

[Recording of the week: False Lamkin](#)

An illustration of a person hanging from the gallows; a witch burning a sleeping couple while a demon carries off a child. Woodcut, 1790. Death and murder are hardly rare events in British folksong, but there's something uniquely disturbing about the implacable way in which the bogeyman Lamkin goes about...

[Recording of the week: Seabirds in a plastic world](#)

A northern gannet, a seabird with a white body, beige head and blue eyes, sits on a pile of blue and red fishing rope and holds a clump of it in its beak. Photo credit: Thomas Haeusler. Today is World Environment Day 2023. This year, it is hosted by Côte...

[Animals: Art, Science and Sound](#)

Animals: Art, Science and Sound is the first major exhibition to explore the many different ways in which animals have been written about, visualised and recorded over time. Focusing on the British Library's extensive natural history collections, the exhibition brings together chronologically and geographically diverse material produced over the past...

[Recording of the week: Listening to Sun Ra in the year 4000](#)

Publicity shot of Sun Ra, 1973. Distributed by Impulse! Records and ABC/Dunhill Records. Photographer uncredited. Public domain. Throughout his long career the pianist, composer, bandleader and Afrofuturist pioneer Sun Ra (1914-1993) released over one hundred albums, many under his own record label Saturn Records. His sprawling recorded output is matched...

Recording of the week: Lenny Bruce (1925-1966)

Many of you will have seen a fictionalised version of comedian Lenny Bruce in the streamed comedy-drama *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. Although the series has no pretensions to documentary accuracy, actor Luke Kirby has clearly done his research. He gives an impressively convincing and charismatic performance. Working in the late...