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BBC Radio Scotland (throughout the day and evening)

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ON TV...

Nicky Campbell joins Jackie Bird and Des Clarke to host this year's Appeal night from Pacific Quay, Glasgow. It is a jam-packed evening with many famous faces doing all they can to entertain the public into donating money for disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

Live from PQ

- Paolo Nutini performs his fantastic new single A Pencil Full Of Lead live from PQ.
- Little Boots' incredible voice will be blasting out Remedy live.
- Danny Macaskill and Scotland's stunt cycle team The Clan are bringing their bikes along to show some spectacular moves around the building.
- Jailbreak returns after its huge success on BBC Radio Scotland last year. Again, we'll be locking up business folk and not releasing them until they manage to raise a target sum of money.
- The finalists of Spy Challenge will be set off on their ultimate quest. Teams in six cities across Scotland are competing on 14/15 November to become a finalist and the winner will be announced on Appeal night.

Scottish cyclist and Guinness World Record breaker Mark Beaumont will be live from Peru. At the end of October he challenged Scotland to collectively cycle 9,000 miles in his quest, Catch Me If You Can. He will announce whether we have reached the target and how much money has been raised as part of this challenge.

Sketches

- Taggart and Rebus go head to head as tough-talking DCI Burke and battle-hardened DI Rebus meet for the first time ever.
- River City's Scarlett will become 'hostess with the mostest' as she holds her very own Come Dine With Me dinner for the family.

Plus, we find out more about how BBC Children in Need money is helping with four special Appeal films. Hearts and Minds, Big Project, Open Secret and SOAR Youth Projects are doing fantastic work with children and young people in Scotland. In these special films they show the impact of their work and how the fundraising is vital to their success.

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ON RADIO...

This year on BBC Radio Scotland MacAulay And Co will be imprisoning some well known people in Jailbreak, where the only way out of jail for them is to raise enough bail money. Some of the guests confirmed for the morning are interior designer John Amabile; PR guru Tessa Hartman; founder of Dada, Oli Norman; hairdresser to the stars Taylor Ferguson; and BBC Radio Scotland's John Beattie, Martell Maxwell and Jim Gellatly.

Jailbreak will continue into the evening on BBC Radio Scotland in both Footloose and The Music Bed with different prisoners - plus Jim and Martel Maxwell will have lots of great tunes in The Music Bed with some big name guests and plenty of fund raising fun.

Brian Taylor's Big Debate will transmit a special programme for BBC Children in Need from the foyer of Pacific Quay, and Tom Morton has a mixture of live music and guests with Roddy Hart and his Band performing live and two of the Red Hot Chilli Pipers will take up the challenge to play requested tracks.

BBC Radio Scotland will be finding out throughout the day what people across Scotland are doing for BBC Children in Need this year as well as challenging more people to get on their bikes for the Catch Me If You Can challenge.

Further information for this year's Appeal will be updated next week for TV and radio from BBC Scotland.

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BBC launches Democracy Live

The BBC will be providing the public with unparalleled access to the Scottish Parliament and the other democratic institutions across the UK.

Democracy Live offers live and on demand video coverage of the UK's national political institutions and the European Parliament at bbc.co.uk/democracylive backed by innovative search technology to allow the public to follow political debates and developments around the areas and issues that matter to them most. No other offer exists like this anywhere else in the world.

Democracy Live will provide unmediated content straight to the public who can view information first hand and through the various features find out about their elected representatives and the decision making process.

The extensive guides, search facilities and the easy navigation are designed to ensure Democracy Live provides information for people with different levels of interest, supporting the BBC's commitment to build a greater understanding of the democratic institutions amongst the public.

Brian Taylor, Political Editor, BBC Scotland, said: "Democracy Live is an important addition to the way the BBC brings politics to our audiences across the UK, allowing people to see first hand the work of their elected representatives and ensuring we have a healthy and informed democracy.

"This is precisely the sort of different content the BBC should be providing in fulfilling our public service remit and representing all of the democratic institutions in the UK."

The key feature of the Democracy Live home page is an eight-screen video wall covering full sittings of the institutions and committee proceedings.

The search engine is based on an innovative 'speech-to-text' system which allows users to search the video for specific topics and contributors from the Democracy Live archive. The archive holds the items of business which have been covered live on the site.

In addition to live and on demand coverage, Democracy Live features a 'Historic Moments' section containing video of memorable political events over the past two decades.

Democracy Live also offers guides to each of the institutions and an explanation of how the UK's devolved political system works. People will be able to follow representatives they are interested in and Democracy Live will gather video in which they appear and store this to be watched later.

