the platform



HE opening bars of Verdi's great Requiem herald the start, on the 22nd, of the 94th season of Henry Wood Promenade Concerts, the biggest ever. What is it like to be a part of this unique musical event? I asked David Stirling, percussionist and chair-

man of the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

'The Proms are the most important element of our year's work with the orchestra, not only because of the varied repertoire we're able to include, but chiefly because of the audience," he said. Those audiences are quite unlike any others and, according to David Stirling, they "bring the whole of the Albert Hall alive with their sheer enjoyment, their enthusiasm and their involvement with the music. The orchestra responds to their awareness and a unique rapport is established; it's a great thrill for us."

A Prom audience is also the largest to which

the orchestra plays, and as the concerts are broadcast, many of them live, for domestic and World Service listeners, they can be heard by

an immense number of people.

Sir John Pritchard, the orchestra's chief conductor, will be on the rostrum for the Verdi Requiem which will be broadcast live on the World Service. There will be guest appearances from other internationally renowned conductors such as Pierre Boulez and Gunter Wand – each maestro "creating a different sound within the orchestra". That orchestra will be playing in 16 of the 69 concerts, which means a formidable amount of work for David and his colleagues.

He began his musical career as a violinist, but found it "frustrating" and changed to playing percussion: "I just caught the bug for it," he says. He has been with the 111-strong orchestra for ten years and has learned to accept the erratic life-style of an orchestral

Proms on World Service during July:

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Verdi's Requiem with Julia Varady (sopranc).

Dennis O'Neill (tenor), Dolora Zajic (mezzosoprano) and Evgeny Nesterenko (bass) with
the BBC Symphony Chorus, the Bach Chor
Symphony Orchestra is conducted by Sir John
Pritchard Fri 22nd 1830.

Tchaikovsky's Hamlet and Rachmaninov's Piano
Lane (piano) and the BBC Concert Orchestra
Conducted by John Mauceri Sat 23rd 1830.

Symphony Number 3 in C minor by Saint-Saens
with Jane Watts (organ) and the BBC Concert
24th 1515 rep Tues 26th 2315.

Brahms' Academic Festival Overture Opus 80 and
played by the Schleswig-Holstein Youth
Sun 24th 1830.

Dvorak's Symphony Number 7 in D minor played
by the Royal Liverpool Balls.

Sun 24th 1830.

Dvorak's Symphony Number 7 in D minor played by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Libor Pesek Mon 25th 1830.

Schubert's Symphony Number 9 (Great C major) played by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under James Loughran Sat 30th 1830.

Schumann's Symphony Number 4 in D minor: the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by 2nd 2315.

"Each Prom can take two or three full days of rehearsal and pre-recordings are sometimes made of newly-commissioned works. We don't often have our weekends or evenings free." The orchestra gives many performances in addition

David has a great liking for the "big romantic works" and looks forward with great pleasure to the season's performance of Schubert's Symphony No 9. He finds the acoustics of the Albert Hall particularly suited to the varied sounds of the percussion: "It's a good place in which to play." And he considers himself most fortunate to be able to spend a large part of his life doing something he enjoys so much.

## INTRODUCING: CARIBBEAN REPORT

new 15-minute current affairs programme called Caribbean Report marks the return after 14 years of the BBC's Caribbean Service on the 4th. From Mondays to Fridays at 2115 listeners can hear coverage of Caribbean affairs in Britain and the EEC, regular commodity and

currency reports, sports news and coverage of political developments in the Caribbean itself. Caribbean Report is being broadcast direct to the region on short wave (5.975MHz: 49m, 930 kHz) and relayed by the BBC's transmitter in Antigua and, on medium wave, by Radio Antilles in Montserrat, all of which should add up to excellent recention.

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The new Caribbean Service is part of the BBC's Topical Tapes department, the main task of which is to provide original taped radio programmes to national stations around the world. The department has maintained close contacts with stations in the region since the last live Caribbean Service was cut in 1974.

Since that time it has filled the gap with a weekly Topical Tape called Caribbean Magazine, rebroadcast by subscribers throughout the region. However, Caribbean leaders, businessmen and journalists have often complained about the lack of live BBC coverage there, and news of the resumed service has been greeted with great enthusiasm.

With a live service once again being offered in addition to the taped programme, national radio stations are already considering relaying it on their VHF and medium wave transmitters.

Putting the service together are senior producer Jerry Timmins who, as a Caribbean Magazine producer, is already familiar with the region; Hugh Crosskill, well-known for his work with the Caribbean News Agency (CANA); and Pat Whitehorne, who has been editor of the BBC local radio programme Black Londoners.



Jerry Timmins is senior producer of Caribbean Report

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## At a glance

## **World News**

Broadcast daily in the World Service 0000. 0200, 0300, 0400, 0500, 0600, 0700, 0800, 0900, 1100, 1300, 1600, 1700, 1800, 2000, 2200, 2300; 5-Minute News 1400 (Mons-Fris); News summary 0100, 1000, 1400 (Sats and Suns only), 1900, 2100.

#### Newsdesk

half-hour programme including World News and despatches from overseas and UK correspondents daily 0400, 0600, 1800.

## Radio Newsreel

News of events as they happen and despatches from BBC correspondents all over the world daily 0015, 0215 (South Asia), 1200 (ex Suns), 1500.

#### News about Britain Daily 0009, 0309, 1109, 1609.

Twenty-Four Hours
Analysis of the main news of the day daily 0509, 0709, 1309, 2009.

## British Press Review

Survey of editorial opinion in the Press Daily 0209, 0909; in Newsdesk 0400, 0600.

## The World Today

Examines thoroughly one topical aspect of the international scene Mons to Fris 1645 rep 2209, Tues to Fris 0145 (South Asia), Tues to Sats 0315, 0545, 0915.

## Commentary

Background to the news from a wide range of specialists Suns to Fris 1709, 2309.

## Outlook

An up-to-the-minute look at people, events and opinions together with the latest UK news, sport and weather *Mons to Fris 1400, 1900, Tues to Sats 0100*.

## Financial News

Including news of commodity prices and significant moves in currency and stock markets Mons to Fris 2230 rep Tues to Sats 0450, Mons to Sats 0930.

## Financial Review

A look back at the financial week Suns 0450, rep 2230.

#### Stock Market Report Mons to Fris 1939.

The transmission times of regular programmes given on this page are intended only as a general guide. Some changes will inevitably occur, and readers are asked to check the timing of Individual programmes on the Day-to Day pages.

Anything Goes – a variety of music and much more. Write to Bob Holness at World Service Mons 0330 rep 0830, 1330.

ssignment – a weekly examination of a topical issue Weds 2030 rep Thurs 0230, Assignment -

1001, 1615.

Book Choice - short book reviews with three editions each week — Suns 2225 rep Tues 0540; Tues 1125 rep 2225; Weds 1740; Thurs 0140 rep 1125, 2225.

Business Matters — a weekly survey of commercial and financial news Fris 1230 rep 2130. Sate 0245.

2130, Sats 0345.

Classical Record Review – Edward Greenfield reviews new releases Suns 1015 rep 1901, Weds 0815, Thurs 0430.

Development '88 – reflecting aid and development issues Tues 1830 rep Weds 0730, 1220

1330

Europe's World — a magazine programme reflecting life in Europe and its links with other parts of the world *Fris 1215 rep 2115, Sats* 

The Farming World – Weds 1225 rep Thurs 0640, 2340.
From Our Own Correspondent – BBC

correspondents comment on the background to the news Sats 2209 rep Suns 0315, 0730,

From the Weeklies – a review of the British weekly press Fris 2315 rep Sats 0730.

Good Books - recommendation of a book to

Good Books – recommendation of a book to read *Mons 0315 rep 0915, Weds 1945.*Health Matters – keeps you up to date with the latest developments in medicine and suggests ways of helping you stay fit and well *Mons 1115 rep Tues 0815, Fris 0215.* 

Jazz for the Asking - Peter Clayton plays listeners' jazz requests Suns 0630 rep 1715,

John Peel - selects tracks from newly released albums and singles from the contemporary

music scene around the world *Tues 0330 rep*Thurs 0830, Fris 1330.

Jolly Good Show – Dave Lee Travis

presents your record requests, the enquiry

desk and the album of the month Sats 0815 rep Tues 1515, Thurs 2115.

## The Spanish Armada



In July 1588 Phillip of Spain sent his Armada to reinforce an attempted invasion of England by a Spanish army from the Netherlands. Its defeat by England's fleet marked a turning point in history. Robert Milne-Tyte explains why in *Omnibus*, using contemporary written accounts to explain the importance of England's new naval strategy 26th. strategy 26th.

Among the armaments on board the Armada ships were "grenades" made of pottery; they shattered on impact and splashed a sticky, fiery substance over the target. One of these fiendish weapons, an early form of napalm, was recovered from a wreck and is on display in a spectacular Armada Anniversary Exhibition at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

In a special edition of Seven Seas 14th, Malcolm Billings visits the museum and talks to historians and nautical archaeologists about the weapons, navigational instru-ments and life aboard the ships. The Ken Bruce Show - Sats 1715 rep Suns 0230, Mons 1130.

Letter from America - by Alistair Cooke Sats

Letter from America — by Alistair Cooke Sats 1015 rep Suns 0545, 1645, 2315.

Meridian — each week, three topical programmes about the world of the arts Sats 0630 rep 1130, 2030; Tues 2030 rep Weds 0630, 1130; Thurs 2030 rep Fris 0630, 1130.

Multitrack — all the latest news and music on the British pop scene Mons, Weds, Fris 1830 rep Mons, Weds, Fris 2330; Tues, Thurs, Sats 1215.

Music Now — presented by Stephen Johnson

Music Now – presented by Stephen Johnson Fris 0030 rep 0830, 1715. Nature Notebook – Fris 1445 rep Sats 0145,

2225, Mons 0530.

Network UK — looks behind the issues and events that affect the lives of people throughout the United Kingdom. Three editions each week Mons, Weds, Fris 2101 rep Tues, Thurs, Sats 0215, 0745, 1330.

New Ideas — a radio shop window for new products and inventions Tues 0530 rep Weds 1730, Thurs 1115.

Omnibus — each week a half-hour programme

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on practically any topic under the sun *Tues*1615 rep Weds 0030, 1001.

People and Politics – background to the British
political scene with reports on Parliament
Sats 0230 rep 1030, 2130.

The People Science Programme – (see page 7).

The Pop Science Programme – (see page 7)
Tues 1001 rep Weds 0330, Thurs 1830.
Personal View – of topical issues in British life
Fris 1945, Sats 0030, 0530, 0945.
The Pleasure's Yours – write to Gordon Clyde

for your classical music requests *Suns 0815* rep 2115, Thurs 1515.

Recording of the Week – a personal choice from the new releases *Sats 0045 rep Mons 0545*, Tues 1345, Weds 2145.

Reflections – a daily consideration of the meeting point between religion and life daily 0445 rep 0809, 2240.

