

## Transcript – Tottenham soundscape

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### Transcript

Speaker 1

Good morning everybody and very warm welcome to Bruce Castle museum. My name is Robert Waite and I am the deputy curator and it's my pleasure today to give you a tour of Bruce Castle and tell you about some of the people who've lived here and.

It's wonderful history and just to point out some of you were looking.

At it the wonderful spells.

Clock we have here in the reception area and that's.

A clock that chimes.

Every quarter of an hour.

I'd like to say at the outset, please could you stay together as a group and at the end.

I'd be very happy to take any of your questions.

Follow me through here and I want to talk about some of the earlier residents of this wonderful Manor house in here in Bruce Castle. So please come with me. Thank you.

Speaker 3

Hey look at all this old stuff.

Speaker 3

My nan got one of this. I don't know what it does.

Speaker 4

What's this then?

Speaker 5

Tell her it's a wireless or radio radio.

Speaker 5

Doesn't look like one though.

Speaker 5

What's this thing?

OK.

Speaker 7

This is the.

Speaker 7

Hour this is the hour for which we have waited, and raining sunshine this 2nd of June 1953.

Speaker 4

The opening day.

Speaker 7

Saint Winston Churchill with other prime ministers of the Commonwealth, Drive to Westminster to witness the coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

Speaker 2

This is.

Speaker 5

Wonder why it was like then?

Speaker 8

There was always a lot of buses.

Speaker 9

I wrapped the trolley buses.

Speaker 9

He's taking off the wires and then they.

Speaker 9

Had to go out.

Speaker 8

Second, it was very quiet. We had a car.

Speaker 10

I thought they were very smooth.

Speaker 9

Yeah, but it's new.

Speaker 8

My dad had a car. We knew people who had cars, but not everybody had a car.

Speaker 9

I just had a scrubbing boat that brought me a new mangle.

Speaker 9

That fitted to the sink.

Speaker 11

But I remember.

Speaker 8

This mangle thing and my mum several times flattened their fingers.

Speaker 9

However, there's a.

Speaker 9

Lot cinema things on those days used to have the the film on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, then around Thursday, Friday, Saturday and then a different one on Sunday.

Speaker 8

Who played cops?

Speaker 8

Watch the adults told us off because we.

Speaker 8

Choked in the ground.

Speaker 8

And then we played hot spots and.

Speaker 8

We played and.

Speaker 9

Dented 1960 and see what happens.

Speaker 9

Tonight, so Steve.

Speaker 7

Crowds line the streets. It's a victory. Bus journeys from Everton Town Hall to Tottenham Town Hall. 1961 FA Cup winners Tottenham Hotspur. Given a hero's welcome by an army of frenzied fans and supporters.

Speaker 8

The whole love Tottenham.

Speaker 8

Was blue and white flags everywhere along the High Road?

Speaker 8

We all went out to see the bus come back, but everybody was on the.

Speaker 8

Streets and head out tonight.

Speaker 8

And everybody talked about it all the way. You know, everybody was told.

Speaker 9

In our House we had a cold cover he must have.

Speaker 9

Been so my love honestly.

Speaker 8

Just thing outside the front, a hole out the front where you could actually put the pole down.

Speaker 9

And at the time that people saying.

Speaker 9

We could not do that.

Speaker 9

What time is it coming in?

Speaker 8

That must have been on the tail end of having.

Speaker 8

An open fire.

Speaker 9

There was a street store where is now hoping Rd you know next to Abby management but the weather over market in chocolate.

Speaker 9

Purchase ways we rise to go along with it to run by high defence bias at the photos. Graphs only kicks in \$70.00.

Speaker 8

Tom Harris Helms, please. Sainsbury's was my biggest memory. Sainsbury's had a man who patted butter together on a big white slab.

Speaker 13

When bank should buy she will put from the West Indies and it was cheaper. He went out very well. She was cheaper here than in Jamaica.

Speaker 8

We had a most horrible round thing that had a long pipe belling with an ache, but it was a big clunky thing and you could only go ever.

Speaker 8

Halfway up the stairs, then you had to switch off everything and.

Speaker 8

Go all the.

Speaker 8

Way to the top of the stairs and then come halfway down the stairs that.

Speaker 11

Way, because we never had a plug anywhere on the stairs or anywhere near the stairs. So that was that. That was a real chore.

Speaker 2

Perfect.

Speaker 7

A major step in the history of mankind has taken place this day July the 20th, 1969 man has set foot on the moon.

