

Introducing the Radio Digital Archive

Journalist and BBC Radio Two presenter Jeremy Vine introduces the Radio Digital Archive

Jeremy Vine: We all know that the BBC pioneered radio and it has an unrivalled archive to prove it. But until now, getting your hands on it has not been easy.

That's about to change. From now on, BBC staff will be able to access nearly a million recordings from our amazing radio heritage at the touch of a button.

You can think of the Radio Digital Archive as the history of the world in audio. It's exactly what the BBC was set up to do.

Inform...

George VI: For the second time in the lives of most of us, we are at war.

Jeremy Vine: Educate...

Professor Stephen Hawking: Fact is sometimes stranger than fiction and nowhere is that more true than in the case of black holes.

Jeremy Vine: and entertain.

Peter Ustinov: My idea of paradise was a country without telephones. And my idea of hell is a place where telephones don't work. (laughter)

Jeremy Vine: Using the Radio Digital Archive couldn't be simpler. There's an astonishing variety of incredible content which you can find in seconds through a simple and powerful interface.

Jeremy Vine: From the greatest musical performances to brilliant comedy...

Tony Hancock: Hancock's Half Hour (applause)

Jeremy Vine: Cutting edge drama...

Louiza Patikas: Sorry, sorry...

Timothy Watson: Helen, put the, put the the knife down

Jeremy Vine: The greatest moments in sport...

Commentator: Ashe at match point from the right hand court. A back hand return from Connors is in but it's a (applause)...

Jeremy Vine: and ground-breaking interviews.

John Humphrys: The point I'm making to you is that trust in politics is about more than competence, it's about more than managing affairs...

Tony Blair: Well of course it's about more than competence, but surely the big questions in this election, I mean John really...

John Humphrys: There are many big questions are there not?

Jeremy Vine: or to bring the past to life.

Hilde Schoenfeld: Then of course came kristallnacht, my father was carted off again, and there was my mother and me on our own. We did not belong to, the rich people. The rich ones got away. Six million got killed.

Jeremy Vine: The Radio Digital Archive, it is there waiting for you to explore, experience, and exploit.

You'll be surprised at what you'll find...

Today the advertisers have a myriad of different tactics up their sleeves, and some of them are finding still more ways of, for example, selling coffee...

Is that really me? That's, that's amazing.