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Religious Services – from St Martin-in-the-Fields, conducted by the Rector, Canon Geoffrey Brown 3rd; an Anglican service from St Wilfred's Parish Church in Brayton, near Selby, North Yorkshire, conducted by the Rev Bob Rogers 10th; an ecumenical celebration from the Church of St Mary and St Peter in St Helier Largey led by the Rev St Peter, in St Helier, Jersey, led by the Rev Terry Hampton 17th; from Canterbury Cathedral, the opening Act of Worship for the 1988 Lambeth Conference (see page 6); the preacher will be the Archbishop of Canterbury 24th; the Most Rev Alastair Haggart introduces a service of prayer from the Lambeth Conference 31st

Suns 1030 rep Mons 0030

Report on Religion – a weekly magazine of religious news and views *Tues 1945 rep Weds 0130, 0530, 1445*.

Science in Action – *Fris 1615 rep 2030, Suns* 

0915, Mons 0230.

Seven Seas – weekly programme about ships and the sea *Thurs 2315 rep Fris 0745, 1015*.

Society Today – a weekly look at the changes in Britain Weds 1715, rep Thurs 0145, 0945.

Sports Roundup – Mons-Sats following the 0930 Financial News, 1245; daily 1745,

2245, Suns only 1330.

Sportsworld – the weekly sports magazine Sats 1345, 1515, 1615.

Sunday Half-Hour – 30 minutes in the

company of schools and local church congregations with a guest presenter Suns

Talking From... - profiles from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales Thurs 2101 rep Fris 0145, 1115.

The Tony Myatt Request Show — Sats 2315 rep Suns 1345.

The Vintage Chart Show - past Top Ten hits with Jimmy Savile Mons 1030 rep 2130, Fris

Waveguide - how to hear us better Suns 0750,

Mons 0450, Tues 1115, Thurs 0130. rite On . . . – put your points to Paddy Feeny Weds 2315, Thurs 1445, Fris 0730. Write On



#### A Schubert Anthology

"Sometimes it seems to me that I no longer belong to this world," said the 31-year-old Schubert to a friend; prophetic words, because within a few months he was dead. Indeed, as Schubert composed his last works he appears to have had an awareness of his approaching death, and these works, including The Shepherd on the Rock and the song collection Schwanengesang, featured in the final four programmes of the anthology, introduced by Roger Short.
•Mons until 25th 0145 rep Tues

0430, 1445, Fris 0815

#### Beethoven

When Ludwig van Beethoven (born 1770) was buried in Vienna on 29th March 1827, a crowd of up to 20,000 people turned out to pay their respects. And respect for Beethoven and his music has never declined to this day.

There are of course some people who don't like his music, but for anyone who takes the art of music at all seriously, Beethoven can not be ignored. The man himself was strange, difficult and often lonely. His music even now sounds astonishingly original when you set it against the works of his contempor-

In this new series about the man, his life and his music, our guide is someone who knows his subject not only as a scholar, but also as a distinguished performer, the pianist Denis Matthews, former professor of music at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

•Mons from 25th 1715 rep Tues

#### **Concert Hall**

The present season ends with new recordings featuring leading British Christopher Hogwood the Academy of Ancient Music in their performance on authentic instruments of Beethoven's First Piano Concerto, with the American fortepianist Stephen Lubin 5th; Sir Michael Tippett conducts the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in his own Concerto for Double String Orchestra 10th; and Sibelius's Seventh Symphony is performed by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, ducted by Simon Rattle 17th. •Suns 10th and 17th only 1530, Tues until 19th 2315

#### **Guitar Workshop**

Stefan Grossman returns with a new series of his unique Guitar Workshop, in which he features records by many of the greatest names in blues guitar music, describes their playing styles and demonstrates, their instrumental techniques on his own guitar.

Among the performers whose work he'll be discussing are some of the pioneers of the Mississippi Delta blues, including Robert Johnson, Charley Patton and Frank Stokes. There will also be music from ragtime players such as Blind Blake, as well as a programme examining the influential career of Rev Gary Davis – one of Stefan Grossman's own guitar teachers.

• Sats from 2nd 0130 rep Tues 2115, Thurs 0730, Fris 1001

0030 **Music Now** 

Stephen Johnson, a rising young critic well-known to readers of the Gramophone magazine, is a new presenter of Music Now. Among the topics he covers this month is the new season of Henry Wood Promenade Concerts which start on the 22nd. Ernest Warburton presents a special report from Munich Opera Festival, which this year features a complete cycle of the 15 operas of Richard Strauss

•Fris 0030 rep 0830, 1715

## Glyndebourne HIGHLIGHT

- the Early Years

The founding of the Glyndebourne Festival Opera in 1934 was a remarkable chapter in English musical history. That year the eccentric John Christie, musical amateur and wealthy opera lover, opened his own opera house, built in the grounds of his Glyndebourne estate in the south of England. By attracting eminent international singers and conductors he set new standards of performance, particularly in the operas of Mozart.

This four-part series examines the Glyndebourne Opera's formative years from 1934 to 1939, when our picture was taken. It is illustrated by recordings, many of them made at Glyndebourne, of singers such as Mariano Stabile, Margharita Grandi and Salvatore Baccaloni in music by

Mozart, Verdi and Donizetti.

Sats from 9th 2115 rep Suns 0430, Mons 1545, Tues 0945

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#### The Art of the Weatherman

All over the world the weather is a matter of discussion, of concern, and sometimes of fear. Whether it's a storm at sea or a prolonged drought over land, freak weather, particularly when it's unexpected, can kill

But in the past few years, with increasing use of satellites and computers, our ability to forecast the weather has improved dramatically. Is it likely that soon we will be able to say exactly what the weather will do, perhaps for weeks ahead? Might we one day be able to control the weather? John Murray asks the questions, the weathermen give the answers.

• Tues 5th 2130 rep Thurs 0330

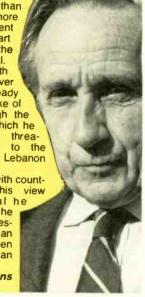
## HIGHLIGHT A Life at the UN

Brian Urquhart probably knows the United Nations more intimately than anyone else in the world. For more than 40 years, until his recent retirement, he worked at the heart of the organisation, for much of the time as Under-Secretary General. In a series of conversations with

Sam Younger he looks back over his time at the UN, from the heady days of its foundation in the wake of the Second World War through the trauma of the Congo, during which he himself was kidnapped and threatened by Katangese rebels, to the challenges of peace-keeping in Lebanon in the 1980s.

He describes his encounters with countless world leaders, giving his view of the secretaries-general he worked with and explaining why he has dedicated most of his professional life to the cause of an organisation that has so often been attacked, or written off as an expensive failure.

•Sats from 16th 2101 rep Suns 0945, Mons 1615



## The A-Z of Hollywood

Roy Pickard continues his series highlighting the stars and movie makers who have worked in the film capital, from Swashbucklers through Universal Studios to Villains. •Sats ex 2nd and 23rd 1115, Suns 0530, Mons 1630, Weds

#### Behind the Wall

Concluding Colin Thubron's account of a recent journey through China, John Rowe reads episodes 11 and 12.

• Mons until 11th 0430 rep 0815, Fris 2145

## The Best Day of Your Life?

Marjorie Lofthouse talks to celebrities about significant days in their careers. In 1962 Professor Maurice Wilkins was in New York. One night he received a telephone call from Sweden, telling him that he and his colleagues Francis Crick and James Watson had won the Nobel Prize for Medicine for their work on genetics 4th

In July 20 years later pianist Peter Donohoe set out for Moscow with the intention of winning the prestigious Tchaikovsky Piano Competition. The jury's decision to award the silver medal jointly to Donohoe and a Russian pianist was controversial – but the audience rewarded Donohoe's performance with a 15-minute standing ovation 11th.

•Mons until 11th 2115 rep Tues 0145, 0730

#### **The Bishops Come** to Lambeth

There are nearly 70 million members of the Anglican Church world-wide. It has 430 dioceses, 30,000 parishes and 64,000 individual congregations spread over 164 coungregations spread over 164 courteries. In The Bishops Come to Lambeth Gerald Priestland looks at the history of this Anglican Communion and the development of the Lambeth Conferences of Bishops, which are held every ten

Suns until 10th 0945 rep 2209. Mons 1445

#### Film of the Book

The first of two programmes in which Christopher Cook explores the relationship between novels and the movies based on them. John Buchan's novel The Thirty-Nine Steps was published in 1915 and concerns espionage in the run-up to the First World War. Alfred Hitch-cock's 1935 film stars Robert Donat

## IGHLIGHT



## **English Wine** – a Growth Industry?

There is a deal of difference between English wine and the so-called British wine. The former is the product of grapes from vineyards mainly in the south-east and south-west of England. British wine is a fairly sweet drink made from imported grapes or concentrates.

English wines are distinctive, often bursting with freshness and flavour, some dry and flinty, others sweeter, with a pronounced fruitiness.

Tasting is the only way to discover the difference. Julian Potter has been doing just that, as well as visiting vineyards, talking to the growers and hearing the views of wine experts

•Sun 10th 1615 rep Mon 0730, Tues 2130, Thurs 0330

## FEATURES PREVIEW

as the novel's hero, Richard Hannay, the man who pursues a master-spy across the Scottish highlands while he himself is on the run from the police, suspected of

•Sun 31st 2330 rep Mon 0630, 1001, 1515

#### The Future of **British Universities**

British universities have for centuries enjoyed a prestigious reputation worldwide. They still do, despite years of financial cuts and reductions in staff. However, certain subjects are beginning to disappear from some campuses.

Students are now more aware of what is popular with employers and such subjects as classics, philosophy and physics are less in de-mand. Specific language courses are not as widespread as they once were. And more universities are having to consider a range of subjects which will also appeal to the overseas students who bring in revenue

John Clare, education editor of the Daily Telegraph, considers whether there are benefits in becoming less financially dependent on the state and how this painful process of readjustment will affect the pattern for the future

•Sun 17th 1615 rep Mon 0730, Tues 2130, Thurs 0330

#### In Other Words

They must withstand the sort of pressures that permit them to work only in half-hour bursts. They must assimilate rapidly the essence of a speech, then reproduce it. They must project ahead as to how a speaker will unfold his theme. They must find an interest in any subject. We follow a week in the life of a group of interpreters at the Euro-pean Parliament in Strasbourg. • Sun 24th 2330 rep 25th 0630,

#### Parishes and Perestroika

In the year 988 the Emperor Vladimir was baptised and established Christianity as the official religion in his domains. This year the Orthodox Church in Russia celebrates its millennium.

Bernard Jackson examines the triumphs and tragedies of Russian Christianity and discovers how ordinary Russians practise their faith. He collects both official and unofficial views of how the church operates, talking to priests and seminarians to discover how they are being trained and by whom, and finding out how parish priests practise their ministry among the poor, oppressed and weak

•Sun 24th 1915 rep Mon 0101, Fri

#### HIGHLIGHT

## The Pop Science

**Programme** 

Why do teenagers suffer from adolescent spots? Do cats really have nine lives? What causes acid rain, and how much damage does it do? What would it be like to go inside a black hole? What are the latest ideas about why the dinosaurs died out 65 million years ago?

These are some of the questions tackled in The Pop Science Programme, which replaces Discovery in July and August. A mixture of pop music with popular science and medicine aimed primarily at young people, it wil, producer Stephen Hedges believes, prove popular with a much wider audience.

