Recording of the week: Loss of a world and a need to capture it

This week's selection comes from Charlie Morgan, Oral History Archivist. Someone asked Goha what was his favourite music and he replied, 'The clanging of pots and pans and the tinkling of glasses' (Middle Eastern Food, p.520) In 2018 Gaby's Deli closed after 50 years on Charing Cross Road. A popular...

D-Day has come

U.S. Soldiers disembark a landing craft at Normandy, France, June 6, 1944 By Jonathan Summers, Curator of Classical Music For those people in occupied countries, this was life changing news. Seventy five years ago today, as the allied forces landed on the Normandy beaches to liberate France and countries beyond...

Stuart Franklin remembers photographing Tank Man in Tiananmen Square

Stuart Franklin remembers taking the iconic photograph of Tank Man in Tiananmen Square 1989

Recording of the week: Lilian Baylis (1874-1937)

This week's selection comes from Steve Cleary, Lead Curator of Literary and Creative Recordings. This week we feature the voice of Lilian Baylis, talking about the Old Vic and Sadler's Wells theatres, which she famously managed. The Old Vic company nurtured the careers of Laurence Olivier, John Gielgud,

Recording of the week: Gbamu gbamu jigi jigi! Happy times in WordBank

This week's selection comes from Dr Amy Evans Bauer, a former British Library volunteer. The repertoire of contemporary celebratory exclamations is one of the most joy-filled parts of the Evolving English WordBank. This recording was contributed by a man born in 1965, who defined his accent as Nigerian and spoke...