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OFFSHORE RADIO MUSEUM – BRITISH LIBRARY UK WEB ARCHIVE

We are pleased to announce that the British Library has requested permission to archive the Offshore Radio Museum as part of its UK Web Archive and to make it publicly available.

The UK Web Archive (UKWA) was established in 2004 to capture and archive websites, responding to the challenge of a digital 'black hole' in the nation's memory. The Archive contains specially selected websites that represent different aspects of UK heritage, as well as important global events.

The UKWA is a partnership of the six UK Legal Deposit Libraries (British Library, National Library of Scotland, National Library of Wales, Bodleian Libraries, Cambridge University Libraries and Trinity College, Dublin)

Visitors to UKWA can discover UK websites, search the text of the websites and browse sites curated on different topics and themes.

The necessary licence has now been signed and the Offshore Radio Museum will become part of the UK Web Archive shortly. This may take a little time, however, as there is a backlog of sites to be captured and archived.

Mike Leonard of the Offshore Radio Museum said:- "This is fantastic news and helps us to achieve one of our main objectives– to create a permanent and as complete as possible record of the history of offshore broadcasting. It is important to do this for a number of reasons - to recognise and preserve the achievements of those who were involved with the stations, to rekindle memories for the millions who listened to the stations and also for younger generations who may want to know how and why offshore radio stations existed in the first place.

Offshore radio is an important part of social and broadcasting history whose impact and importance is often overlooked. The Offshore Radio Museum is devoted to recording and preserving a full history of offshore broadcasting and we are pleased that the British Library has recognised this as an important aspect of British social history. Archiving the Museum site will ensure that it is forever available as a permanent record of offshore radio history for future reference and research.

We look forward to working further with the British Library as the Offshore Radio Museum site grows and develops."

The open UK Web Archive can be seen at <http://www.webarchive.org.uk/>.

You can visit the Offshore Radio Museum at www.offshoreradiomuseum.co.uk

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