Stephen would like young people to write to him with their record requests and questions about any area of science cr medicine, to be answered by a leading science journalist

If you have a cassette recor-der you might like to put your questions and requests on tape and send them to Bush House. Or send your telephone number with your request and have The Pop Science Programme call

•Tues from 5th 1001 rep Weds 0330, Thurs 1830

## HIGHLIGHT The Man in the Moon

Throughout history the moon has been of enormous importance in human society. All cultures have had their own myths – myths about fertility, loneliness and madness – even the English word "lunacy" is a derivation of the Latin word for moon. Yet as a result of a man now having walked on the moon we realise that our nearest planetary neighbour is effectively little more than a dead lump of matter. Christopher Nicholson investi-

gates what is left of its role in human

history. Is it important any longer?

He talks to, among others, British astrologer Russell Grant, American science fiction writer Isaac Asimov and also to one of the select few to have set foot on the moon – astronaut Eugene Cernan.

•Sun 10th 2330 rep Mon 0630, 1001, 1515

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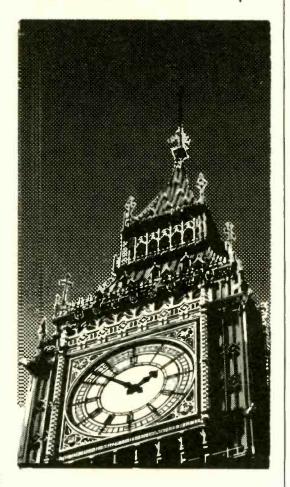
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#### Popular Capitalism

To its supporters it is the embodiment of a new and more creative phase of capitalism; to its detractors it amounts to little more than "selling off the family silver". Popular capitalism was born almost by chance with the British Conservative government's decision in the early '80s to sell some state-owned assets to private enterprise. The programme began quietly accelerated rapidly.

The sale of the state telephone network, British Telecom, in 1984 was the biggest share sale in history; this was followed two years later by the even bigger sale of British Gas.

Millions of people bought shares for the first time, raising the level of share ownership in Britain from one in ten of the population to one in

Now France, Japan, Italy, Spain, Portugal and a host of other countries, including some of the Third World's biggest debtors, are following Britain's example. But the near-collapse of world stock markets letter of the stock of kets last October was a stark

#### HIGHLIGHT

## Skyfreighters

Flying the world's airways is no longer the privilege of the wealthy. But few of the millions of passengers stop to think that they are only part of the airlines' business, and that the cargo beneath their feet often pays most of the cost of the flight. Air freight now is big business, and a surprisingly varied business too: just about everything, from computer tapes to fresh vegetables, from racehorses and zoo animals to complete aircraft needing repair (see picture), is air-freighted to meet urgent

The overnight parcels carriers, the specialists in dangerous cargos, and the Flying Tigers with their cargo Jumbos are some of the characters Peter Beer meets as he investigates this fast-growing

•Sun 17th 2330 rep Mon 0630, 1001, 1515



reminder of the uncertainty and risk involved in owning shares.

So is popular capitalism a brave new dream or a potential night-mare? John Pickford has been

seeking some of the answers.

•Sun 3rd 2330 rep Mon 0630, 1001, 1515

## The Silent Army

its neighbours in Central America, Costa Rica is poor. But there the similarities end. Unlike other states in the region, Costa Rica has enjoyed 40 years of peace - it has no army, and its people are

nealthy. Controlling infectious disby mass-immunisation, establishing a network of primary health-care clinics, and adopting other public health measures has meant that Costa Ricans can now expect to live as long as people in Western Europe. Geoff Watts examines the impressive achieve-ments of Costa Rica's "silent army" of health-workers.

•Sun 24th 1615 rep Mon 0730, Tues 2130, Thurs 0330

## Three Wishes



Jonathan Miller, one of Britain's most colourful and controversial theatre directors (when he's not pursuing his other highly successful career as a doctor of medicine) will brave any amount of critical flak for his productions on stage. But the thought of actual bodily assault – or, worse still, a real hail of bullets – terrifies him to the core. He wishes he'd been given greater courage to face physical violence and pain

The problem is easily remedied, of course, by talking to Robert Booth. He has the power to fulfil the most cherished dreams and fancies of Jonathan and other celebrated guests in another series of Three Wishes.

•Mons from 18th 2315 rep Weds 1515, Fris 0530

#### The Seven Ages of Shakespeare

It used to be said that little was known about the man called William Shakespeare, writer of what are probably the best-known plays in world literature. In fact we know more about him than about any other person of his time – except perhaps Queen Elizabeth herself!

Derek Parker dredges contemporary history and presents first-hand memories of the playwright as schoolboy, poacher, drinker, friend, wooer, husband and father, house-holder, actor, lover, lodger, litigant and businessman. His friends speak of this "handsome, well-shaped man" as a "most agreeable companion" and of "the great sweetness in his manner"; his rivals of him as an "upstart crow" – although Queen Elizabeth complimented him and King James wrote him a fan letter.

Of course the mystery remains: how were those miraculous works written? But as far as the man himself is concerned, these seven programmes bring us as close to him as we can ever come.

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## SPORT PREVIEW



**GOLF: Harry Peart** looks ahead to the 117th Open at Royal Lytham



N April 10th at Augusta, Britain's Sandy Lyle hit a remarkable iron shot from a bunker on the final hole to snatch the Masters title from the dumbfounded Mark Calcavechia. Lyle's stroke which

hardly disturbed a grain of sand, would have drawn approval from a certain Robert T Jones.

"Bobby" Jones was an American approval.

"Bobby" Jones was an American amateur who won 13 of the 27 major championships he entered. He was also the man with the idea

he entered. He was also the man with the idea of creating a course out of an indigo plantation and founding the Augusta National Golf Club where Lyle began the 1988 major championship season in triumph.

In 1926 Jones came to Royal Lytham and St Annes to win the first of his Open titles. Assembled on the north-west coast of England was the finest field of American players, both professional and amateur. Gene Sarazen was the only notable absentee

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In the final round, Jones found his ball in the sand at the 17th. Like Lyle he produced the stroke of a genius, reaching the blind green from 175 yards. It was the stroke that destroyed the opposition.

Seventeen years later, Henry Cotton put forward the idea of a plaque to commemorate the feat. It now stands at the rear of the bunker. Surprisingly Jones's win at the inaugural Open at Royal Lytham was the last by an American on that course.

Unlike Augusta and this year's United States Open venue at Brookline Country Club in Massachussetts, Royal Lytham is unlikely

in Massachussetts, Royal Lytham is unlikely in Massachussetts, Royal Lytham is unlikely to be described as picturesque. It's a course where players must roll up their sleeves — weather permitting — and face a severe test of accuracy and patience.

The prevailing wind is from the north-west, and players can be lulled into a false sense of security on the outward nine holes. Many have reached the turn well under par only to be destroyed on the windward drive home.

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Unlike Augusta where the magnolias, the pinewoods, and the water provide the hazards, Royal Lytham is dominated by the unnerving sight of the old railway line, which provides a constant threat; the elevated greens; and the numerous bunkers which provide a minefield for the unwary.

The 1988 Open champion will have earned his prize money by Sunday evening on the 17th. Last year it was a British win as Nick Faldo played a solid final round and Paul Azinger made mistakes. This year the European contingent are again attempting to underline their growing domination of the game. Lyle is already installed as one of the firm favourites, while Faldo, Ballesteros, Langer and many of the triumphant Ryder Cup team will pose a powerful threat. And the Open always provides a huge incentive to the American challenge.

Harry Peart reports from the course in all editions of Sports Roundup 14th-17th. Extended coverage of the Open in Sportsworld, 16th 1345-1700 and 17th 1515-1530 and 1715-1745.

Also this month: Monte Carlo Open until 2nd; Scottish Open at Gleneagles 6th-9th; Dutch Open at Hilversum 21st-24th; Scandinavian Open at Ulina 28th-31st; and weekly reports of the US PGA tour by Al Wester every Saturday in Sportsworld.

Sandy Lyle, a hot favourite for the Open.

**TENNIS:** Coverage continues for the Wimbledon men's singles semi-finals 1st in Sportsworld 1330, 1615. The women's singles final is featured in Sportsworld 2nd beginning at the earlier time of 1309 and there's live commentary on the men's final 3rd 1309 until the end of the match. Sportsworld's review of the day's play at Wimbledon can be heard at 2101 rep 0215,

0745 on the following day.
Later this month Sportsworld and Sports
Roundup feature the Davis Cup World Group
semi-finals 22nd-24th. West Germany play
Yugoslavia, who have reached the semis for the first time ever, and Sweden, the holders, meet

It was touch and go for Sweden in the quarter finals against Czechoslovakia. Mats Wilander was badly out of form, losing both his matches, and Stefan Edberg had to save his nation's and Stelan Edberg had to save in a fattor's blushes in a deciding five-set marathon against Miloslav Mecir which Edberg won 9-7 in the final set, to give Sweden a 3-2 victory. They will face a tough semi-final against the French, especially if the effervescent Yannick Noah repeats his success against Australia in the last round.

CRICKET: The England v West Indies series continues with the third Test match at Old Trafford June 30th-July 5th and the fourth Test match at Headingley 21st-26th. There's commentary on each day's play in *Sportsworld* 1115-1130 and 1345-1400 except Saturdays when extended coverage is featured between 1345 and 1700. Ball-by-ball commentary is broadcast to the West Indies and South Asia on

the following frequencies:
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Sportsworld 9th features commentary from Lord's on the Benson and Hedges Cup Final.

MOTOR RACING: French Grand Prix at Le Castellet 3rd; British Grand Prix at Silverstone 10th; West German Grand Prix at Hockenheim 24th; previews in Sportsworld 2nd, 9th, 23rd race reports in Sports Roundup and commentary on the closing stages of the British Grand Prix 10th 1515.

RACING: Sportsworld features commentaries on: The Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park 2nd; The Irish Oaks at the Curragh 9th; The Princess Margaret Stakes and the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot 23rd; and The Nassau Stakes at Goodwood 30th.

Sports Roundup reports on the Newmarket July meeting 5th-7th and Glorious Goodwood 26th-30th

ATHLETICS: Grand Prix events in Oslo 2nd; Stockholm 5th; Crystal Palace, London 8th; Nice 10th; Rome 27th; Edinburgh 29th.

MOTOR CYCLING: Belgian Grand Prix 3rd; Yugoslav Grand Prix 17th; French Grand

CYCLING: Tour de France 4th-24th.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Australia v Great Britain, 3rd Test at Sydney 9th; New Zealand v Great Britain in Christchurch 16th.



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# DRAMA

## HIGHLIGHT

## Pilgrim's **Progress**

"As I walked through the wilderness of this world, I lighted on a certain place, where was a den, and I laid me down in that place to sleep: and as I slept, I dreamed a dream

So begins The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan, first published in Britain in 1678 and since translated into hundreds of other languages. This month you can hear a series of dramatised readings from this famous book, which follows the adventures of Christian, a poor pilgrim beset by doubts, difficulties and temptations as he tries to reach the Celestial City.

Although it's an allegory of Bunyan's own complicated spiritual struggles, he tells his story in simple, direct, humorous terms, and many of the scenes and characters have entered into the English language and culture: his images of the Slough of Despond, Vanity Fair, Giant Despair and Doubting Castle remain as lively and vivid as the day he wrote them.

Regardless of individual beliefs or cultures, the book's message of perseverance and courage has a universal and timeless appeal. In this version, abridged for radio by Joy Boatman, the part of the Narrator is taken by **Robert Lang**, Christian is played by Paul Copley and the music and special effects have been composed by Peter Howell of the BBC's Radiophonic Workshop.

