

# BBC RADIO FIVE LIVE



**BBC Five Live** is BBC Radio's 24-hour news and sports channel. It is available on 909 and 693 medium wave, on digital radio and TV and online.

Most of the staff are based at Television Centre in West London. Their office space and studios are on the same floor as the rolling news television channel, BBC News 24, making it easy for London-based reporters and correspondents to appear on both channels in the same day. There are two main studios – each with a 'cubicle' or control room – which are used for alternate programmes.

The channel aims at a younger audience than BBC Radio Four News, and has a more relaxed style. Research shows, though, that the average listener is in their late forties. The audience is predominantly male, because of the emphasis on sport. The channel has commentary rights to Premiership, European and international football. It offers comprehensive coverage of Wimbledon, the Open golf and the Olympic Games. One question for audiences is whether Five Live is a rolling news channel, the radio equivalent of BBC News 24 or Sky News, or is it a news channel only when there is no sport?

The channel is complemented by Five Live Sports Extra where commentary on sports fixtures not on the main channel, including Test cricket, can be found.

0845



Shelagh Fogarty

Nicky Campbell and Shelagh Fogarty are approaching the end of another three hours co-hosting the breakfast show. Nicky, an experienced host of live television shows like *Watchdog*, is a devotee of Scottish sport. He announces 'some sad news' – the death of the former Celtic and Scotland winger Jimmy Johnstone, 'known as Jinky, one of the Lisbon Lions, Jock Stein's great side'.



Matt Morris

Matt Morris, Five Live's Head of News, has made his regular early-morning visit to the gym and is about to start the morning editorial meeting, looking at the prospects for the day with programme and planning editors.

<p>0848</p>  <p>Robin Britten</p>	<p>Nicky links to one of the main stories of the morning. The cue begins: 'Britain's most senior police officer Sir Ian Blair is under more pressure after he admitted secretly taping a private phone conversation with the Attorney General, Lord Goldsmith.'</p> <p>A recorded clip of Shami Chakrabarti, director of the civil rights group Liberty, follows. She says: 'It is bizarre. I'm speechless, which is not very helpful on the radio. It really does beggar belief.'</p> <p>After the clip, Nicky interviews Richard Barnes, Tory leader on the Metropolitan Police Authority. Barnes says Sir Ian 'should certainly be considering his position'.</p> <p>Sir Ian is the main talking point at the editorial meeting. Matt Morris asks if he can survive this latest controversy. Breakfast Editor Richard Jackson points out that what he has done is not illegal, but it is still surprising. Planning Editor Robin Britten says the BBC Home Affairs unit will have an 'obit' ready – a brief history of Sir Ian's career including 'gaffes'.</p> <p><i>'Obit' is short for 'obituary', a report prepared prior to the death of a prominent person. In this case it will be ready if Sir Ian resigns. This type of backgrounder is trickier to compile than a true obituary, because there is a risk of defaming someone who is still alive.</i></p> <p>It's a Monday morning, so there's discussion in the meeting of the weekend's coverage of big events. There's agreement the death of former Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic was well covered, even though it happened during sports programming. But there's concern that the South Africa–Australia cricket international when the South Africans reached a record one-day target of over 400 should have led the sports bulletins.</p>
<p>0900</p>  <p>Victoria Derbyshire</p>	<p>The morning phone-in with Victoria Derbyshire is underway. Today's topic: 'Whose job is it to talk to children about sex?' It's a response to the Prime Minister's admission in an MTV interview that he was embarrassed teaching his children about sex. A clip of Tony Blair starts the debate.</p> <p>In the meeting, there's a swift round-up of what today's programmes have planned. Comedian Johnny Vegas is coming in. Film critic Mark Kermode and the director Spike Lee will be on Simon Mayo's afternoon show. In news, funeral arrangements for Milosevic will become clearer; political correspondent Mike Sergeant is with the Education Secretary Ruth Kelly ahead of a vote on school reforms; two men have been shot in Salford; Dan Brown, author of <i>The Da Vinci Code</i>, is due in court accused of breaching the copyright of two other authors; there's an afternoon press conference about the causes of migraine, and a reporter will be trying to 'doorstep' Sir Ian Blair.</p> <p>Also, it's the tenth anniversary of the shooting in Dunblane of 16 schoolchildren and their teacher. Matt Morris advises his editors: 'We are not going to Dunblane. Do what you like if you think it's appropriate but don't start hassling people in Dunblane.'</p>
<p>0912</p>	<p>Among Victoria's phone-in guests are a sex education teacher, a mother of three, and the editor of <i>Cosmogirl</i> magazine.</p> <p><i>It is important the phone-in remains topical. The subject is pre-planned, but it's an early morning producer's job to completely revamp the agenda if a new talking point emerges from the overnight news.</i></p>
<p>0915</p>	<p>Matt Morris attends the BBC Radio News morning meeting. It is usually chaired by the Head of Radio News, and is attended by senior editors with contributions on a broadband video link from the BBC World Service at Bush House and Radio One's Newsbeat at Yalding House. Sir Ian Blair again prompts the longest discussion. It's a 'good yarn', 'a terrific story'. but what he has done is 'absolutely not illegal'.</p>