A 'Comment' section brings together all of the BBC's main political blogs and offers a place for public figures to explore topical issues.

Notes to Editors

- Democracy Live will cover all proceedings in the main chambers of the Scottish Parliament, House of Commons, House of Lords, Northern Ireland Assembly, Welsh Assembly and full sittings of the European Parliament.
- It will also cover Westminster Hall and Select Committees at Westminster.
- When there is no business in the main chambers in Edinburgh, Belfast and Cardiff, it will cover committee meetings.
- Each of the institutions has its own section which outlines the business that is covered on Democracy Live that day.
- In addition to the small Democracy Live teams based in each of the nations, Democracy Live at Westminster is produced from a newly-built newsroom jointly with the digital TV channel BBC Parliament.

To find out more about Democracy Live, see bbc.co.uk/democracylive

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A History Of Scotland, Prog 7/10

Sunday 15 November

BBC One Scotland, 9.00-10.00pm

bbc.co.uk/scotlandshistory

"Culloden is the most iconic battle, but there still persists the myth that it was an England versus Scotland event, when it was much more complex than that.

"One thing which will surprise a lot of people in this episode," says presenter Neil Oliver, "is that the story of the Jacobites was one of aristocratic families across Europe vying to see who would be king and where and the fact that a lot of this played out in Scotland is almost incidental."

The second programme in the new run of A History Of Scotland covers the period in the wake of the 1688 revolution which brought William of Orange to power on the throne of England and Scotland, through to Culloden in 1746. The Glorious Revolution of 88/89 was triumphed as a win for Protestantism over Catholicism and liberty over the absolutist power of kings, but it was not accepted by all.

The new thinking led to some mania of its own such as the Darien project, a daring proposal to create a Scots trading colony in Panama - a mind-blowingly ambitious scheme, supported by vast swathes of the population, which virtually bankrupted the country.

In the wake of the revolution and the Darien disaster, a financially bereft Scotland signed up to the 1707 Union of Parliaments, but its 'hearts and minds' were not remotely on board with the concept especially as in its early days its effects seemed wholly negative. Taxes were hiked up and trade restrictions - contrary to the Articles of the agreement - made even pro-Union Nobles disappointed by the insensitive way Westminster was handling Scottish issues. Nor in Scotland did the Glorious Revolution necessarily make good on its promises of libertarian modernity.

The clamour from some Scots for the rule of the past found an outlet in the Jacobite cause and its crescendo and swansong was Culloden; the accepted story of these times. But A History Of Scotland reveals the Stewarts in exile had 'evolved' and were making strides, with policies more liberal and forward thinking than the general rule of the land by William of Orange or his Hanoverian successors. And it reveals how close these new-style 'would be' monarchs came on several occasions to coming back to power.

Says Neil: "It isn't quite the doomed romantic story we tend to know in Scotland but a sophisticated power play across Europe."

A History Of Scotland – which has been nominated for a BAFTA Scotland award for best Factual Series – will start its new network run on BBC Two on Tuesday 24 November at 8.00pm. The BAFTA Scotland winners will be announced on Sunday 8 November.

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Garrow's Law: Tales From The Old Bailey, Prog 3/4

Sunday 15 November
BBC One, 10.25-11.25pm

After more derision from Silvester, Garrow is spurred on to defend Edgar Cole, accused of raping a servant girl. Garrow controversially wins and the detestable Edgar Cole is acquitted much to the disappointment of Lady Sarah. She believes that Garrow agreed to defend Cole to show off his legal skills and that he does not care about justice for the girl, Mary Tollin. After the trial Lady Sarah confronts Garrow but Silvester interrupts and senses the intimacy between them. His insinuation offends Garrow and he challenges Silvester to a duel to defend Lady Sarah's honour.

Southouse is furious with Garrow for challenging Silvester. However, he agrees to be Garrow's second and Garrow, Silvester and his second, George Hervey meet at dawn for the showdown. Garrow wins the right to shoot first but at the last second decides to shoot into the ground. Southouse is relieved but Silvester insists on taking his turn as a matter of honour and to teach Garrow a lesson. He shoots and hits Garrow in the arm.

Sir Arthur is keen to learn the result of the duel and passes on the news that Garrow has been shot to Lady Sarah. Her reaction causes him to question her fidelity. She assures him that nothing untoward has happened. Lady Sarah visits Garrow to enquire after his health. She admits her feelings to Garrow and they kiss for the first time but after visiting the Old Bailey to observe the trial, Lady Sarah tells him she must remain true to her husband.