•Mons 2030 rep Tues 0230, 1030

Narrator Robert Lang charts the Pilarim's Progress



## After Henry

Further episodes from the life of Sarah, her mother Eleanor and daughter Clare.

Written by Simon Brett, starring Prunella Scales as Sarah, Joan Sanderson as Eleanor, Benjamin Whitrow as Russell and Gerry

•Suns until 17th 1915 rep Mons 0101, Fris

#### A Sea of Troubles

Mr Meggs' life has become a burden to him, and he feels that suicide is the only way out. It gives him some pleasure to contemplate the bequests he is to make to his old friends – in particular the gift for his secretary. But he is totally unprepared for her extraordinary reaction to his generosity.

About this reads this story by P G

John Hollis reads this story by P Wodehouse

•Mon 4th 1615 rep Fri 0945

## CitizEls

residents of Limerick Road celebrate young William's first birth-day – but will his father appear at

the party?

Plans are afoot for holidays at home and abroad; Hugh awaits news that might change his life, and Julia faces a very big career decision. Darius reappears in Alex's life and reveals a surprise from his past, and back home in Liverpool Mike and Julia have to face some unpleasant truths about their pa-

rents, Pat and Tony.

• Tues and Thurs 1130 rep 1715, Weds and Fris 0230

## **Country Stories**

Tales by H E Bates, abridged and read by David Neal:

A Teetotal Tale: Uncle Silas has always had an eye for the ladies. He's always had a taste for beer as well, and on one occasion he found that the two didn't mix. But Uncle Silas is a wily old man, and can usually find a way round an obstacle - especially when it's female 5th.

The Cowslip Field: Pacev is a funny, dumpy woman who wears very thick glasses. When she takes a little boy out to pick cowslips, his childish innocence uncovers another Pacey altogether. He persuades her to take off her glasses and let loose her hair 12th.

The Bedfordshire Clanger: Uncle Silas recalls another of his many problems with ladies. This one was his landlady, who provided him with a dreary diet of suet puddings.
Uncle Silas and his friend Arth Sugars found a means of revenge which involved a midnight raid on

the larder 19th.

Great Uncle Crow: A little boy is taken by his grandfather to visit Great Uncle Crow. He is interested in the fishermen's tales he hears, but most intriguing of all is the bottle of golden liquid which Uncle Crow calls "neck-oil", and which has a peculiar effect on his grandfather.

• Tues 2101 rep Weds 0430, 1115

Midnight Express

"It was a battered old book, bound in red buckram . . . " And it contained a picture that its 12-year old

### HIGHLIGHT

## **Quartermaine's Terms**

St John Quartermaine is a teacher at the Cull-Loomis School of English for foreigners, a privately-run establishment in an English university town. He is a gentle, kindly man, always willing to see the best in anyone, and quite unaware of the crises and private affairs that are constantly disrupting the lives of his so-called friends. Quartermaine has, however, one small failing: he is an appalling teacher.

Michael Williams stars as St John Quartermaine, Robin Bailey is

It e long-suffering principal Eddie Loomis and Peter Jeffrey the likeable out ultimately ruthless academic tutor Henry Windscape, in this 3)-minute Play of the Week, the first radio production of Simon Gray's stage play. It is adapted for radio by Richard Wigmore and directed by Pordon House

Sat 2nd 1830 rep Sun 0830, 1130



reader could never bear to look at. and a story he could never quite finish without falling asleep. It was called *The Midnight Express*, and when he was 50, he found out why. **Joss Ackland** reads this tale by

Affred Noyes

•Sat 9th 2100 rep Sun 0215, Mon 1615, Fri 0945

#### **Prometheus** Bound

Although Prometheus helped Zeus to defeat the Titans in the war for the throne of heaven, he subse-

quently enraged the god by opposing his plans to destroy mankind. Zeus punished him because he gave men Hope and Fire, thereby putting all the arts and sciences of civilization in their power. Will Prometheus ever be freed from the rock to which he has been shack-

Walter Acosta directs this Play of the Week by Aeschylus, translated by Phillip Vellacott and revised for radio by Peter Mellors.

•Sat 30th 1901 rep 0101, 1201

## **Short Story**

Ben is a gardener in South Africa who has a gift for getting into trouble and shaking up his employer's stereotyped ideas. By Gilbert Herbert from Haifa in Israel 3rd.

A story next from Tolowa Marti Mollel in Tanzania. In A Night Out a man, drunk and lonely, makes a casual visit to a prostitute and finds himself reluctantly drawn into her life 10th.

The Devil and Ms Lambert is a satirical comedy from Joan Munton Wright in Canada. Ms Lambert sells her soul - but what does she get in return? 17th.

Among the lakes and forests, an old bear and a dying hunter are both losing their hold on their territory.

Kings Must Die comes from American listener Bob Milne 24th.

Stanley goes to a Catholic school until he becomes too ill to continue. Then his schoolfriend finds he can not understand a God that lets children suffer so. By Frank Alanthwaite in South Africa 31st.

•Suns 1001 rep (ex 3rd) 2101, Tues 0130

#### The Third Policeman

"People who spend most of their natural lives riding iron bicycles over the rocky roadsteads of this parish get their personalities mixed up with the personalities of their and you would be bicycles surprised at the number of people in these parts who nearly are half people and half bicycles."

A man with a wooden leg is looking for a black box. He and his friend, John Divney, committed murder to get their hands on the box but, somehow, it seems to elude them. Perhaps the local police could help if they weren't so preoccupied with the bicycle question. A fantasy by Flann O'Brien set somewhere in Ireland, abridged in ten parts by Eric Ewens and read by

Patrick Magee.
•Suns from 17th 0215 rep 2209,
Mons 1445, Fris 0945

#### Time for Verse

"I keep six honest serving men (they taught me all I knew) Their names are What and Why and When And How and Where and

Who. H Colin Davis has compiled this new series in which he presents poems asking the questions posed by Rudyard Kipling's Six Honest Serving Men. It includes verse by many poets, but one features in each of the six programmes Thomas Hardy, a man who asked a good many questions in his verse.

The readers are Rosalind Shanks and Geoffrey Collins.

• Weds from 13th 1215 rep Thurs

0630, 2330

#### Where Angels Fear to Tread

'It was now nearly ten years since Charles had fallen in love with Lilia Theobald because she was pretty, and during that time Mrs Herriton had hardly known a moment's rest. For six months she schemed to prevent the match, and when it had taken place she turned to another the supervision of her daughter-in-law. She was aided by Charles, by her daughter Harriet, and by the clever one of the family, Philip. Lilia must be pushed through life without bringing discredit on the family into which she had married.

It is from the restraints of English middle-class society that Lilia decides to free herself by journeying to Italy; she leaves her little daughter in the care of her mother-in-Irma law, Mrs Herriton, and is accompa-nied by the "charming, sober" Caroline Abbott.

Lilia's frequent, cheerful letters describe their travels to predictable places like Florence and Rome, and then one day a letter arrives from "the wonderful little town" of Monteriano, and so does the next

Where Angels Fear to Tread, E M Forster's first novel, was published in 1905. Abridged in nine parts by Ann Rees-Jones, it is read by Robert Powell.

•Mons from 18th 0430 rep 0815. Fri 2145

## La Peste

## HIGHLIGHT

The rats come first, in their loathesome thousands, and they die in their thousands; in their wake comes the plague (la peste). The setting is the French port of Oran on the Algerian coast, the time the late 1940s, and the devastating effect of the plague of the population is seen through the eyes of three characters: the local poctor Rieux (Ronald Pickup); a young Parisian journalist Rambert (Cire Merrison); and a man of mystery in search of peace, Tarrou (John Shrapnel). All three in their different ways find a kind of strength in their fight against the plague, not with heroism "but goodness of heart and a dedication to the ideal of happiness".

Albert Camus (1913-1960) was born in Algeria and despite a poverty-stricken background emerged as a major intellectual who went on to win the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1957. La Peste, published in 1947, is considered by many to be his finest work; it reflects Camus's rejection of Christianity and his belief that man is responsible for his

fellow man.

This production in two parts, dramatised by Guy Meredith and directed by Cherry Cookson, was runner-up for the Best Production and Best Dramatisation in the 1987 Sony Anards for Radio Drama.

Also appearing in the star-studded cast of this Play of the Week are Maurice Denham as Grand, Alfred Burke as Fr Panaloux, Brian Glover as Cottard and Stuart Organ as Dr Richard.

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- 09 British Press Review
  15 Network UK (ex 2nd Sportsworld)
  15 Radio Newsreel
- - 30 People and Politics (ex 30th)

#### 0300 World News

- world News
  09 News about Britain
  15 The World Today
  30 Europe's World
  30 African News
  35 Saturdays Only
  45 Business Maria

- - 45 Business Matters

#### 0400 Newsdesk

- 30 Here's Humph!

  30 African News

  35 Saturdays Only
- 45 Reflections
  - 50 Financial News

- 0500 World News 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News
  - Summary 30 Personal View
  - 45 The World Today

#### 0600 Newsdesk

- 30 Meridian

  30 African News
- 35 Saturdays Only

#### 0700 World News

- Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
  30 From the Weeklies
  30 African News
  35 Saturdays Only
- - 45 Network UK (ex 2nd Sportsworld)

#### 0800 World News 09 Reflections

- 15 A Jolly Good Show

#### 0900 World News

- 99 British Press Review
  15 The World Today
  30 Financial News followed by Sports
- Roundup 45 Personal View

#### 1000 News Summary followed by Here's

- 15 Letter from America
- 30 People and Politics (ex 30th)

- 1100 World News
  09 News about Britain
  15 The A-Z of Hollywood (ex 2nd and 23rd Sportsworld)

#### 1200 Radio Newsreel

- 15 Multitrack 3
- 45 Sports Roundup

- 1300 World News
  09 Twenty-Four Hours: News
  Summary (ex 2nd Sportsworld)
  30 Network UK (ex 2nd)
  45 Sportsworld inc 1400 News

#### Summary 1500 Radio Newsreet

15 Sportsworld

#### 1600 World News 09 News about Britain

15 Sportsworld

#### 1700 World News

- 09 Words

  09 African News
- 15 The Ken Bruce Show
- 45 Sports Roundup

#### 1800 Newsdesk

- 30 2nd Play of the Week: Quartermaine's Terms; 9th and 16th Great British Concert Halls; 23rd and 30th Prom Concert
- 1900 News Summary (9th and 16th only) followed by Play of the Week (ex 23rd and 30th Prom Concert contd.): 2nd Quartermaine's Terms contd; 9th and 16th La Peste – Parts 1 and 2

#### 2000 World News

- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News
- Summary
- 2100 News Summary followed by A Life at the UN (ex 2nd Sportsworld, 9th Midnight Express)

  15 Glyndebourne – The Early Years (ex 2nd The Music of Weber)

  - 30 People and Politics (ex 30th)

- 2200 World News 09 From Our Own Correspondent
  - 25 Nature Notebook
  - 40 Reflections
- 45 Sports Roundup

