

Recording of the week: well sick

This week's selection comes from Jonnie Robinson, Lead Curator of Spoken English. The widespread use among young speakers of sick [= 'great, excellent'] follows the pattern of several slang terms in which the conventional meaning is inverted by speakers who subsequently use it as an all-purpose term of approval. The...

Airey Neave: working for science in parliament

Forty years since Airey Neave was killed in a car bomb attack, Emmeline Ledgerwood uses oral history to look at his long-standing parliamentary interest in science and technology.

Recording of the week: Peter Blake remembers the Royal College of Art

This week's selection comes from Camille Johnston, Oral History Assistant Archivist. This week we're travelling back to 1950s London, where a young Peter Blake was learning to draw. Peter Blake is an English Pop artist who famously co-created the cover art for the Beatles' album Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club...

"The Acorn System One can be used to control a 22nd Century intergalactic spaceship"

Tom Lean looks at 40 years since the release of the Acorn System 1 through An Oral History of British Science.

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...