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[Recording of the week: 'Kuli milimo', there is work in the house of the Lord](#)

This week's selection comes from Edoardo Marcarini, Audio Project Cataloguer for Unlocking our Sound Heritage. Inspired by the festive atmosphere, I bring you not one but two recordings this week. These are meant to be appreciated together just like the turkey and gravy some people will have indulged themselves with...

[Ian Rawes and the London Sound Survey](#)

By Steve Cleary, Lead Curator, Literary and Creative Recordings. In October this year many of us at the British Library were distressed to hear of the

death of Ian Rawes. Best known to the wider world for his field recording project London Sound Survey, Ian once worked at the Library...

BL Sports Word of theYear 2021

Jonnie Robinson, Lead Curator of Spoken English, writes: It's perhaps not surprising that vax and its more conventional older sibling, vaccine, were designated 2021 Word Of The Year by dictionaries in the UK and USA respectively. This weekend also sees the annual BBC Sports Personality of the Year (SPOTY) awards...