

At the British Library's "[Unlocking Our Sound Heritage](#)" project, we are aiming to digitally preserve over half a million rare and at-risk audio recordings, and make around 100,000 of them accessible to the public through the Library's website.

We have recently digitised a "Leicestershire & Rutland Women's Institute May Day documentary tape," recorded by a man named John Noel in April 1962. On the tape, various members of the Women's Institute sing May songs and are interviewed about May customs.

I am now looking to contact the people who appear on the tape to request their permission to make these recordings available online. Given the age of the recordings, it is likely they may have since passed away and so I would be looking to contact any living relatives or descendants.

I have already been in contact with **May Pawley's** relatives but I am still hoping to contact:

John Noel (the sound recordist)

Elizabeth Ruddock (who provides the commentary on the tape)

Ethel Bryan (singer)

Nellie Randall (singer)

Clara Walker (singer)

If you know these people or are related to them, please get in touch with me at finlay.mcintosh@bl.uk or uoshiprteam@bl.uk.

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