Speaker 7

I now pass you over to our man at the scene.

Speaker 13

Here he landed.

Speaker 8

We had a big study vision which was on a stand and everybody went in the hall. We couldn't see very much and and we didn't really know we we were aware that it was men landing on the moon, but we weren't really. Couldn't really make anything out.

Speaker 3

OK, try it again.

Speaker 7

Today's the day ladies and gentlemen. February 15th, 1971. This D day. No, not another foreign landing but decimal days. So get down to your local bank or post office and collective decimal conversion.

Speaker 7

Cable you don't want to lose out.

Speaker 10

Thinking back, you just wonder how we coped with it. These St markets, Ridley road and things like that they they.

Speaker 14

Yeah, yeah.

Speaker 6

And they they do not.

Speaker 9

I'm still feet nitches

Speaker 6

That's right.

Speaker 15

Boston is a place that you can get everything.

Speaker 15

William T Sweet when it comes into the weekend shopping that he would drag the.

Speaker 15

Long run you.

Speaker 15

Had to go and you had to go through everything that your parents would really mind or yeah or whatever it is.

Speaker 15

To go through with size sheet touching feet.

Speaker 15

Well, I'm surprised.

Speaker 15

Hi glad glad.

Speaker 15

And you might be saying have you finished yet, but at the end of the day?

Speaker 15

It's more of a kind of disciplining culture. That's what you did.

Speaker 9

I just got my first washing machine when I first started in 1971.

Speaker 12

Service Twitter

Speaker 2

2nd, we had a.

Speaker 9

Got to take the clothes out.

Speaker 8

Heavy bottomed kettle that whistled when it got hot enough. You took the end off to stop it whistling.

Speaker 12

Many Western capitals should bring the bomb out of.

Speaker 6

Oh yeah, yeah yeah, yeah.

Speaker 8

In the 70s.

Speaker 8

Is everything jumped hugely forward? Everybody then had a TV. I think we're still probably on the black and white one till quite a way into the 70s.

Speaker 12

BBC One, BBC Two and ITV.

Speaker 10

Yeah, that's really true time they went off at night.

Speaker 16

President today.

Speaker 14

Is to have a metre in the back of my telly. I had my teddy it rented out. I just have to put £0.50 in and then he pulled me down to euro.

Speaker 8

I had a cassette player.

Speaker 8

That was what we now call Ghetto blasters. You know those old type of things that you had to put. God knows how many batteries in like 16 batteries and it lasted about two days.

Speaker 3

This is boring, try again.

Speaker 7

Well, they've done it again. Tottenham Hotspur have won the cup. Is static proud, working with Victory Bus carry heroes? We're running 61 one now in 81. Cannot wait till 99 misters.

Speaker 16

The 80s saw significant changes in technology popularising, most probably the VHS video recorder. To be able to record your favourite TV programme and I have to take your music with you in the form of the the walk.

Speaker 16

Mine was fantastic.

Speaker 8

By the 80s, people had to go along and look for car parking space. You know, sometimes they had to ride round the block because they couldn't get. So by that time, everybody for I guess, loads of people must have had cars.

Speaker 2

Have another thing you.

Speaker 12

Those positives after.

Speaker 16

Years of arcade games. So you had things like Phoenix and Space Invaders and PAC Man, so that was quite.

Speaker 16

A nice addition to the legacy.

Speaker 2

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Speaker 16

The traffic increased huge deviations.

Speaker 16

As opposed to far more in more supermarket.

Speaker 16



Jazz significantly noisier for sure, yeah.

Speaker 3

Boring K, Let's try it again.

Speaker 7

Second, done it again. 1961, nineteen, 81 and now 1991. My goodness. His lads know how to start a decade in style.

Speaker 10

The first mobile siren is his biggest app.

Speaker 9

When we go on an outing and I try to run my phone number, is this, you know, make sure and half of them if they got it in the bag it's switched on.

Speaker 16

I'm sorry the person you're trying to reach is unavailable right now. Please try later.

Speaker 16

No, I didn't get a mobile phone until.

Speaker 16

The late 90s and it was like a.

Speaker 17

All the brick phones yeah yeah.

Speaker 9

I think a lot of older people carry mobile now for emergencies.

What they now call smartphone I I don't know how to operate.

This might work.

Speaker 14

10 year old great grandson.

Speaker 2

It's your turn.

Speaker 12

And he.