0941	The Radio News meeting breaks up. After a brisk run through the day's news prospects, the editor of Radio Four's <i>The World Tonight</i> suggests that the story of the day is the death of Jimmy Johnstone.
1000	Victoria previews what's coming up before 12.00. 'Ten years after the Dunblane killings, we investigate whether schools are any safer.' There's a ten-second teaser clip, talking about knives, bayonets, machetes and handguns, followed by: 'How do you sue a suicide bomber?' There'll be an interview with a father fighting for compensation. And Victoria asks: 'Tell us what you think about Britain's top cop secretly recording phone conversations with a member of the government. Does it matter?'
1001	Andrew Fletcher reads the news. Sir Ian Blair leads. There's an appeal for calm in Iraq. Four men are being questioned in connection with the shooting in Greater Manchester: two men are dead and two injured. A British couple have been found dead in Crete, and schools minister Jacqui Smith comments on the Education Bill.  Candles are to be lit in Dunblane in commemoration of the tragedy of ten years earlier. The Queen is in Australia ready for the opening of the Commonwealth Games.
1005	Rob Stewart reads the sports news. India have beaten England by nine wickets on the final day of the second test. Jimmy Johnstone's death is reported. Jose Mourinho, the Chelsea manager, wants to buy Germany's Michael Ballack. England rugby star Matt Dawson is commenting to Five Live on the performance of coach Andy Robinson. Golfer Luke Donald is in the world's top ten, and racing at Plumpton is off due to frost.
1007	Victoria links to an interview with Billy McNeil, Jinky Johnstone's captain when Celtic won the European Cup. Sports presenter Rob joins in.  After linking to a clip of captain Andrew Flintoff, Victoria talks to cricket correspondent Jonathan Agnew in India.
1010	Victoria links to reporter Linda Kennedy in Glasgow, who has been investigating school safety. Her report includes a recorded insert of a visit to a school in Prestwich, demonstrating how it was possible to walk around the site for 30 minutes despite an eight-foot perimeter fence. The gate was unlocked.
1012	In the 'cubicle', the control room next to Victoria Derbyshire's studio, producer Simon Peeks is trying to find out when the Attorney General will make a statement about Sir Ian Blair. On the talkback unit he liaises with the newsroom. The programme editor tells him: 'We can't get an answer. We'll keep trying out here.'
1018	In the cubicle, they're trying to line up an interview with Simple Minds singer Jim Kerr, who recorded a charity single with Jimmy Johnstone for Motor Neurone Disease, the illness which killed Jimmy. Kerr is on his mobile phone. 'Are you free in ten to 15 minutes? Have you got a landline there?'

1020	Victoria is talking to a primary school governor about the problems of school security. Linda Kennedy reports that there is no pressure from the government to increase security, and it is not measured in league tables. The reporter links to recorded inserts from experts. Victoria talks to phone-callers on the issue.
1023	There's a landline available in Jim Kerr's hotel. They're trying to trace Home Affairs Correspondent Danny Shaw for the Sir Ian Blair story.
1030	Victoria links to Phillip Eden for the weather. It's cold for the time of year.
1031	Headlines with Andrew Fletcher. New stories include the body of Milosevic being released to his family, and the latest on the search for a rapist in Leamington Spa.
1033	Sport with Andrew Fletcher includes a report from Jonathan Agnew and a Flintoff clip. There's a report on Jimmy Johnstone and a clip of Billy McNeil from earlier in the programme.  <i>The McNeil interview is on the BBC server available to all programmes.</i>
1037	More phone calls on school security.
1040	Victoria links to an archive clip of Jimmy Johnstone speaking on Five Live to Eamonn Holmes. The Jim Kerr interview follows. Kerr, a Celtic fan, speaks with passion about being part of a generation that grew up with Jimmy, and of his great talent as a footballer – and singer. He recalls the Celtic side 'ripping apart' the Manchester United team of the Sixties.  An Aberdeen supporter calls in to praise Jinky.
1052	On talkback, the cubicle hears that the Attorney General has accepted an apology from Sir Ian Blair. 'This just in,' Victoria links to the news flash.
1053	Victoria interviews the parents of Luke Walmsley who was stabbed to death at school in Lincolnshire. Linda Kennedy contributes from Glasgow. Jayne Walmsley says her son died in front of CCTV cameras that weren't being watched. She and her husband Paul want airport-style scanners in schools.  Victoria introduces John White, president of the National Union of Headteachers. During the interview she reads out e-mails from listeners.