#### 2300 World News

- 09 Words
- 15 The Tony Myatt Request Show

## Sunday

#### July 3 10 17 24 31

- 0000 World News
  09 News about Britain
  15 Radio Newsreel
  30 3rd Play of the Week:
  - Quartermaine's Terms; 10th and 17th Great British Concert Halls; 31st Bernstein: Conductor and Composer
- 0100 News Summary (ex 3rd) followed by Play of the Week: 3rd Quartermaine's Terms contd.; 10th and 17th La Peste Parts 1 and 2; 31st Prometheus Bound

#### 0200 World News

- British Press Review
  The Third Policeman (ex 3rd Sportsworld; 10th Midnight
- Express)
  Radio Newsreel
- 30 The Ken Bruce Show

#### 0300 World News

- News about Britain
- From Our Own Correspondent Trivia Test Match (ex 3rd and 10th A Word in Edgeways) African News
- 35 Postmark Africa

#### 0400 Newsdesk

- 30 Glyndebourne The Early Years (ex 3rd The Music of Weber)
  30 African News
- 35 Postmark Africa
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Financial Review

- 0500 World News 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 30 The A-Z of Hollywood
  - 45 Letter from America
- 0600 Newsdesk 30 Jazz for the Asking 30 African News
- 35 Postmark Africa

- 0700 World News Twenty-Four Hours: News 09
  - Summary 30 From Our Own Correspondent
- 30 African News 35 Postmark Africa
  - 45 Words (ex 3rd Sportsworld) 50 Waveguide (ex 3rd)

#### 0800 World News

- 09 Reflections
- 15 The Pleasure's Yours 15 African Perspective

#### 0900 World News

- 09 British Press Review 15 Science in Action
- A Life at the UN (ex 3rd and 10th The Bishops Come to Lambeth)

#### 1000 News Summary followed by Short

- Story Classical Record Review
- 30 Religious Service

#### 1100 World News

- 09 News about Britain
  15 From Our Own Correspondent
- 3rd Play of the Week: Quartermaine's Terms; 10th and 17th Great British Concert Halls; 31st Bernstein: Conductor and
- 1200 News Summary (ex 3rd) followed by Play of the Week: 3rd Quartermaine's Terms contd.; 10th and 17th La Peste – Parts 1 and 2; 31st Prometheus Bound

- 1300 World News
- World News
  Twenty-Four Hours: News
  Summary (ex 3rd Sportsworld)
  Sports Roundup (ex 3rd)
  The Tony Myatt Request Show (ex 3rd) including at 1400 News
- 1430 Trivia Test Match (ex 3rd Sportsworld contd.; 10th A Word in Edgeways)

#### 1500 Radio Newsreel (ex 3rd News Summary followed by Sportsworld

- contd.) African Perspective 15 Sportsworld (ex 24th and 31st From
- the Proms)
  30 (10th and 17th only) Concert Hall

## 1600 World News (ex 3rd News

- Summary followed by Sportsworld contd.)
- News about Britain (ex 3rd Sportsworld contd.) 15 3rd Sportsworld contd.; 10th
  English Wine – A Growth Industry?;
  17th The Future of British
  Universitles; 24th The Silent Army;
  31st The Cross and the Crescent
  45 Letter from America (ex 3rd

#### Sportsworld contd.)

- 1700 World News
- 09 Commentary 09 African News 15 Jazz for the Asking (ex 17th
- Sportsworld)

  15 African Perspective
- 45 Sports Roundup

- 1800 Newsdesk 30 Brain of Britain 1988 (ex 24th Prom
- 1900 News Summary (ex 24th followed by Classical Record Review (ex 24th Prom contd.); 31st Play of the Week: Prometheus Bound)
  15 After Henry (ex 24th Parishes and Perestroika; 31st Prometheus Bound contd.)
  45 The Racing Game (ex 24th Parishes and Perestroika contd.; 31st Prometheus Bound contd.)

31st Prometheus Bound contd.)

#### 2000 World News

- Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 30 Sunday Half Hour

#### 2100 News Summary followed by Short

- Story (ex 3rd Sportsworld)

  O African Perspective
- 15 The Pleasure's Yours

- 2200 World News
  09 The Third Policeman (ex 3rd and 10th The Bishops Come to
  - Lambeth) Book Choice
  - 30 Financial Review
  - Reflections 45 Sports Roundup

- 2300 World News
  - 09 Commentary
  - 15 Letter from America 30 3rd Popular Capitalism; 10th The
    - Man in the Moon; 17th Skyfreighters; 24th In Other Words; 31st Film of the Book

## Monday

#### July 4 11 18 25

- 0000 World News
- 09 News about Britain 15 Radio Newsreel
- 30 Religious Service 0100 News Summary followed by After Henry (ex 25th Parishes and Perestroika) 30 The Racing Game (ex 25th) 45 A Schubert Anthology

- 0200 World News 09 British Press Review 15 Peebles' Choice (ex 4th

#### Sportsworld) 15 Radio Newsreel 30 Science in Action

- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Good Books 30 Anything Goes 30 African News

- 0400 Newsdesk 30 4th and 11th Behind the Wall; 18th and 25th Where Angels Fear to

- Tread

  30 African News

  35 Network Africa
- 45 Reflections
- 50 Waveguide
- 0500 World News 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News

## Summary 30 Nature Notebook

- 45 Recording of the Week 0600 Newsdesk
  30 4th Popular Capitalism; 11th The
  Man In the Moon; 18th
  Skyfreighters; 25th In Other Words
  ■ 30 African News
  ■ 35 Network Africa

- 0700 World News
  - 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 11th English Wine – A Growth Industry?; 18th The Future of British

- Universities; 25th The Silent Army

  30 African News

  35 Network Africa 45 (4th only) Sportsworld
- 0800 World News 09 Reflections 15 4th and 11th Behind the Wall; 18th and 25th Where Angels Fear to

#### Tread 30 Anything Goes

- 0900 World News 09 British Press Review 15 Good Books

  - 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
  - 45 Peebles' Choice

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1000 News Summary followed by 4th Popular Capitalism; 11th The Man in the Moon; 18th Skyfreighters; 25th In Other Words

30 The Vintage Chart Show

#### 1100 World News

09 News about Britain

15 4th and 25th Sportsworld: 11th and

30 The Ken Bruce Show

1200 Radio Newsreel 15 Brain of Britain 1988

45 Sports Roundup

#### 1300 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News
Summary
30 4th and 25th Recording of the
Week; 11th and 18th Anything

45 (4th and 25th only) Sportsworld

1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute

News 45 4th and 11th The Bishops Come to Lambeth; 18th and 25th The Third Policeman

#### 1500 Radio Newsreel

4th Popular Capitalism; 11th The Man in the Moon; 18th Skyfreighters; 25th In Other Words

45 Glyndebourne - The Early Years (ex 4th The Music of Weber)

#### 1600 World News

09 News about Britain

15 A Life at the UN (ex 4th A Sea of Troubles; 11th Midnight Express)

15 Focus on Africa

30 The A-Z of Hollywood

45 The World Today

#### 1700 World News

09 Commentary09 Focus on Africa

15 Music in Australia (ex 25th

■ 40 African News

45 Sports Roundup

30 Multitrack 1: Top 20 (ex 25th Prom

Concert)

30 Focus on Africa

55 African News

1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary (ex 25th)
15 (25th only) Outlook, opening with

News Summary
39 Stock Market Report (ex 25th)
45 Peebles' Choice (ex 25th)
56 (25th only) Stock Market Report

#### 2000 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 30 Pilgrim's Progress

2100 News Summary followed by

Network UK 15 4th and 11th The Best Day of Your Life? 18th and 25th The Seven

Ages of Shakespeare

30 The Vintage Chart Show

2200 World News 09 The World Today

30 Financial News 40 Reflections

45 Sports Roundup

#### 2300 World News

09 Commentary 15 4th and 11th The Politics of

Laughter; 18th and 25th Three

30 Multitrack 1: Top 20

## Tuesdav

#### July 5 12 19 26

#### 0000 World News

.09 News about Britain 15 Radio Newsreel 30 Music in Australia (ex 26th Beethoven)

0100 News Summary followed by Outlook

30 Short Story 45 5th and 12th The Best Day of Your Life?; 19th and 26th The Seven

#### Ages of Shakespeare

0200 World News

09 British Press Review

15 Network UK 15 Radio Newsreel

30 Pilgrim's Progress

#### 0300 World News

09 News about Britain 15 The World Today

30 John Peel

35 Network Africa

#### 0400 Newsdesk

30 A Schubert Anthology

■ 35 Network Africa

45 Reflections

50 Financial News

#### 0500 World News

Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 New Ideas

**Book Choice** 

45 The World Today

#### 0600 Newsdesk

30 Counterpoint

■ 35 Network Africa

#### 0700 World News

Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 5th and 12th The Best Day of Your Life?; 19th and 26th The Seven

Ages of Shakespeare

■ 35 Network Africa

45 Network UK

#### 0800 World News

09 Reflections 15 Health Matters

Music in Australia (ex 26th Beethoven)

#### 0900 World News

09 British Press Review 15 The World Today 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup

45 Glyndebourne – The Early Years (ex 5th The Music of Weber)

## 1000 News Summary followed by The Pop Science Programme 30 Pilgrim's Progress

1100 World News 09 News about Britain

15 5th and 26th Sportsworld; 12th and 19th Waveguide
25 5th and 26th Sportsworld contd.; 12th and 19th Book Choice

30 Citizens

1200 Radio Newsreel 15 Multitrack 1: Top 20 45 Sports Roundup

1300 World News 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News

Summary Network UK

5th and 26th Sportsworld; 12th and 19th Recording of the Week

#### 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute

News 45 A Schubert Anthology

#### 1500 Radio Newsreel

15 A Jolly Good Show 15 Focus on Africa

#### 1600 World News

News about Britain

15 Omnibus 15 Focus on Africa

45 The World Today

#### 1700 World News

09 Commentary 09 Focus on Africa

15 Citizens 40 African News

#### 45 Sports Roundup

#### 1800 Newsdesk

30 Development '88

#### 1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary 39 Stock Market Report

45 Report on Religion

2000 World News 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News:Summary 30 Meridian

#### 2100 News Summary followed by

Country Stories

15 Guitar Workshop

15 Caribbean Report

30 5th The Art of the Weatherman; 12th English Wine – A Growth Industry?; 19th The Future of British Universities; 26th The Silent Army 30 Calling the Falklands

2200 World News 09 The World Today

Book Choice

30 Financial News

Reflections 45 Sports Roundup

#### 2300 World News

09 Commentary 15 Concert Hall (ex 26th From the Proms)

## Wednesday

#### July 6 13 20 27

0000 World News 09 News about Britain 15 Radio Newsreel

30 Omnibus

#### 0100 News Summary followed by

30 Report on Religion

45 Country Style

0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The A-Z of Hollywood
15 Radio Newsreel

30 Citizens

0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 The Pop Science Programme
30 African News

35 Network Africa

0400 Newsdesk 30 Country Stories
30 African News

35 Network Africa

45 Reflections 50 Financial News

0500 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 30 Report on Religion 45 The World Today

