

Recording of the week: The NHS turns 74

This week's post comes from Hannah Tame, Oral History Cataloguer for the Voices of Our National Health Service collection. On 5 July 2022, the NHS celebrates its 74th anniversary. It seems appropriate then, that this week's selection is taken from the Voices of our National Health Service oral history collection...

Putting 'AIDS: The Unheard Tapes' in context

Mary Stewart, Lead Curator of Oral History, gives more information on the interviews used in a new BBC documentary series. Broadcast tonight on BBC2 is the first in a three-part documentary series entitled AIDS: The Unheard Tapes (27 June, 9.30pm BBC2). The series is a powerful showcase of selected recordings...

Recording of the week: Sharing Somali sounds and stories

This week's selection comes from Emma Brinkhurst, Learning and Engagement Coordinator. As Learning and Engagement Coordinator for the British Library's Unlocking Our Sound Heritage programme, a highlight of my role has been working in partnership with Camden Somali Cultural Centre to develop a listening project. Weekly listening sessions showed the...

Recording of the week: Footsteps on

gravel

This week's post comes from Steve Cleary, Lead Curator of Literary and Creative Recordings. The tape box in the image above measures 90 mm x 90 mm. Inside, as you can see, is a short loop of tape. This is one of nearly 300 similar items from the Bishop Sound...

Recording of the week: More than a headteacher

This week's selection comes from Sandra Agard, Learning Facilitator. 'More than a headteacher' is how cousins Michelle Campbell-Davies and Rachel Clarke describe Betty Campbell, or Nan, as they knew her, in their chat recorded for The Listening Project to mark Black History Month in October 2021. Statue of Betty Campbell...