1054	The team have fixed up an interview with the father of Jeremy Lakin, who was killed by a suicide bomber. They're reading the newspapers to get background information.
1100	News and sport. Victoria mentions the Blair apology, which is Andrew Fletcher's top story. The Attorney General Lord Goldsmith says the matter is closed. Danny Shaw reports. Also Thames Water is explaining why a hosepipe ban may be necessary. The employers' organisation, the CBI, is urging the Chancellor to cut taxes.
1104	A backlog of guests is building up. Two people have come in to talk about brain injury, the biggest cause of death and disability in young people. They're waiting in reception.
1105	Victoria reads out text messages on the Sir Ian Blair story, and then takes more calls on school security.
1108	Victoria talks to Danny Shaw, who says the Attorney General was disappointed and cross when he found out about the phone-tapping, but he has accepted the apology. The phone conversation had been about the use of wire-tap evidence in court. Shaw says the fact that Sir Ian apologised suggests he did something wrong.
1115	'Are we saving enough for the future? It seems some of us don't have ready cash to get our hands on.' Interviews with a young Londoner who says he doesn't earn enough to save and an adviser from a building society.
1123	Travel – preceded by a trail for Trevor Lakin, whose son was killed in the Sharm el Sheikh bombings.
1126	'How do you sue a suicide bomber?' Trevor Lakin talks of being 'abandoned, isolated and ignored' by the Foreign Office. When Victoria asks: 'You sound incredibly brave, but is that just because you're on the radio?' Mr Lakin confesses: 'I just feel like crying.'
1128	Sally Abrahams, Editor of the Midday show, discovers they have no time to pre-record an interview with the guests talking about brain damage. The Simon Mayo show can't take them either. Sally hands them back to Victoria's show.
1130	Weather from Phillip Eden, followed by news and sport.

1137	More on the Blair story, with phone contributions from former senior detective John Plimmer and John Falding, who lost his girlfriend in the July 7 bombings in London. Plimmer says he's disappointed, but not surprised. A text messenger says: 'Perhaps Sir Ian was just recording his phone calls for training purposes.' John Falding says any more gaffes and Sir Ian will have to consider his position.
1149	The contributors from the charity Headway are introduced, to talk about brain injury. Chief Executive Miriam Lantsbury and assault victim Dean Harding are interviewed for more than five minutes and the charity has the opportunity to publicise its website.
1155	Another gear change, as Victoria reports that Downing Street has issued a statement saying the Prime Minister still has confidence in Sir Ian Blair, and the matter is regarded as closed.
1156	A light-hearted piece about the late arrival of spring closes the programme. Phillip Eden says it's a throwback to the weather we used to have. A dairy farmer from Shropshire says it's the latest spring he's known in 20 years. Might we have a longer summer? Victoria apologises for asking daft questions.
1159	Defence correspondent Paul Wood is advising BBC News outlets using the ENPS system that an announcement about reductions in the number of British troops in Iraq is due this afternoon.
1200	The midday news with Allan Robb. After the news and sport summary, the lead story is the Prime Minister's confidence in Sir Ian Blair. There's a two-way with Danny Shaw, live from Scotland Yard, and an interview with a former firearms officer, who says the story has the feel of a witch hunt.
1210	The Milosevic story is next with a two-way from Five Live Euro News' Paul Henley, including clips from a spokesperson in the Hague, where the former Serb leader died while on trial for war crimes, and a Serbian woman in Belgrade.
1214	The Thames Water hosepipe ban is covered with an expert from an independent water consultancy. Allan's first question: 'A lot of people will be saying for goodness' sake, it was raining at the weekend. Is this really necessary?'
1220	After travel and a trail for FA Cup replay coverage, Allan turns to cricket and a pre-recorded three minute as-live interview with Five Live summariser Geoff Boycott. Boycott says England could have batted better. When Allan says that's easier said than done, Boycott retorts with vintage self-confidence: 'Don't you analyse your performances in your job and try and improve each day or each week. I certainly did . . . I've got to make sure I don't do the same damn mistake [again]. That's what made me a very fine player.'  The script for the item offers advice about 'potting', or cutting short, the last answer: <i>Please avoid unless desperate – the last answer is funny!</i>

1224	On the Dan Brown <i>Da Vinci Code</i> story, Andy Gallagher's two-way explains Dan Brown's courtroom account of his writing and research methods.
1225	PA, the Press Association, confirms on the wires what Paul Wood has told the BBC already – that an announcement on troop reductions is due this afternoon.
1226	There's a pre-recorded interview with a Leeds University professor, who's discovered boys want to learn how weapons work in science lessons, while girls want to study dreams.
1231	Simon Mayo joins Allan to trail his show. News and sport with Andrew Fletcher and Rob Stewart.
1237	Pre-recorded interview with Liberal Democrat MP Nick Clegg about Sir Ian Blair, who says there's a pattern of controversy in what he does and says.
1240	Allan back-refs Nick Clegg and links live to another pre-record – with a government minister on the abuse of the elderly in care homes. That's followed by a live interview via ISDN with a British Gas spokesperson about cuts in council tax for people who insulate their homes.
1247	The story of a British couple killed in Crete. Live two-way with reporter Richard Galpin in Athens.
1250	Andrew Fletcher reads the headlines followed by travel. Five Live Money – Pauline McCole reports on how shares in the London Stock Exchange are rising on reports of a takeover.
1253	A live two-way with reporter James Shaw at Celtic's Parkhead stadium. Shaw has vox-popped fans leaving tributes to Jimmy Johnstone. Scottish football correspondent Roddy Forsyth offers his assessment.
1257	Laura Trevelyan reports live from New York on the start of work on a memorial to the victims of September 11.