Garrow's injury is not serious and his next case sees him up against his old nemesis, the violent and unscrupulous thief-taker Edward Forrester. Garrow defends Tom & Phebe who are accused of stealing a box of lace from a shop owned by Katharine Stanton, on the orders of Forrester. Katherine's grandson, Dan gives chase to the thieves but runs into Forrester who now has the lace box. To silence Dan, Forrester beats him and he dies.

In court Katherine accuses a shocked Tom & Phebe of Dan's murder. Garrow is eager to cross-examine Forrester again but, as Southouse points out, recent distractions have left Garrow ill-prepared and Forrester manages to humiliate him again. At dinner, Garrow subtly suggests to Judge Varley that some thief-takers like Forrester commit perjury in order to make more money for securing convictions.

Garrow knows that Tom and Phebe are guilty of theft but not guilty of murder. With the help of Southouse's carefully prepared evidence and after questioning Forrester's cohort, Sam Steele, Garrow implicates Forrester and the thief-taker is arrested for perjury. Tom & Phebe escape hanging but are sentenced to transportation and Forrester is sentenced to two hours in the stocks. But it's Katharine Stanton's need to avenge the murder of her grandson that proves to be Forrester's downfall.

Southouse has guessed that the reason for the duel was Lady Sarah's honour. He is angry and disappointed with Garrow and he makes his feelings known to the younger man. A defiant Garrow retaliates and accuses Southouse of holding him back. They argue and Southouse suggests they end their association, stubbornly, Garrow agrees.

William Garrow is played by Andrew Buchan, John Southouse by Alun Armstrong, Silvester by Aidan McArdle, Sir Arthur Hill by Rupert Graves, Judge Buller by Michael Culkin and Forrester by Steven Waddington.

Garrow's Law was filmed entirely on location in Scotland as well as at BBC Scotland's Dumbarton Studios.

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MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER TELEVISION & RADIO HIGHLIGHTS / BBC WEEK 46

Calum's Cabin μ NEW

Monday 16 November
BBC One Scotland, 7.30-8.00pm

Calum's Cabin tells the uplifting story of one Scottish family and their efforts to keep the memory of their son alive.

Calum Speirs died of a brain tumour in 2007 when he was just 12 years old. Raised on the beautiful island of Bute on Scotland's west coast, Calum showed tremendous courage throughout his 13-month illness by inspiring his family and friends to come to terms with his condition and take on a project which Calum himself envisaged.

The programme is an emotional and intimate portrait of a family embarking on a unique construction project to create a wonderful respite holiday home for other families affected by cancer in children. From small scale tin rattling and celebrity fundraising events to the problematic build itself, Mum Caroline, Dad Duncan and twin Sister Jenna tirelessly attempt to make Calum's dream a reality.

As they tackle bills, the demands of the project itself and the need to get it right for Calum, as well as coping with their grief, his mum Caroline reflects: "You just have to get on with it. I just miss him.

"But you just have to be strong and do what Calum taught us, think of others, get Calum's Cabin built and help other people.

"I can't bring him back. I would do anything but I can't."

Film-makers Gillian Davidson and Derek Livesey spent 14 months with the family and the programme follows them through to the emotional opening and the first family to have a holiday at the respite care cabin, which is Calum's legacy.

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Gary: Tank Commander – Be the Best, Prog 1/6 μ NEW

Monday 16 November
BBC Two Scotland, 9.30-10.00pm

Gary Tank Commander is a new six-part comedy series written by and starring comedian Greg McHugh as an army soldier with a difference.

Following the Scottish BAFTA award winning mockumentary in 2008 (Best Comedy/Entertainment – Gary's War), Gary: Tank Commander expands Gary's world to show Gary and his tank crew (Jacko - the brawn, Charlie - the brains, and Adam - the libido) dealing with the differences between Mid Lothian and the Mid East, with flashback footage of the boys in Iraq and Gary's interviews in conversation offering his typically upbeat thoughts on the wider world.

In this first episode Gary returns from Iraq to a hero's welcome at the airport from his excitable childhood friend, Julie. He's only just had time to catch up with her and say a quick hello to his Dad before he and his tank crew find themselves on recruitment duty.

Jacko is paired with Charlie, while Gary and Adam team up in the local shopping centre. Reporting to the straight-laced Sergeant Splitter, they aren't having any luck finding the next Andy McNab, although Gary and Adam each find a far better use for the shopping centre. But then Splitter signs up the worst recruit possible, leaving Gary and Adam with a great escape to pull off before it's too late.

But none of this is too much for Gary and his crew. They take each problem as it comes and do what comes naturally as soldiers, namely put it right and have a laugh along the way.

Intercut with monologues from Gary offering his view on all things from politics to pizza, Gary: Tank Commander is a new kind of comedy hero.