0600 Newsdesk

30 Meridian
30 African News
35 Network Africa

0700 World News 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News

Summary 30 Development '88

35 Network Africa

0800 World News

09 Reflections 15 Classical Record Review

30 Brain of Britain 1988

0900 World News

09 British Press Review

15 The World Today
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 45 6th and 20th Folk in Britain; 13th

and 27th Jazz Scene UK 1000 News Summary followed by

Omnibus 30 6th and 13th A Word in Edgeways; 20th and 27th Trivia Test Match

1100 World News

09 News about Britain 15 Country Stories

30 Meridian

1200 Radio Newsreel
15 Time for Verse (ex 6th Irving Berlin Among Friends)

25 The Farming World 45 Sports Roundup 1300 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 30 Development '88

1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News

45 Report on Religion

1500 Radio Newsreel 15 6th and 13th The Politics of Laughter; 20th and 27th Three

Wishes Focus on Africa

30 Radio Active (ex 27th Two Cheers

1600 World News 09 News about Britain

15 Counterpoint 15 Focus on Africa

45 The World Today

#### 1700 World News

09 Commentary 09 Focus on Africa

15 Society Today

30 New Ideas 40 Book Choice

45 Sports Roundup

#### 1800 Newsdesk

30 Multitrack 2

■ 55 African News

1900 Outlook, opening with News

Summary 39 Stock Market Report

45 Good Books

2000 World News 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Assignment

2100 News Summary followed by Network UK 15 Counterpoint 15 Caribbean Report

45 Recording of the Week

2200 World News 09 The World Today

30 Financial News Reflections

45 Sports Roundup 2300 World News

#### 09 Commentary 15 Write On... 30 Multitrack 2

## Thursday

July 7 14 21 28

0000 World News 09 News about Britain 15 Radio Newsreel

30 Radio Active (ex 28th Two Cheers 0100 News Summary followed by

Outlook 30 Waveguide 40 Book Choice

45 Society Today

45 The World Today

0200 World News 09 British Press Review

15 Network UK 30 Assignment

0300 World News

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09 News about Britain
15 The World Today
30 7th The Art of the Weatherman;
14th English Wine – A Growth
Industry?; 21st The Future of British
Universities; 28th The Silent Army
30 African News

35 Network Africa

0400 Newsdesk 30 Classical Record Review
30 African News
35 Network Africa

45 Reflections 50 Financial News

0500 World News 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News

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30 Time for Verse (ex 7th Irving Berlin Among Frlends)

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#### 0700 World News

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Guitar Workshop

30 African News35 Network Africa

45 Network UK

#### 0800 World News

09 Reflections

15 Country Style 30 John Peel

#### 0900 World News

British Press Review The World Today

30 Financial News followed by Sports

Roundup 45 Society Today

#### 1000 News Summary followed by

Assignment Radio Active (ex 28th Two Cheers for July)

#### 1100 World News

09 News about Britain

15 New Ideas (ex 21st Sportsworld) 25 Book Choice (ex 21st)

Citizens

#### 1200 Radio Newsreel

Multitrack 2

45 Sports Roundup

#### 1300 World News

Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary Network UK 09

Jazz Scene UK (ex 7th Folk in Britain; 21st Sportsworld)

#### 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News

45 Write On

#### 1500 Radio Newsreel

15 The Pleasure's Yours
15 Focus on Africa

#### 1600 World News

09 News about Britain

15 Assignment

15 Focus on Africa

45 The World Today

#### 1700 World News

09 Commentary
09 Focus on Africa

15 Citizens 40 African News

45 Sports Roundup

#### 1800 Newsdesk

30 The Pop Science Programme 30 Focus on Africa

55 African News

#### 1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary 39 Stock Market Report

45 Here's Humph!

#### 2000 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Meridian

#### 2100 News Summary followed by

Talking From

15 A Jolly Good Show 15 Caribbean Report

#### 2200 World News

09 The World Today 25 Book Choice

30 Financial News 40 Reflections

45 Sports Roundup

#### 2300 World News

09 Commentary 15 Seven Seas

30 Time for Verse (ex 7th Irving Berlin Among Friends)

40 The Farming World

#### July 1 8 15 22 29

#### 0000 World News

09 News about Britain

15 Radio Newsreel

30 Music Now

#### 0100 News Summary followed by

Outlook 30 Jazz Scene UK (ex 8th and 22nd Folk in Britain)

(ex 1st The Mixer) 45 Talking From .... 45 The World Today

0200 World News 09 British Press Review

15 Health Matters (ex 1st Sportsworld)
15 Radio Newsreel

30 Citizens

#### 0300 World News

09 News about Britain 15 The World Today

30 The Vintage Chart Show

35 Network Africa

#### 0400 Newsdesk

30 Country Style 30 African News

35 Network Africa

45 Reflections

50 Financial News

45 The World Today

0600 Newsdesk

30 Meridian

30 African News

35 Network Africa

0700 World News

30 Write On... 30 African News

35 Network Africa

0800 World News

30 Music Now

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News

and 29th Three Wishes)

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

09 Reflections 15 A Schubert Anthology

Midnight Express)

Workshop

30 Jazz for the Asking

09 News about Britain

Sportsworld)
15 Dateline East Asia

30 Meridian 45 Dateline East Asia

1200 Radio Newsreel 15 Europe's World 30 Business Matters

45 Sports Roundup

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News

Summary
30 John Peel (ex 1st Sportsworld; 22nd Folk in Britain)

1300 World News

15 Seven Seas

1100 World News

0900 World News 09 British Press Review

45 Seven Seas (ex 1st Sportsworld)

15 The World Today 30 Financial News followed by Sports

Roundup
The Third Policeman (ex 1st The

1000 News Summary followed by Guitar

15 Talking From ... (ex 1st and 22nd

Mixer; 8th A Sea of Troubles; 15th

Summary
30 The Politics of Laughter (ex 22nd

#### 1500 Radio Newsreel 0500 World News

15 After Henry (ex 29th Parishes and

Perestroika)

15 Focus on Africa

45 The Racing Game (ex 29th)

45 (22nd only) Sportsworld

1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute

#### 1600 World News

09 News about Britain

45 Nature Notebook

15 Science in Action (ex 1st

Sportsworld)

15 Focus on Africa

45 The World Today

#### 1700 World News

09 Commentary

15 Music Now 40 African News

45 Sports Roundup

#### 1800 Newsdesk

30 Multitrack 3 (ex 22nd Prom

Concert)

30 Focus on Africa

55 African News

## 1900 Outlook, opening with News Summary (ex 22nd Prom Concert

contd.)
39 Stock Market Report (ex 22nd)

45 Personal View (ex 22nd)

#### 2000 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News

Summary 30 Science in Action

## 2100 News Summary followed by Network UK (ex 1st Sportsworld) 15 Europe's World 15 Caribbean Report

30 Business Matters 30 Calling the Falklands

45 Behind the Wall (ex 22nd and 29th Where Angels Fear to Tread)

2200 World News 09 The World Today

30 Financial News

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2300 World News

09 Commentary 15 From the Weeklies

30 Multitrack 3

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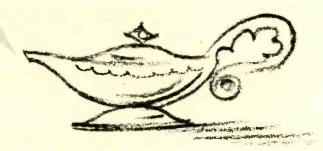
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## BEHIND THE VOICE

## What makes a newsreader?

#### We asked World Service presentation organiser Penny Tuerk . . .

Since I joined World Service Presentation last August I have thought a lot about what makes a good newsreader. I have listened closely to "the old hands", bitten my nails in the office while newcomers tried their first "real live" bulletin and auditioned any number of hopefuls. It has been an illuminating time.

One of the first things I learned is that "newsreading" is a misnomer. Anyone who goes into the studio and simply reads a series of bits of paper will lose the world's attention in about two minutes. Good newsreaders "tell" the news to the audience. They take the result of the work of a huge team of news-gatherers and news-writers and turn it into an important and interesting message for each individual listener.

This requires much more than a pleasant voice and a clear accent, although both are essential. It means keeping absolutely up to date with events. You can not convey information to someone else if you do not understand it yourself.

It means developing the ability to guide

the listener vocally through a complicated story, highlighting the significant aspects without appearing to comment on them. It means being authoritative but not pompous and detached but not unfriendly; and it means being able to do it all in the middle of the night when the news is changing fast and revised stories are arriving in the studio

halfway through the bulletin.
All in all there is more to being a good newsreader than reading the news.

#### ... four of the longest-serving newsreaders ....



KEITH BOSLEY, with more than 20 years of World Service announcing under his belt, is well-known to listeners, but did you know that when not on the air he has another life, as a successful writer and translator of poetry?

and translator of poetry?
Keith's latest volume, A Chiltern
Hundred, was published last year, and a
new translation of the Finnish epic poem
Kalevala, the culmination of five years'
work, is due shortly. He has also
translated French and Portuguese
works. A keen musiclan, he plays piano
and also church organ.

and also church organ.

Keith joined the BBC from university as a studio manager in 1961. Now 50, he is married and lives in Slough to the west of London. He has two boys aged five and two and a 21-year-old son by his first marriage.

marriage.
Broad horizons are important for newsreaders, he feels. "The job calls for intelligence. One is using language to communicate ideas from mind to mind, not just from ear to ear. Having a wide range of interests helps."



CHRIS CHAPLIN left university in 1960 to become a veterinary researcher but three years later was "polishing jackplugs" as a technical operator with BBC External Services. By 1967 he was a studio manager, the following year he spent with the Malawi Broadcasting Corporation and in 1970 he became a World Service announcer.

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Chris is 47, single and lives in London. His interests Include music – he is a pianlst – gardening and home computing, an interest he has extended to work; he is busy committing to computer memory the World Service continuity studio's music collection.

music collection.
"Experience counts for a lot in newsreading. You have to be well up on current affairs; journalists can slip up and the last chance to spot mistakes is at the microphone. You need a cool head, a good knowledge of pronunciation and the ability not just to read but to communicate."



PAMELA CREIGHTON cries "Stamina!" when the question of what makes a newsreader is sprung upon her. Although she regards reading the world news as "a great honour" she doesn't believe it is fundamentally different from any other form of broadcasting: "There isn't reaily an art to it, although you have to be interested in the world outside your front door. You need good articulation and a fairly strong voice with a wide range."

Pamela was only the second woman to read the news on World Service. Born in India she came to Britain to study and in

Pamela was only the second woman to read the news on World Service. Born in India, she came to Britain to study and in 1955 found herself working as a studio manager/announcer for the BBC North American Service.

She went onto work elsewhere in the Overseas Service and the Home Service, as a presenter of Woman's Hour. In 1970 she moved to World Service presentation full-time.

Pamela met her husband at the BBC and lives in London. Travel, music, food and gardening are among her many Interests.



BARRY MOSS suggests an explanation for the number of musicians among the announcers: "A knowledge of phrasing, rhythm and pitch is very valuable when it comes to shaping a sentence." He should know: a keyboards player, he studied composition at the Royal Academy of Music and wrote a number of noted orchestral works.

He gave up composing in 1960, and resumed only recently. But music has remained his first love, and it was working with the External Services music organiser that led him, in 1966, into World Service appounding

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Now 57, Barry has been married twice and has two grown-up daughters. He is a student of Oriental philosophy, which helps him cope with the stresses of the job. After 22 years he says he still feels nervous before going on air. "There's a great sense of responsibility, but it is essential to give oneself to the bulletin – everything else excluded."

#### ... and the four newest voices ....



FRANCIS LYNE, 36, was born and raised in Portsmouth; he is still a keen supporter of the South Coast town's football club. He started out as a scientist – freshwater ecology was his speciality at college – and at one time intended to go into medicine, but a spell of hospital broadcasting led him away from hospitals and further into radio. He joined the BBC in 1974 as a studio manager and became a World Service announcer two years ago.