1300	Simon Mayo is on air trailing his star guests Spike Lee and Johnny Vegas. Lee's appearance is a coup for broadcast journalist David Braithwaite, who arranges interviews with whatever stars come to town. Usually they are recorded in a hotel room or live via an ISDN line for a few minutes – the time strictly limited by press agents. But Lee is coming into the studio, his first interview after arriving from the US that morning, and is scheduled to stay for half an hour.
1305	Simon asks sports presenter Vassos Alexander to see if he can find a story about the New York Nicks basketball team for Spike Lee.  Political correspondent Gary O'Donoghue is two-wayed from Millbank, the Parliamentary Unit, about a row over cash-for-peerages, which will be the main talking-point this hour.
1312	Sir Ian Blair has issued a statement. Danny Shaw is on the line saying Sir Ian recorded the phone call with the Attorney General because he thought they would be discussing a complicated issue and he had no note-taker available.  Simon asks Gary O'Donoghue for a comment on Sir Ian Blair, before linking to the travel.
1317	'Now let's look at the funding of political parties . . .' Contributors to the discussion include a politics lecturer Dr Justin Fisher, political commentator Anthony Howard, a Labour peer Lord Berkley, and the Liberal Democrat constitutional affairs spokesman Simon Hughes. Simon Mayo links to a clip from a previous interview on the programme with Stuart Wheeler, the largest donor to the Conservative Party, but it doesn't play. Simon laughs off the mistake: 'Let's turn to Anthony Howard in a moment of desperation.'
1331	Before the news, Simon thanks his guests and announces that the Foreign Secretary is due to make an announcement on Iran's nuclear programme in a few moments' time. The news leads on another expected government announcement – about the withdrawal of British troops from Iraq.
1336	Simon links to the live feed of Jack Straw at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London.
1338	The 24-hour TV news channels viewable in the cubicle and the studio are still running Jack Straw, but Mayo's editor decides to cut to a two-way with correspondent Gordon Corera.
1341	'We'll stay listening to what the Foreign Secretary has to say and we'll report back later.' Simon trails a pre-recorded interview with British swimming coach Bill Sweetenham, who's in Australia for the Commonwealth Games.



1343	The 16-minute Sweetenham interview is 'self-contained' on the VCS playout system. Self-contained means it includes Simon's cue, so it has to be played off the back of a trail for Five Live Sports Extra.
1359	<p>Simon 'back-annos' Sweetenham and trails Johnny Vegas. He also promotes the podcast of the programme – the Daily Mayo.</p> <p>The new lead on the news is a report from defence correspondent Paul Wood on the troop reductions in Iraq – perhaps as many as 800.</p> <p>The presenters of <i>Drive</i>, Peter Allen and Rachel Burden have arrived in the newsroom.</p> <p><i>Drive's presenters turn up for work at about 2 p.m., giving them a couple of hours to record any interview inserts. They will have made sure they are well briefed on the day's news agenda before they leave home, and may have been in contact with the editor by e-mail or on the phone. The production team has been working since early morning setting up interviews and programme items.</i></p>
1404	Simon thanks Vassos for the sport and tells listeners Johnny Vegas isn't here yet, 'so this could be an extremely long money news or an extremely brief one'. He links to a live Pauline McCole report about Thames Water's hosepipe ban, which includes live interviews with the chief executive of the Consumer Council for Water and the director of Water Wise, an organisation dedicated to reducing water waste.
1409	Johnny Vegas is live with Simon, apologising for being late. He'd been 'getting my hair cut at Blue Peter . . . I went over to the make-up department. I was a bit cheeky.' The interview is wide-ranging: the critical panning of his film <i>Sex Lives of the Potato Men</i> (described by Five Live critic Mark Kermode as 'vile, misogynistic, infantile – not in a good way, depressing, unfunny and should not have been funded from the Lottery'); his new BBC3 TV series <i>Ideal</i> ; and his stand-up routine (he says his recent efforts were 'dire'). Vaughan, a text messenger, says Johnny could read from the <i>Financial Times</i> and be funny. Simon says the interview is over-running, 'but we have 30 seconds to test that out'. Vassos in the cubicle dashes to the hospitality area, grabs the <i>FT</i> and rushes it into the studio. It's taken 15 seconds to find a copy of the paper and ask the comedian to test the theory.
1435	News with Andrew Fletcher, previewing the Defence Secretary's announcement on Iraq troops in about an hour's time.
1437	Sport with Vassos Alexander includes Celtic boss Gordon Strachan on Jimmy Johnstone: 'He lived life to the full, on and off the pitch. I lived life to the full with him one day in Dundee, and my liver's still recovering now.' There's also a clip from Simon's Bill Sweetenham interview with the swimming coach admitting he considered resigning over allegations he was a bully.
1440	Simon trails Spike Lee, and talks to Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson, the authors of <i>Peter and the Starcatchers</i> , a new prequel to <i>Peter Pan</i> .

