



## VOICES FROM 40'S & 50'S – 15181

1. **Richard Dimbleby**  
First General Assembly of the United Nations from the Central Hall of Westminster – 10 January 1946. Dimbleby is proud that the first meeting is held in London; many present have not met since before the war.
2. **Rt Hon Anthony Eden**  
The closing of the American Red Cross Club in Piccadilly, Rainbow Corner – 8 January 1946. Eden recalls his visit three years ago during the blitz. Now the Corner is closing. He hopes those who visited it will recall the time spent there with pleasure and will remember the city surrounding it which was proud to welcome them and sad to lose them. Part of a programme for America, the last from Rainbow Corner.
3. **Harry Secombe**  
*My Wildest Dream* – 8 January 1956. The Chairman introduces the 'Panel'. The Mystery Voice (Harry Secombe) announces the challenger's wildest dream, which the panel have to guess.
4. **Duke of Edinburgh**  
Speech at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner of the London Welsh Society at the Savoy Hotel – 2 February 1953. The Duke of Edinburgh tells a story during a speech congratulating the society on its fiftieth anniversary. His speech concludes that the Queen and He much look forward to visiting Wales in June.
5. **Raymond Glendenning**  
England vs Scotland – 19 February 1944. Extract from a commentary by Raymond Glendenning on the match played at Wembley and won by England. The final score was England 6, Scotland 2.
6. **Arthur Askey**  
*Music Hall* – 14 November 1936. Patter from Arthur Askey on his brother.
7. **King George VI**  
Christmas Day message, broadcast at the conclusion of the special Christmas Day programme *Home Again* – 25 December 1946. Resettlement of the world has been shattered by global war; instead of well-earned relaxation we have had to put our shoulders to the wheels of industry; most of us are back with those we love; our task is to apply Christmas spirit to our daily life, there is need for spiritual as well as material reconstruction.
8. **Frankie Howard**  
*Variety Bandbox* – 27 November 1949. Patter from Frankie Howard about travelling on the underground with elephants.

- 9. Rt Hon Aneurin Bevan**  
Speaking to a mass meeting of miners in Newcastle – 29 September 1945. An extract from a speech about housing from the Rt Hon Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health.
- 10. John Snagge**  
Death of King George VI, first BBC announcement read by John Snagge at 11.15am on 6 February 1952. The BBC closed down for the rest of the day except for the news, shipping forecasts, and gale warnings.
- 11. Wilfrid Pickles**  
*Have a Go* – a quiz show with Wilfrid Pickles as the quizmaster – 1 January 1947. The quiz visits Merseyside – The New Year party of the Wardens' Association, Bootle.
- 12. Joyce Grenfell**  
The Nursery School; a sketch in a class at nursery school, where the pupils have an average age of five – 6 March 1957. Joyce Grenfell is the Nursery School teacher expecting a visitor (Mrs Hingle), and is attempting to encourage good behaviour from the children.
- 13. Princess Margaret**  
Speech at the ceremony of laying a stone to commemorate rebuilding of the Free Trade Hall, Manchester – 26 March 1950.
- 14. Rt Hon Clement Attlee**  
The Rt Hon Clement Attlee, Lord President of the Council & Deputy Prime Minister – The San Francisco conference and post-war problems – 18 May 1945.
- 15. Alvar Lidell**  
Outbreak of war with Germany. Special BBC announcement broadcast at 10.00am on 3 September 1939. Alvar Lidell announces that an ultimatum from the British Government handed to the German Government by the British Ambassador in Berlin will expire at 11am. The Prime Minister will broadcast at 11.15. Please stand by.
- 16. Roy Plomley**  
*Off the Syllabus* – a programme about melodrama for schools: *Backwards from Dick Barton* – 1 June 1948. Adventure of Dick Barton acted in Victorian melodrama style – narrated by Roy Plomley.
- 17. Rt Hon Harold Macmillan**  
Extract from a speech at the English Speaking Union dinner recorded at the Dorchester Hotel, London – 11 February 1957. Extract from a speech by the Prime Minister – the Rt Hon Harold Macmillan in which he stresses the importance of NATO as a shield to Europe and a symbol of unity.
- 18. Alan Howland**  
Extract from the 9pm News Bulletin in the BBC Home and Forces Programme read by Alan Howland – 6 September 1941.
- 19. Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten**  
Extract from a message for the programme *Victory Report* – April 1945.

- 20. Freddie Grisewood**  
Break into programme to announce the crossing of the Dutch frontier by British troops – 4 September 1944. Read by Freddie Grisewood.
- 21. Rt Hon Winston Churchill**  
Extract from V-Day broadcast, as heard by the crowd outside Buckingham Palace, over the public address system – 8 May 1945. Rt Hon Winston Churchill Prime Minister of Great Britain: Unconditional surrender signed at Eisenhower's HQ; to be ratified and confirmed in Berlin today. Hostilities will officially end at one minute after midnight today, but to save unnecessary loss of life cease fire began to be sounded along the front yesterday; 'our dear Channel Islands' to be freed today.
- 22. HRH Princess Elizabeth**  
Speech in *Children's Hour* on the day of inauguration of a new programme – *Children's Hour* in BBC North American Service – 13 October 1940. HRH Princess Elizabeth speaking in particular to the evacuee children overseas.
- 23. David Lloyd George**  
Extract from a speech by David Lloyd George from the National Eisteddfod of Wales 7 August 1940 – in English.
- 24. Frank Gillard**  
Marriage of the Princess Elizabeth and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh – 20 November 1947. The scene outside Buckingham Palace described by Frank Gillard.
- 25. General Sir Bernard Montgomery**  
First Anniversary of the Battle of El'Alamein – 23 October 1943.
- 26. Rex Alston**  
England vs South Africa. Second test match 1947, played at Lord's. Commentary by Rex Alston – 25 June 1947.
- 27. Franklin D Roosevelt**  
Extract from a speech to Congress by Franklin D Roosevelt, President of the USA on the outbreak of war with Japan – 7 December 1941.
- 28. Jimmy Edwards**  
*Gala Programme of Radio Variety: Royal Performance* – 27 February 1953. Special variety programme given in the Concert Hall, Broadcasting House, in the presence of HM Queen Elizabeth II and HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.
- 29. Ted Ray**  
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- 30. Alfred Marks**  
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- 31. Jack Warner**  
Garrison Theatre featuring Jack Warner – 13 April 1940.