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Francis is another piano player, and also used to play the organ in Portsmouth Cathedral. But choral singing is his great love and he wishes he had time to do more. His taste in music leans towards the Baroque. Francis and his wife are enthusiastic travellers.

enthusiastic travellers.
What makes a newsreader? "An ability to take a lot of pressure, unflappability, a sense of humour and an ability to relax – otherwise you can be hyped up for hours after you've finished broadcasting."



DEBORAH MACKENZIE finds much of her off-duty time taken up looking after her children, girls aged three and one. It's hard work, especially after an arduous night shift: "There are bags under the eyes at the moment," she says. Deborah lives In London and when she gets the opportunity is a keen clnema and theatre-goer.

chema and theatre-goer.

Thirty-two years old, she studied drama at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and taught the subject for a time. In 1981 she became a BBC studio manager but always wanted to end up on "the other side of the glass".

Following a temporary spell as an announcer on domestic radio she joined the World Service announcing staff in 1986.

"A good newsreader must have an interest in the story while retaining a detached viewpoint," says Deborah. A "representative listener" is a device which she finds useful: "Keeping an image of one person in your mind really does help."



PAUL PRICKETT says of newsreading: "You're not giving a performance, you're telling a story. You have to avoid mannerisms, always have the listener in mind and keep the English as clear as possible. Newsreading is the summit of announcing and it takes years to get completely relaxed."

completely relaxed."
After just three years in the Job Paul certainly sounds relaxed enough, although at 31 he Is one of the younger World Service newsreaders. Another planist in their ranks, he studied at the Royal College of Music and frequently provides accompaniment at recitals. He enjoys playing jazz and listening to opera.
After the RCM Paul studied French

After the RCM Paul studied French and Italian for four years, becoming a BBC studio manager in 1979. He enjoys badminton and swimming and is a voracious reader and theatregoer. His home is in London and his favourite way to get away from it all is a long-distance walking holiday.

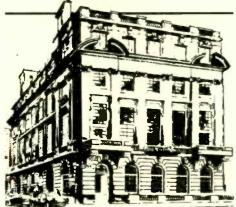


ALISON ROOPER's mother started work for the BBC's Yugoslav Section during the war. Eager to follow in her footsteps, Alison was already writing her own stories and reading them over the air in 1960, at the age of eight!

Alison studied voice and speech training at drama school and subsequently taught for eight years. She switched to television announcing and joined World Service in 1985. Her husband is also on the BBC news staff so their work is a major topic of conversation at home. Alison loves plays, films and literature. She used to enjoy choral singing, too, but with her job and a six-year-old daughter rarely finds the time now.

Alison believes that the more crossover between newsroom staff and newsreaders the better. "Not all written stories translate readily to the microphone. Apart from having a decent voice which doesn't grate, there is a definite art in getting a story across clearly," she says.

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THERE is one part of Bush House which excites the curiosity of visitors more than any other, and that is the newsroom. It is the heart of BBC External Services, pumping out World Service news on the hour and much, much more besides, and around that steady heartbeat the rest of the programme schedules are built.

Those visitors who do get the chance to see the newsroom – and as it is a busy working area, sightseers are a fortunate disappointed. Perhaps they expected something closer to the national newspaper office beloved of film-makers, complete with scurrying copy boys, hacks typing, telephoning and chain-smoking all at the same time and city editors yelling Get me a rewrite man!

Although the Bush House newsroom is one of the biggest radio newsrooms in the world, with around 110 journalists and 140

support staff working on eight-hour shifts, the atmosphere is not like that of a newspaper tied to daily edition deadlines. It has been described, in no disparaging way, as a "news factory". Apart from the world news bulletins in English as heard on World Service, the newsroom produces World Service, the newsroom produces regional variations on its central output, with individual items either simplified or elaborated on before being translated by the 36 vernacular services. It also produces every 24 hours three Newsdesks, News

## E BEST RADI

party was held in Bush House recently to unveil the BBC External Services "Newsroom for the Nineties". The editorial reorga-nisation of the newsroom, the first for 15 years, was the result of a massive survey carried out by managing editor Jim Laurie. Every member of the newsroom staff, "customers" and related

departments were consulted and a compre-hensive report put together. The process was "a nightmare", says Jim Laurie, but he is proud of the result, a news nerve centre leaner

and fitter than ever.
Jim describes the newsroom as the launchpad for External Services; his concern in carrying out the reorganisation was to ensure that no cracks appeared in that launchpad. Success carries with it the danger of creeping complacency, especially hazardous in a radio news world in which competitors are catching on fast in terms of journalism and technology. "It's the best radio newsroom in the world, there's no doubt about it, but it could be a lot better," he reflected as the streamlining better," he reflected as the streamlining operation neared completion. "We've been sitting on our laurels.

One problem, oddly enough, was an excess of versatility. Every one of the 110 journalists was previously expected to be able to do every job on whichever of the five levels he or she was graded. "They would bounce around," says Jim. "One day they would be a Radio Newsreel producer, the next they would be making up Bengali bulletins, the next writing central stories."

central stories

The most fundamental change under the new system is posting the journalists in those areas of the newsroom to which they are best suited, initially at least for around three

months at a time.

Writers are now better rewarded so that the best and fastest are less inclined to move on to more lucrative positions. Copytasting, the initial sifting of incoming material, is now undertaken by more senior journalists than was the case, in line with newspaper practice. Where print journalists would once pick up radio production techniques as they went along they now receive formal production

training. And newsroom staff are being encouraged to get "out of the office" more.

The redesigned newsroom, with its horseshoe desk layout, was carefully planned to reflect the new structure. As before there are four basic divisions, the difference being that each one is more self-contained, with its own head (or heads in the case of Central Output), targets and a team of journalists chosen for their specialist abilities:

NEWS INTAKE buys in the raw materials in this case the best news available from the sources outlined on the accompanying panel.

Peter Brooks is news intake editor.

\* CENTRAL OUTPUT writes the news on which the English and Regional desks base their work. It is run by five assistant editors on a rotating basis and staffed by senior duty editors and crock writers.

ditors and crack writers.

\* ENGLISH OUTPUT is concerned with updating World Service news and news production programmes. It is run by the production programmes. It is run by the English output editor – a new position filled by Jim Edwards. He is assisted by news producers and production secretaries.

\* REGIONAL OUTPUT looks after the needs

of the vernacular services. It is headed by the regional output editor, another new position, with Susannah Ross leading a team of bulletin editors.

The man responsible for all the newsroom's output is recently appointed editor David Spaull. It is his job to provide direction and to do that he keeps his finger firmly on the

newsroom's pulse.

"There is already an indication of an improvement in the quality of the written output which you can hear on World Service," he says. "We have for the first time selected people purely for expertise in writing and excluded others from that central writing pool. The change is enabling us to employ people's skills more effectively.

"A newsroom faced with a constantly changing series of demands evolves over a period of years, and every so often you have to say: 'Let's take a fresh look at how things are done.' It's difficult to know exactly when to



Managing editor Jim Laurie



Editor David Spaull



English output editor Jim Edwards

## OR THE NINETIES

About Britain, British Press Review, three Radio Newsreels and similar newsreels for the Australian and New Zealand broadcasting services. The users of the material produced are regarded as "customers", with the 24-hour World Service the most prominent among them.

Altogether the newsroom produces some 200 news bulletins every 24 hours – or one every seven minutes – so if the staff

worked themselves up to fever pitch whenever they hit a "deadline" there would be nervous breakdowns all round!

That's not to say there is no sense of urgency, simply that the continual updating process that is international radio news-gathering is handled in a controlled,

disciplined manner. It has a long tradition, after all: the central bulletin can claim to be the oldest in the world - it has simply been

updated continously since the '30s!
The newsroom is dominated by clocks,
but they are clocks set at different times to
reflect the difficulties of news-gathering
across global time-zones.' Variable reception quality and the special needs of translators are further complications which make working in the Bush House newsroom a unique proposition for journalists.

The questions they must ask themselves remain the same, however: what are the most significant, important and interesting world events of the moment as seen from

here in London? The watchword in serving up the news is not speed but accuracy. The house rule is that every story – except those of BBC staff correspondents – must be checked with and confirmed by at least two trusted, independent sources. Of course speed is important, but better the correct story on the next bulletin than a

doubtful story now.

Apart from accuracy, the news must be presented factually, with all opinions attributed, and impartially – both sides of an argument presented in a balanced manner, if not within a story at least over a period of time.

And one thing is never forgotten - it has to be interesting . . .

## NEWSROOM IN THE WORLD'



First there are the big international agencies such as Reuters, Associated Press, United Press International, Agence France Presse and Britain's Press Association. These feed in news via a bank of teleprinters.

Then there is what has been described as the BBC's "commonwealth" of reporters. This includes its foreign correspondents, 30 journalists stationed in news centres around the world plus some 80 freelance correspondents – the "strinreelance correspondents – the "stringers". There is also a correspondents" unit in Bush House with specialists in diplomatic, political, economic, defence and home affairs, and the BBC domestic service's reporters covering home news.

The BBC's Monitoring Service is the third news source. Based in Caversham, 40 miles west of London, 100 language.

40 miles west of London, 100 language specialists listen in to overseas radio broadcasts from more than 30 countries. Many a news story has broken through the work of Caversham, and as it has a reciprocal information-exchange arrangement with its American counterpart it has most of the world covered.

make a change like this, but there is a good deal of upheaval involved. The refurbishment of the newsroom, which took place over a period of about three months, is fairly disruptive when the core activity of producing the bulletins has got to go on, so we don't want to do it too often!"

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want to do it too often!"
"The newsroom has always worked well but you have to look at new ways of doing things to ensure that you're not bypassed," says English output editor Jim Edwards, who welcomes the "atmosphere for change". He points to immediate fruits of the reorganisation: the ability to provide extra "illustration" in the 1200 edition of Radio Newsreel, longer analysis sequences by correspondents in the Newsdesk at 1800 and so on. And he draws Newsdesk at 1800 and so on. And he draws attention to moves for closer ties between the newsroom and the current affairs department, which is reponsible for *The World Today*, *Commentary*, *Outlook* and many other prog-

By 1992 a much-enhanced version of the Electronic Distribution System, the computer which provides the newsroom with back-ground detail on stories, will be installed. Talks have begun with the unions concerned about the introduction by that time of "direct input", which means journalists keying their stories directly into the computer rather than

dictating to typists.

This is happening in newspaper offices the world over, but the radio newsroom is different because of the continuous updating process. "We want to remain journalists

rather than computer operators, so there is a balance to be kept," says David Spaull. "The system must be our servant, not our master."

"The new computer system will be almost infinite in its capacity to provide us with information," says news intake co-ordinator Ian Richardson. His speciality is broadcasting and recording equipment and voice quality. "Enormous advances have been made in this area over the past five years," he says: correspondents in the field, for instance, now The new computer system will be almost have mini-computers which can be plugged into the telephone system to relay text back to London. We'll be looking at such techniques in a future issue.