<p>1450</p>  <p>Broadcast journalist David Braithwaite with film director Spike Lee</p>	<p>Spike Lee has arrived. During a trail, Simon is told this by the cubicle, who also mention the film director is wearing an Arsenal shirt. Simon, a Spurs supporter, is caught on air, saying: 'You're kidding me. That's terrible news.' He instantly shares the joke with the audience and his guests: 'It's ten to three, I've just been told some terrible news. Spike Lee's here, and he's wearing an Arsenal shirt!'</p>
<p>1500</p>	<p>'After the news, Spike Lee in an Arsenal shirt.' During the sport, Vassos stumbles. He's written the name Graeme Souness instead of Gordon Strachan, and laughs about it on air.</p>
<p>1504</p>	<p>Simon introduces Spike Lee and film reviewer Mark Kermode. Vassos talks about the New York Nicks. Lee admits they have the worst record and the highest payroll in the NBA, and the season has been a 'disaster, a debacle, a fiasco and a travesty'. And the Arsenal shirt? 'Thierry Henry is my man and the Gunners are my team.' They move on to talk about Lee's new movie <i>Inside Man</i>, and a documentary series he's making about Hurricane Katrina, which will attack the US government for its handling of the crisis in New Orleans the previous summer. Lee says the administration's attitude was malicious, and his film will include allegations that the city's levees were blown up by the government to save some areas at the expense of others. He also says US troops should be brought home from Iraq.</p>
<p>1529</p>  <p>Paul Wood</p>	<p>Defence correspondent Paul Wood is in the studio. He has just finished a sandwich outside, between live two-ways on News 24 and Five Live. He previews the Defence Secretary's statement.</p>
<p>1530</p>	<p>Simon asks Spike Lee if he wants to stay a further ten minutes. 'Can you stay? What are you looking for?' Lee doesn't have his schedule. Simon thanks him and links live to the Commons where 'the Defence Secretary is on his feet. Here's John Reid.'</p>

1532	Spike Lee leaves the studio with David Braithwaite, who thanks him for coming in.
1535	As John Reid's statement continues, the team in the cubicle are discussing what will be put on the podcast of Spike Lee, and if his comments on the US government's role in the Katrina relief effort should be publicised through the BBC press office.
1536	Dr Reid announces a reduction of 800 British troops in Iraq – the figure predicted by Paul Wood.
1538	The editor decides to cut out of the John Reid statement. Asked by Simon to comment, Paul Wood says: 'It's always nice when you go out on a limb and you don't fall off it. The Defence Secretary was kind enough to confirm what the BBC's been reporting exclusively.'  News and sport.
1548	'Still, I think recovering from Spike Lee and his story about the levees in the Katrina story, so that documentary series, four hours of it for HBO, is going to be making a few headlines, one imagines.' Simon links to Mark Kermode's movie reviews.
1559	Simon signs off, announcing that for the rest of the week his show is being replaced by coverage of the Cheltenham Festival: 'pounding hooves, sweaty fetlocks, and that's just John Inverdale'.
1600	Drive with Peter Allen and Rachel Burden. Rachel's presenting work includes breakfasts at weekends. Peter Allen is the veteran on the Five Live team. He's a journalistic heavyweight – a former newspaper man and ITN Foreign Correspondent – and teams up with regular co-presenter Jane Garvey who now works a three-day week since becoming a mother.
1605	After the news and sport, Peter links to the opening item about the defence cuts and introduces a clip of John Reid, but the clip played is Trevor Lakin from the morning phone-in show talking about the loss of his son. 'I'm sorry about that. Not quite sure what it was, but it certainly wasn't John Reid . . . Let's talk while we wait to sort that out to Amyas Godfrey, former captain who completed two tours of Iraq . . .' The seamless link has been aided by the script on the screen in front of him where the guest's unusual name is in capitals with the pronunciation explained AMYAS (pron a-MEE-US) GODFREY.

