

'Exercise for all': Challenging barriers to access for disabled people

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Recording of the week: 'Raising her father's grave: An interview with Titanic survivor Eva Hart'

This week's selection comes from George Brierley, Audio Cataloguer at the British Library. It has been over 110 years since the sinking of RMS Titanic. In that time, there have been numerous attempts to raise the shipwreck from the bottom of the Atlantic. One of the first prominent expeditions to...

Recording of the week: 'Is fiction truth or is it fantasy?' By Anita Desai

This week's selection comes from Dr Eva del Rey, Curator of Drama and Literature Recordings. Author Anita Desai gives the 1994 Dawson Scott Memorial Lecture on International Writers' Day. The event took place at the Cafe Royal, London, organized by English PEN. In her lecture, Anita Desai discusses how writers...

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Recording of the week: An RAF airman

This week's post is by Steve Cleary, Lead Curator, Literary and Creative Recordings. The gentleman pictured above is Charles Gurney. Earlier this year, in September, I was contacted by his son, John Gurney, who asked me if we would be interested in a unique 'Voices of the Forces' disc made...