Speaker 2

Goes and he thinks that he gets.

I don't know.

Speaker 9

He told me schooling at the school in Barbados.

Speaker 7

What is iPhone?

Speaker 2

iPhone Melissa

Speaker 9

Nothing wrong with the with the with the picture is not here they can see you.

Speaker 9

You can see them no.

Speaker 13

We are the people that the technology left behind.

Speaker 2

Rebuilding rear wheel drive.

Speaker 10

Earth's encounter with computers was it through work now? Remember, distinctly because it was 90 something.

Speaker 12

First time I ever switched computer with optimal 2001. I didn't have to switch it on and it didn't hurt.

Speaker 17

We had a computer but I remember it being really slow.

Speaker 17

So I'm going to be using it to type up word documents, didn't send emails or anything like that. Online shopping, none of that was around there.

Speaker 2

Second CD.

Speaker 16

I I saw well, actually heard for his time and the quality of the sound is amazing because he's so used to.

Speaker 16

Your old albums.

Speaker 16

He kinda used to think that.

Speaker 16

It was the the.

Speaker 16

The size of the records and something to do with the sound quality and how could this thing actually do? But they yeah, I mean CD.

Speaker 17

Computer consoles, I remember getting the PlayStation as well and 1st my friends to get one.

Speaker 17

That was about.

Speaker 17

9899

Speaker 2

Tennis or swimming.

Speaker 4

I like that.

Speaker 17

Yeah, there wasn't. There wasn't much there wasn't much.

Speaker 16

When digital technology started, it really raced along.

Speaker 16

Didn't you didn't really have to wait?

Speaker 16

It's quite amazing. Just the race of growth.

Speaker 6

Just spiral.

Speaker 16

In the 19th.

Speaker 16

Digital TV's or digital stations.

Speaker 16

So really, I mean I can't remember.

Speaker 16

How many there were? But it's it's only the.

Speaker 16

BBC One BBC Two lights on TV.

Channel 4.

Speaker 2

2nd, we begin some music.

Speaker 7

Hello, is anyone there?

Speaker 4

Can can you hear us?

Speaker 7

Yes, yes I can hear you.

Speaker 7

What year is it there?

It's 2015.

Speaker 7

2015 scary what's it like in 2015?

Speaker 5

What do you mean? What's it like? We have everything with computers.

Speaker 7

What do you use computers for?

Speaker 3

We can make music on computers, download music. You can listen to music on these phones. Internet more stuff.

Speaker 5

Like this, and even if that computers back then.

Speaker 5

Yeah, so I can cheque everything I want. I just have to go on Google or if I want to buy clothes I didn't have to go to shop.

Speaker 4

We've got mobile phones.

Speaker 7

A mobile phone, a phone with wheels.

Speaker 4

And we've got Playstations.

Speaker 7

A PlayStation a station where you play.

Speaker 7

At out of a railways?

Speaker 7

Station tell me more about this play station.

Speaker 3

I like this.

Speaker 4

Really cool video games. I can play all night.

Speaker 7

Do tell me how has technology changed since you were small.

Speaker 5

We have Internet. We have touch screen so we don't have to touch things. We don't even have to use a.

Speaker 5

Remote control anymore. I compose the TV when.

Speaker 5

I'm watching it, that's called life pause.

Speaker 7

Do you still go to Saturday morning cinema?

Speaker 4

And we have cinemas, but it's not like the old cinemas we all our movies are in colour now and we have we have Blu Ray DVD's. We have a lot like Can you imagine that cinema it's in colour and then everything just jumping out at you?

Speaker 7

Are there many cars on the?

Speaker 4

Road we've got cars beeping everywhere.

Speaker 4

But we don't even only have cars anymore.

Speaker 4

We, I mean, we have people that ride bikes.

Speaker 4

To work and from work, and there's a lot on the streets.

Speaker 5

So noisy, Oh yeah, very very loud.

Speaker 5

Childhood was great.

Speaker 5

Fairy 1015 is definitely cool.

Speaker 2

Hello hello.

Speaker 7

Is anyone there there?

Speaker 1

Well, thanks very.

Speaker 1

Much for coming on the tour with me today. I've really enjoyed taking you around. Bruce Castle museum.

Speaker 1

Have you enjoyed your visit?

Speaker 3

Yeah, a lot.

Speaker 1

Can you tell me what you think?

Speaker 1

You've learned here today.

Speaker 9

And then you'll never know.