1610	<p>'Thank you. Interesting stuff. A little earlier, I tried to play you the thoughts of John Reid, the Defence Secretary. I think we can now hear what he had to say in the Commons.'</p> <p>This time the clip plays.</p> <p>Off the back of it, Peter reads a text, pointing out that at this rate the troops will be in Iraq until 2014, and then has fun with the latest army recruiting drive. 92 years after the British Army produced the most famous recruiting poster ever – Lord Kitchener pointing, with the slogan 'Your Country Needs You' – there's an advert for a £50,000 a year marketing manager to 'act as the key interface between the central network and the regional delivery structure' in 'one of the most advanced holistic marketing networks in the UK today'. 'I wonder what Kitchener would have made of that?' The advert warns that the post is 'not for the faint-hearted – and it's spelt F-E-I-N-T – perfect!'</p>
	
Peter Allen	
1611	<p>Rachel's first interview of the programme is a two-way with Danny Shaw. Paul Stephenson, the Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, is supporting Sir Ian Blair. The two-way includes a clip of Stephenson expressing his confidence in Sir Ian, but ducking the question about why phone calls were recorded – 'that's for Sir Ian to explain' – and saying it is not inevitable Sir Ian will have to resign.</p> <p>Peter picks up off the back of Rachel's interview to ask Danny about police recruitment in response to a text from a serving officer.</p>
	
Rachel Burden	
1618	<p>Rachel reads the headlines.</p> <p>'Well, the bubble burst . . .' Peter talks English cricket with a clip from coach Duncan Fletcher, followed by a live interview via ISDN with former captain Alec Stewart.</p>
1623	<p>Peter reads a story from PA about a survey of Premiership footballers' cars. Rachel observes that most of their choices are 'naff' and 'tacky': 'I'm quite happy with my Ford Escort.' She links to a pre-recorded interview with a cardiologist about the link between migraines and holes in the heart.</p>
1628	<p>Peter and Rachel introduce the Trevor Lakin clip, some of which had accidentally been played at the top of the programme. It's written as a split link, PRES1 followed by PRES2. Peter then interviews the Lakins' MP Quentin Davies live from Millbank.</p>
1634	<p>Another listener's joke via text: 'I'm not surprised, Peter, that Chelsea players have 4x4s. Have you seen the state of their pitch?' A second text complains that Five Live hasn't mentioned the South Africa v. Australia cricket – 'the greatest game of all time'. Vassos and Peter discuss the game and agree it was extraordinary – with one ball and one wicket left South Africa hit a four to win, finishing on 438.</p>

1636	Traffic news; Rachel reads the headlines; then Vassos reads the sport, which includes the 'what made me a very fine player' clip from Geoff Boycott.
1640	<p>Rachel reads a listener's e-mail about Iraq, and then links to an item about the Thames Water hosepipe ban. Her interviewee is a man who works in water conservation in Asia, but now finds himself affected by the ban at home in Gloucestershire.</p> <p><i>Text messages and e-mails arriving at Five Live are sifted by the programme editor. Presenters can see texts in front of them on screen but rarely have time to access e-mails. Drive's editor Jon Zilkha, in the newsroom, reads incoming texts, and filters them for legal problems and content. He can tick a box alongside the message to 'green-light' it for transmission.</i></p>
1643	Peter links to the Milosevic story and his lawyer's appeal for the funeral to be held in Belgrade. Correspondent Matt Prodger is on the line from Belgrade.
1646	Headlines and travel news, a trail, then more on Sir Ian Blair. The chairman of the Metropolitan Police authority has said it was 'wholly unacceptable' for Sir Ian to have recorded phone calls. Pete reads out the chairman's statement. Rachel links to the Shadow Home Secretary David Davis at Millbank.
1653	<p>Peter issues a warning: 'If you're listening with small children, or you're offended by bad language, you might not want to listen to the next item after the money news.'</p> <p>The warning was marked <b>MUST READ</b> on the running order. Peter adds: 'You may, however, be one of those people who are desperate to hear what it is.'</p> <p>Peter reads the money news and links to Philippa Busby from Five Live Money.</p>
1656	Rachel repeats the bad language warning and introduces an item about a TV advert for Australian tourism, which closes with the line: 'Where the bloody hell are you?' Peter links to a pre-recorded interview with Paul Denham of the Broadcast Advertising Clearance Centre, who've banned the ad. Fran Bailey, the Australian Tourism Minister, is in the Millbank studio. Peter asks her: 'What are you up to bringing us all this bad language? We are an easily upset bunch.' She replies that the ad is 'cheeky, warm and friendly'. Peter asks: 'This is not another Australian complaining about umpiring decisions, is it?'
1700	Headlines read by Rachel: the troop withdrawals; Sir Ian Blair; and the son of a British couple found dead in Crete has been charged with their murder.
1704	Vassos has the sport.
1706	Peter interviews the former army commander Colonel Tim Collins about the troop withdrawals.

