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**Swing Back To The 60s**
Relive the Swinging 60s with BBC Radio Ulster as Linley Hamilton returns to BBC Radio Ulster with a new series of Swing Back To The 60s on Saturday, May 26 at 2pm. Linley will be bringing listeners more music and memories from that golden decade, hits and headlines from his mystery year and a top ten countdown featuring Desmond Dekker and the Aces, Lulu and Marvin Gaye.

**Sing Out**
For such a small place, Northern Ireland has an extremely rich choral tradition producing many choirs of international status. In this new series of Sing Out, starting on Sunday, May 27 at 4.30pm, John Anderson meets the choirs, talks to the singers, and enjoys some great music this week from one of our finest school choirs.
BBC Radio Ulster’s Jubilee Music Lounge

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For three nights from Friday, June 1 through to Sunday, June 3 at 8pm, BBC Radio Ulster’s Jubilee Music Lounge will come live from BBC Blackstaff House for a series of concerts which will pay homage to the big hits of the last six decades.

In 1952, the same year that Queen Elizabeth II took to the throne upon the death of her father King George VI, the pop charts began with Al Martino’s Here In My Heart being the first ever single to reach Number One.

Since then more than a thousand songs have hit the top spot making pop royalty of everyone from the Beatles, Elvis and Cliff Richard to Madonna, Kylie Minogue and the Spice Girls.

One of Cliff Richard’s hits will be featured on BBC Radio Ulster’s Jubilee Music Lounge.
BBC Radio Ulster’s Jubilee Music Lounge will see a specially formed band, conducted by John Anderson, perform hits for a studio audience and listeners at home.

The special programmes will be hosted by BBC Radio Ulster’s music masterminds with John Bennett and Kim Lenaghan on presenting duties on the Friday night, Gerry Anderson and Kerry McLean leading proceedings on Saturday night and John Toal and Cherrie McIlwaine taking the helm on Sunday night.

No matter what era your favourite music is from, be it the sixties, the eighties or noughties, there will be something for everyone over the three nights. And not only can you tune in to the programme, you can also apply for tickets to see the Jubilee Music Band in action.

The public may register for complimentary tickets to BBC Radio Ulster’s Jubilee Music Lounge from noon, on Thursday, May 17, until noon on Thursday, May 24 at bbc.co.uk/tickets. A maximum of four tickets will be allocated per household address on the basis of a random draw. No applications will be accepted after the closing date and duplicate applications will not be considered.

BBC Radio Ulster’s Jubilee Music Lounge, Friday, June 1 – Sunday, June 3, 8pm.

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The Great British Story: A People’s History

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The Great British Story series starts on Friday, May 25, BBC Two at 9pm

Mount Stewart House and Gardens

The BBC is taking The Great British Story: A People’s History on the road this summer giving you a unique opportunity to find out more about your own personal history as well as that of your local area.

On Saturday, May 26, The Great British Story event at the National Trust’s Mount Stewart House and Gardens in Co. Down will be a celebration of local history, where your journey into the past begins. Here you can find out more about the house itself which is steeped in fascinating heritage, as well as uncovering a wealth of local history.

From 10am to 5pm history and heritage organisations will be on hand to give you the tools you need to unearth your own history. You can find out more about historical items and how to preserve them, unearth surprising facts about familiar places and hop on board the BBC Bus to record your part in local history. You could also discover the meaning of your surname, investigate family history or discover the hidden landscapes beneath your feet.

Join journalist and TV presenter Dermot Murnaghan as he talks about uncovering the hidden history of Armagh – his childhood home. Talks will be followed by a short Question and Answer session, which will last approximately 40 minutes and take place at 10.45am, 1.00pm and 3.15pm.

Your questions will be answered during the lively ‘A Question of History’ discussions at 12.00 noon and 2.15pm. Join host, BBC NI broadcaster Noel Thompson and our expert panel including: Peter Stark, freelance National Trust Guide and history enthusiast can reveal the magic of Mount Stewart and
the hidden landscapes that are all around—
from the gardens, architecture and paint-
ings to the stories of the Londonderry fam-
ily and people who have lived and worked
there over the last 268 years.

Thomas McErlean, a Senior Research Fel-
low at the University of Ulster, is an ar-
chaeologist specializing in the Early Medi-
eval period. He was part of the team which
discovered, in Strangford Lough, the earliest
tide mill in the world dating to 619AD.

Dr Des O’Reilly has taught geography
and history from primary schools to col-
leges and is currently a lecturer in Lifelong
Learning Courses in the Irish Language and
Ulster Placenames at Stranmillis University
College, Belfast.

Cathal McManus is currently completing a
PhD in Anthropology through the Institute
of Irish Studies at Queen’s. He teaches Irish
History and Politics to adult learners via
the Open Learning Programme.

Enjoy ‘Northern Ireland Today and Yester-
day’, a presentation of old and new pho-
tographs from Newtownards, Greater Bel-
fast and County Down with John Lennon.
Talks take place at 11.30am, 12.30pm and
1.45pm.

You can also visit the Viking Village and go
on board the Longboat for a storytelling
session or take part in a battle charge. As
well as a Norman Knight, Planter and 16th
Century Gaelic Chieftain, medieval musi-
cians will play Irish and Scottish music on
reproduction instruments. The ‘Higgledy
Piggledy History Trail’ around the gardens

is just one of many activities suitable for
children but is fun for all the family.

Alongside this the Heritage Lottery Fund
is offering a new small grants scheme ‘All
Our Stories’ designed to give everyone
the chance to get involved and learn more
about their past.

This event is free and further details can
be found at bbc.co.uk/greatbritish-
story

The tour has been organised by BBC Learn-
ning, which co-commissioned the Michael
Wood landmark TV series of the same
name with BBC TWO.

These events accompany the series, The
Great British Story which starts on Friday,
May 25 on BBC Two charting Great Brit-
ain and Northern Ireland’s remarkable past
from the perspective of ordinary people. It
utilizes the extraordinary energy and inter-
est of local communities combined with
the incredible resources of local archives,
museums, societies and universities up and
down the land to tell the story of our his-
tory.

Guest Speaker Dermot Murnaghan

Michael says: “The Great British Story has
revealed things which perhaps we take for
granted; Britain has the most incredible
variety of people, cultures and traditions.
Having a local context to the great events
of history brings them alive in a new and
captivating way and I hope people will be
inspired by the television programmes to
continue to uncover their own place in
history by visiting one of this summer’s
events.”

For people unable to make it to one of the
events there is a free Fact Pack available to
download. It gives five top tips and starting
points for researching local history; infor-
mation on how people can discover his-
torical artefacts not only in the community
but in their own home and how they can
preserve them; ideas on how to uncover
hidden landscapes on their doorstep; and
how to research where surnames come
from such as Arkwright – a maker of chests
– being very specific to Lancashire.

Details of the programme, the events and
the Fact Pack can all be found via the web-
site bbc.co.uk/greatbritishstory