Greg McHugh plays Gary McLintoch, Scott Fletcher plays Charlie, Robert Jack plays Jacko, Paul-James Corrigan plays Adam, Leah MacRae plays Julie, Stuart Bowman plays Sergeant Thomson, Callum Cuthbertson plays Martin (Gary's Dad) and Victoria Balnaves plays Sergeant Splitter.

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Walking Through History, Prog 7/10

Monday 16 November

BBC Radio Scotland, 11.30am-12noon

bbc.co.uk/radioscotland

bbc.co.uk/scotlandshistory

The series of audio walks this week takes a trip back to the early years of the 18th century when, in a space of less than ten years, some of the most dramatic events of Scotland's history took place.

And presenter Neil Oliver's home town of Stirling had its part to play in them. It was the backdrop for a range of events from riots protesting about Union with England to armies preparing to fight in the first Jacobite uprising.

Says Neil: "In 1707, the Act of Union was passed, uniting the parliaments of Scotland and England.

"The Union had a mixed reception...In the years which followed, there were to be rumblings of discontent, the seeds of rebellion turning to fury."

Historians Bruce Lenman, Karin Bowie and John Harrison tell the story of a turbulent time.

Part of the Scotland's History project, these programmes, produced in collaboration with the Open University, will also be available online as MP3 downloads.

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TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER TELEVISION & RADIO HIGHLIGHTS / BBC WEEK 46

River City

Tuesday 17 November

BBC One Scotland, 8.00-9.00pm

bbc.co.uk/rivercity

Hayley is shocked when her mother, Tricia, turns up unannounced. She has left Hayley's dad and Hayley stays off work to comfort her. Jack is suspicious of Tricia's sudden appearance and urges Gordon to tell Hayley the truth, but Gordon keeps quiet. Tricia turns up at the salon for a new hairdo and realises just how well Gordon has done for himself. After closing time, she reappears and she and Gordon kiss. But he turns her away. Furious, Tricia meets Hayley at The Tall Ship and reveals how Gordon tried it on with her, prompting Hayley to throw her drink over him when he comes into the pub. Gordon wrongly assumes she is angry because Tricia has told Hayley that he is her dad and blurts this out in front of the whole pub. Hayley is stunned. She goes through a rollercoaster of emotions, from not wanting anything to do with Gordon to finally trying to accept him as her dad.

At the community centre, Eileen continues to stamp her authority on the place at the expense of poor Murray. Gina decides to act as peacemaker and sets up a drink for the three of them in The Tall Ship. Despite a rocky start to the night, Murray starts to see Eileen's 'softer' side. Eileen and Murray later share a moment at the flat. Unfortunately, as they look like they may be about to kiss, Gina walks in forcing Murray to make his excuses and leave.

Ewan goes round to Lenny's flat to find a complete tip and Lenny as miserable as ever. He borrows £200 off Lydia and then takes his dad out for a pint. When Lenny discovers that Ewan is helping him with hand-outs from Lydia, he is livid. Lenny storms back to the flat where Scarlett is busy cleaning. Ewan had asked her earlier and she'd reluctantly agreed for £50. Lenny throws Scarlett out and turns on Ewan, demanding his flat key back.

At Ruth's flat, Jo is still acting strangely: she seems to be all over Eilidh but is still ignoring Romeo. As Ruth and Eilidh sleep, Jo creeps into the bedroom and takes Eilidh out of the cot and into her room. When Ruth wakes to find her gone, Jo comes in claiming she'd been crying and Jo had had to see to her. Gina brushes away her concerns, defending Jo yet again.

River City has been nominated for BAFTA Scotland's Best TV Drama category. The winners will be announced on Sunday 8 November.

Hayley is played by Pamela Byrne, Tricia by Alyson Orr, Jack by John Comerford, Gordon by Sandy Welch, Eileen by Deirdre Davis, Gina by Libby McArthur, Murray by Brian Cowan, Ewan by Chris Brazier, Lenny by Frank Gallagher, Lydia by Jacqueline Leonard, Scarlett by Sally Howitt, Jo by Lisa Gardner and Ruth by Morag Calder.

Please note, viewers outside Scotland can access this programme on Sky channel 971, Freesat channel 960 or BBC iPlayer service - bbc.co.uk/iplayer

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My Life In Five Songs, Prog 1/5 μ NEW

Tuesday 17 November

BBC Radio Scotland, 11.30am-12noon

bbc.co.uk/radioscotland

In this brand new five-part series - My Life In Five Songs - Phil Cunningham talks to a different Scottish musician each week and finds out about the five tracks of music which inspired them.