1711	Peter interviews the Defence Secretary, live from Millbank, and asks whether troops withdrawn from Iraq will be going to Afghanistan. Dr Reid admits that's a possibility. The cue for the John Reid item has a note that 'he is doing N24 and will be off air by 7 mins past'.
1717	Rachel two-ways Andy Gallacher, the reporter at the High Court on the <i>Da Vinci Code</i> hearing.
1721	<p>There've been 'loads of texts' on the Australian 'bad language'. Rachel says it's hard to read them 'cos I'm not supposed to repeat the phrase'. She continues, without repeating the phrase: the phrase is in the Harry Potter movies; the advertising standards people are being prudish; but someone asks if Peter has children, and says he shouldn't assume everyone has standards as low as his. He responds: 'If my children confined themselves to swearwords like that, then I would be relatively grateful. But, unfortunately, they don't.'</p> <p><i>Five Live encourages this banter. Head of News Matt Morris says they have a friendly relationship with their audience. Drive editor Jon Zilkha says: 'If our core proposition was just to tell people three hours of all the main news stories of the day, people would soon switch off. It's not just about a diet of headlines. We try to offer analysis, entertainment and stimulation.'</i></p>
1724	The presenters discuss England's poor rugby performance against France in a defeat at the weekend. Peter interviews former French captain Phillipe St Andre.
1726	<p>The Mayoress of Keighley has been sacked from her apolitical role for joining the British National Party. There's a clip of Rose Thompson, saying she won't stand down as a councillor, a vox-pop from Keighley, and then Rachel interviews the mayor who sacked her, Tony Wright.</p> <p><i>The Drive team had decided not to interview the sacked mayoress, because her performance at her press conference that morning suggested she wouldn't be a fluent live interviewee.</i></p>
1730	There's confusion about where Slobodan Milosevic will be buried. Peter interviews Mirko Klarin, who's covered events at the Hague. He says being buried in Belgrade would be Milosevic's 'final revenge'.
1733	Rachel reads the headlines.
1735	Vassos' sports bulletin includes Jonathan Agnew's report of England's cricket defeat, and a clip of Billy McNeil talking about Jimmy Johnstone from the interview earlier in the day. It has been re-edited to include a clip of commentary of Johnstone in action.

1737	The team discuss their sporting allegiance. Rachel has an Irish passport so supports Ireland in the rugby, but would celebrate if England won football's World Cup. Vassos supported Greece when they won Euro 2004. Peter wonders if you can support two football clubs because Tottenham never win anything.
1738	Peter interviews Professor Mansour Farhang, a former Iranian ambassador to the United Nations, about Iran's controversial nuclear programme. He's live by phone from the US.
1743	Rachel interviews Minnie Crutwell, a nine-year-old footballer who was told she couldn't play in a boy's team when she reaches the age of 11. She's been to meet the Chief Executive of the FA, Brian Barwick, who told her the rule is based on physical ability. Minnie says her brother plays with boys twice his size but never gets hurt. Peter says he doesn't know how good she is at football, but she put her case very well. <i>Minnie's father Greg was standing by to contribute.</i>
1747	'Here we are talking rubbish again on Five Live . . .' Peter and Rachel link to an item about waste disposal and recycling.
1750	Five Live Money with 'our old mate Micky Clarke of the London Evening Standard'. Takeover bids for the pub chain Mitchells and Butlers and the London Stock Exchange are the main talking points. The Footsie finished at a five-year high.
1756	Rachel reports that there are now 144,000 mini motorbikes in the UK but the Local Government Association says they should be seized and crushed if they're driven illegally. They're not licensed for roads, but can reach 40 mph and four people have been killed riding them. Trish O'Flynn from the LGA is live by ISDN.
1759	A text says some mysterious force stops you changing football teams, and challenges Peter to try it. 'I support . . . aha, can't be done.'
1800	Peter stumbles over the first headline. 'I apologise for that awful beginning but my computer suddenly stopped.' At the end of the headline sequence, he says: 'Computer now working properly, so here we go.'
1801	The final hour of the programme starts with extended coverage of the big story of the day. Today it's the Iraq troop withdrawal. There are clips of John Reid in the Commons, Shadow Defence Minister Gerald Howarth, John Reid on <i>Drive</i> , Colonel Tim Collins and Dr Haider al-Ebadi, an adviser to the Iraqi Prime Minister.  The BBC's Security Correspondent Frank Gardner is in the studio to be interviewed by Peter. He gives the bigger picture, including the fact there are 40 kidnaps a day in Iraq but we never hear about it. Britain is seen as being a neo-colonialist power, and is part of the problem.