Amid all this change, will the World Service listener be able to detect any differences? "It's important that the listener isn't shocked by anything that happens," says Jim Laurie. "There will be a slow but steady improvement in our contribution to World Service." He expects a higher quality of writing as a result of specialisation and keeping the best writers, and because the higher-graded writers are faster expects the speed of the operation to improve, too

faster expects the speed of the operation to improve, too.
You might notice a gradual increase in "human interest" items, as well. Don't be alarmed: "We're not talking about chucking out all the heavy diplomatic and political stories to put in stuff about dogs being lost," says Jim Laurie. But he feels there is a danger of adhering rigidly to the safe, "worthy" stories at the expense of those which chime in with people's basic preoccupations. with people's basic preoccupations.

"There was an enormous debate in the newsroom some years ago when Elvis Presley died – should it be a story? Of course – it was a major story! He was probably the biggest name in pop music in the world. There was still a terrible hangover from the war years then . . . should we call him Mr Presley?

"Those days are over . . it has changed, it has improved our writing standards are much

"Those days are over . . . it has changed, it has improved, our writing standards are much higher and we do use human interest stories. But we must never stop looking for further improvements.

Steve Weinman

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P R GURUPRASAD, BOTSWANA

#### IN THE PICTURE

I heard recently on World Service that the BBC has not given up on a world TV news service, even though nobody will fund it. I, and probably hundreds of others, would be pleased to pay an annual fee for the service if a system could be devised. Why not circulate readers of London Calling asking for their reaction?

D NICOLL-GRIFFITH, BERMUDA

Recently I heard an announcer say that BBC management were considering making BBC television available to viewers worldwide, and my spirits soared! We do trust that this almost impossible dream will indeed become a reality some day . . . I for one would like to say a very heartfelt "thank you" to the BBC for entertaining this ambitious scheme with the good of its overseas listeners in view.

MRS O OWEN-THOMAS, INDIA

#### CANADA CALLING

Listening to BBC every morning at 7am Ottawa time is the highlight of the day. Reception at that hour 'til 8.30am is not always favourable, but in the late pm and evening is almost as clear as a bell. Short-wave radio sets are not exactly popular here except among the diplomatic corps, although during the Falklands affair there was an unprecedented demand.

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#### **TERRORIST BAN**

I have in the past written to the BBC to complain of what seems (to my untutored mind) to be anti-semitic bias in World Service semantics; namely calling the PLO and their ilk "guerillas" but calling the IRA (rightly) "terrorists".

Happily, in late years the BBC updated their comparise. Lam therefore rather concerned to

semantics. I am therefore rather concerned to note that in your World Service news summary today you referred to terrorists of the most fanatic and cruel stamp (seemingly Syrian or Iranian "Hizbolla") as "guerillas"...

Dr A ELLEN, ISRAEL

lan Hoare, Deputy Editor, External Services News, replies:

We constantly try to find the most neutral terminology possible when we are reporting on conflicts such as those in the Middle East. It is a house rule that our news stories do not describe any group as "terrorists" (unless we are quoting), because the term suggests disapproval. If Dr Ellen heard otherwise, it was a mistake by the journalist in question: the rule has recently been reiterated to all editorial staff.

We do sometimes use the word "guerilla", as it is generally much less likely to be understood as indicating partiality. However, we try to ensure that we use it with some care – ie to describe an irregular fighting force. Without knowing the particular context in which we spoke of "Hezbollah guerillas" it is difficult to be

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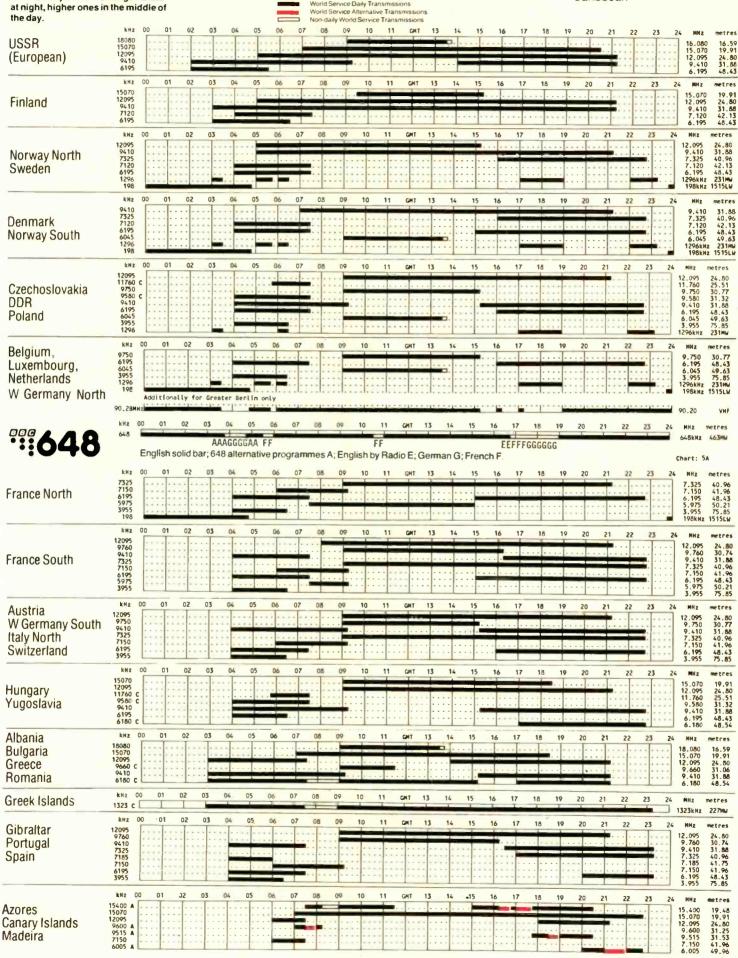
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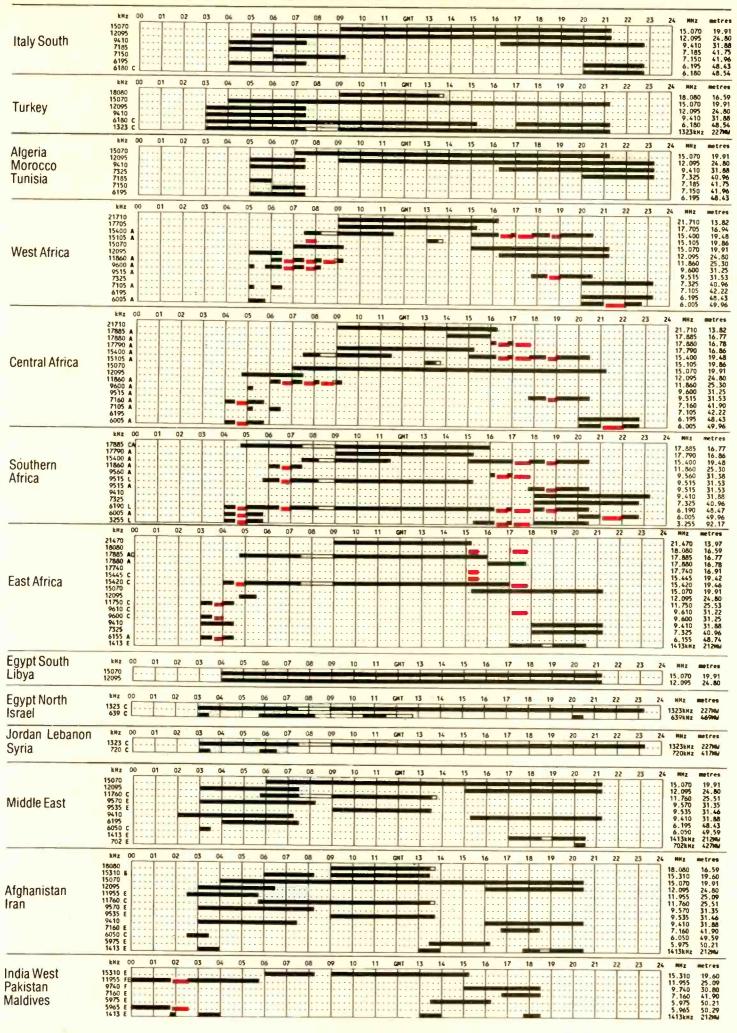
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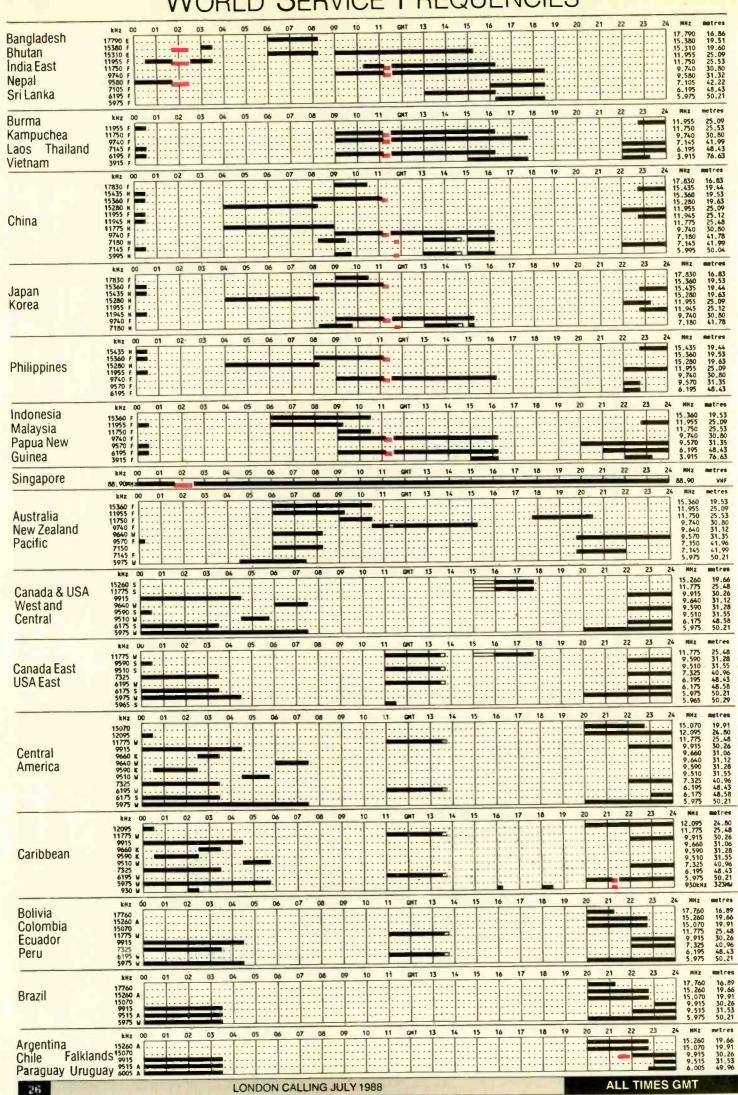
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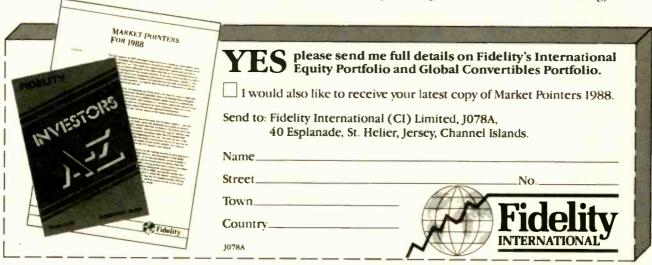
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