This week Phil is in conversation with virtuoso guitarist Martin Taylor who first came to prominence in the late 1970s through his collaborations with the legendary violinist Stephane Grappelli.

Martin explains how he grew up to the sound of his father playing jazz and he picks five tracks which take him from his childhood to the present.

Nowadays Martin tours the world's concert halls giving dazzling live performances.

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Scottish Shorts μ NEW

Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 November

BBC Radio 4, 3.30-3.45pm

Three stories showcasing new writing from Scotland from BBC Scotland's Radio Drama Department:

Tuesday: One Of Us by Julia Butler

A young asylum seeker struggling to fit in at school comes alive on the football pitch. A poignant tale of new arrivals and old prejudices. *Julia Butler is a new writer from Glasgow. She works as a special needs teacher and volunteers with refugees in the city.*

Wednesday: Fifty-one by Tat Usher

A story about lane swimming, growing up and letting go. A driven teenager spends night after night swimming lengths of her local pool, until the arrival of a familiar face makes her question her motivation. *Tat Usher lives in a converted boat house by a loch in Argyll, works for an environmental education charity and is working on her first novel, Goatman.*

Thursday: Miss Bell And Miss Heaton by Janette Walkinshaw

There's a new Queen on the throne, Europe is rebuilding after the horrors of the Second World War and Jane Bell has some difficult news for her best friend. An elegiac tale of love in its many forms. *Janette Walkinshaw grew up in a mining family and worked as a secretary in Paris, on a Highland Estate and the Clyde shipyards before qualifying as a solicitor. She has had several short stories published in magazines and anthologies, and has written radio dramas for Radio 4.*

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WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER TELEVISION & RADIO HIGHLIGHTS / BBC WEEK 46

Stark Talk with Professor Anna Dominiczak OBE, Prog 7/10

Wednesday 18 November
BBC Radio Scotland, 11.30am-12noon
bbc.co.uk/radioscotland

In this week's Stark Talk Edi talks to Professor Anna Dominiczak OBE who is the British Heart Foundation's Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Glasgow. She talks to Edi about her work and her life changing decision to move to Scotland when martial law was declared in Poland by the communist regime.

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THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER TELEVISION & RADIO HIGHLIGHTS / BBC WEEK 46

In The Footsteps, Prog 2/5

Thursday 19 November
BBC Radio Scotland, 11.30am-12.00noon
bbc.co.uk/scotlandshistory
bbc.co.uk/radioscotland

The second of the In The Footsteps series, which is part of Scotland's History, finds Eddi Reader following Flora MacDonald's story. Flora is known round the world for her heroic rescue of Bonnie Prince Charlie after the Jacobite defeat at Culloden in 1746 but, as Eddi discovers, there's far more to her than that.

She was locked up in the Tower of London, attracted the status of celebrity in London and America, and emigrated from the island that had made her famous to escape prohibitive rents and bad harvests. Bad luck was to lead to her return, and it wasn't the only ill-fortune Flora was to encounter. She lost two sons in quick succession, and never again heard from the man whose life she'd saved.

Eddi Reader has long been fascinated by this legendary character and was delighted to follow in her footsteps. She found parallels between Flora's life and her own, and could relate to the impact that Flora's instant fame must have had on her. Growing up in Irvine, Eddi felt that the success of her number one single Perfect changed the way her community viewed her, and found that it had been a similar experience for Flora.

As Eddi says; "I'm wondering if she ever felt at home again in Skye after taking that trip with Bonnie Prince Charlie. It would have changed her life enormously.... (although) she later left to go to America, emotionally maybe she'd left her life behind that fateful night that she had to get in a boat with the Prince to secret him off out of harm's way."

Eddi visited a number of different locations associated with Flora. She stayed in Flora's former cottage on the grounds of the Flodigarry Hotel (untroubled by the rumoured ghost!), she visited McNab's Inn where Flora had shared a last meal with Bonnie Prince Charlie and finally met up with direct descendant David MacDonald who returned to Skye to reconnect with his famous heritage. He explains to Eddi that subsequent generations of Flora's family very much echoed her intrepid adventuring spirit.

An array of Scottish musical talent including **Eddi Reader, McIntosh Ross, God Help The Girl** will be the special guests of the **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra** for a unique concert at Edinburgh's Usher Hall on Sunday 29 November.

Featuring a night of contemporary and traditional music, the exclusive Edinburgh Usher Hall concert will celebrate Scotland's unique culture, showcasing music from the TV series.

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Children In Need µ NEW

Friday 20 November

BBC One & BBC One Scotland, from 7.00pm

BBC Radio Scotland, throughout the day

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