1808	Rachel picks up with the latest on Sir Ian Blair, including a clip of David Davis from earlier in the programme, and the rest of the day's news. The final item is about the protection of habitats for rare species – including the natterjack toad. Rachel asks: 'What does a natterjack toad look like, I wonder?' Peter says: 'You'll get a text telling you.'
1811	Vassos' sports headlines.
1813	'Councils have become so obsessed about safety that they're designing boring playgrounds that put children off using them.' Professor Lamine Mahdjoubi of the University of the West of England is on the phone and tells Peter children are ignoring playgrounds and playing in more dangerous places instead, and parents are becoming paranoid about children playing outdoors.
1816	<p>Peter reads a text: 'Frank Gardner's great. The only man who can put Iraq in plain English.'</p> <p>Rachel has been given a description of the natterjack toad and reads it out: 'Fairly flattened bodies, apparently.'</p> <p>Peter: 'Sounds like they've already tried to cross the road.'</p> <p>When Rachel says their mating call makes them Europe's noisiest amphibian, Peter says we need to hear one: 'In the good old days the BBC library would have immediately produced the sound. These days I suspect you have to find the charge code before you can get hold of it.'</p> <p>In the newsroom, the team accept the challenge.</p>
1818	Mark Saggars is in the studio to preview <i>Sport on Five</i> at 7 o'clock. He refers back to the chat about footballers' cars and reveals that the interior of Claude Makelele's car is Louis Vuitton. They introduce golf expert Jay Townsend to talk about England's Luke Donald entering the world's top ten. It's a three-way chat – Peter, Mark and Jay. Mark says they're trying to get hold of Luke Donald for an interview.
1822	<p>Peter tries a natterjack toad impression. Rachel offers the opinion it's not rasping enough: 'I could teach you how to rasp.'</p> <p>Rachel links to the German author of <i>The Teacher Hater Book</i> which has upset the teaching profession. Gerlinde Unverzagt accuses German teachers of failing to teach basic literacy and numeracy. Peter chips in to ask if that's because they can't be sacked. Yes, she says, and she also accuses teachers of dressing sloppily, wearing open-toed sandals, with yellowing in-growing toenails. Peter defends his own friends who are teachers, and says he's sure they don't have in-growing toenails.</p>



1825	<p>Peter introduces Rob the Rubbish, who clears litter from Snowdonia and Ben Nevis and has offered to tidy up Everest. Robin Kevan says it's pretty bad around the base camp, though 'nothing as bad as yellowing, in-growing toenails'.</p> <p><i>Every interview in the programme will have been researched, and the presenter will be provided with briefing notes and suggested questions. Often, as with Rob the Rubbish, the notes and questions are barely needed.</i></p>
1829	<p>Peter tells a listener's natterjack joke. 'How deep is the water, little froggy? Knee-deep, knee-deep.' After the travel, Rachel reads out a text from a driver who says his progress has been impeded by female natterjacks looking for a mate.</p>
1830	<p>News and sport. Vassos has a clip of the India cricket coach Greg Chappell talking about England's performance, and a Gordon Strachan story about Jimmy Johnstone. On international duty, Jinky had to be rescued by the coastguard. He went for a drink, ended up in a rowing boat without oars going out to sea, singing heartily. There's an as-live chat with racing correspondent Cornelius Lysaght previewing the Cheltenham Festival.</p>
1836	<p>Peter trails Ben Fenton of the <i>Daily Telegraph</i> who's due to talk about what's in tomorrow's papers. But first there's a clip of George Bush, who's been talking in the last few minutes about Iraq, admitting the situation is tense. Peter two-ways correspondent Justin Webb in Washington.</p>
1838	<p>Ben Fenton is on the line and offers his opinion on Iraq, Sir Ian Blair – who 'maybe has got another chance' – and the rage in China for nude wedding photos – just brides not couples: 'I've only seen pictures of nude Chinese ladies.' Peter responds: 'This is the BBC. If you want to admit to looking at nude Chinese men, that's fine.'</p>
1844	<p>There's been a text about the German teacher book. The ugliness of people's feet provides an offbeat link to late-night presenter Anita Anand, who says she has a deep psychological issue about them. Her brother has 'extraterrestrial feet – they are too long, too thin and too bony. I can't bear it.' She trails the content of her show which starts at 10 p.m.</p>
1848	<p>Rachel reads the headlines. Peter adds that George Bush has just said in his speech that components from Iran increasingly make up the bombs for Iraqi insurgents.</p>
1850	<p>Peter reads out a text: 'Can you tell Sean Gattin that his wife has just gone into labour. If it wasn't a joke, it's probably a public service we should perform.'</p>
1852	<p>Rachel interviews Philippa Busby about the impact of healthier eating on food producer Northern Foods. Her report includes a live telephone interview with Jon Sopher, 'a company doctor', about their disappointing sales of pizzas, biscuits and ready meals.</p>

1855	Peter and Rachel introduce an item about natterjack toads. Adrian Hughes in the newsroom has found the sound of the toad on a website, and tracked down a licensed handler, who's on the phone from Cumbria. Helen Annan says they're Britain's rarest amphibian and quite attractive with a yellow stripe down their back.
1857	Peter links to entertainment reporter Colin Paterson who's live via radio car outside the Empire film awards. He introduces a clip of Roger Moore talking about the new James Bond, Daniel Craig (Moore says he looks very good). Colin then interviews <i>King Kong</i> actor Andy Zerkhis live about the event.
1859	Rachel explains that Andy Zerkhis played both King Kong and Gollum in the <i>Lord of the Rings</i> . Peter decides to end on 'a really, silly joke: what do you call a French man in beach footwear? Phillipe Phillope.' Rachel: 'Hurray. A good end to a really serious news programme.'
1900	Mark Saggers introduces Sport on Five. The programme will include a live interview with Luke Donald in the first half hour.  Head of News Matt Morris is preparing to go home.