

Recording of the week: Will Montgomery – Submarine

This week's selection comes from Dr Eva del Rey, Curator of Drama and Literature Recordings and Digital Performance. You may have seen this extraordinary ventilation shaft known as the Camberwell Submarine on Akerman Rd. London SW9. It was built in the 1970s as part of an underground boiler room and...

Recording of the week: Sora song

This week's selection comes from Andrea Zarza Canova, Curator of World and Traditional Music. The Sora people, are one of the oldest communities known in India. They are mainly situated in the hilly border area of the east Indian states Orissa and Andhra Pradesh. The Sora live on the hill...

International Women's Day: Oral History highlights

To celebrate International Women's Day, three colleagues from the British Library Sound Archive have handpicked three oral history interviews from National Life Stories collections.

Recording of the week: spontaneous mimicry on a yorkshire moor

This week's selection comes from Cheryl Tipp, Curator of Wildlife & Environmental Sounds. Though many songbirds are capable of mimicry, it's fair to say that some are more talented than others. The European Blackbird is one such example. From the songs of other birds to the sounds of car alarms,...

Recording of the week: rabbits and chickens by post!

This week's selection comes from Dr Rob Perks, Lead Curator of Oral History. I recently went to post a letter in my local post-box and discovered that it had disappeared! Gone without warning or explanation. It had been there for as long as anyone could remember and it made me...