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Radio and Television

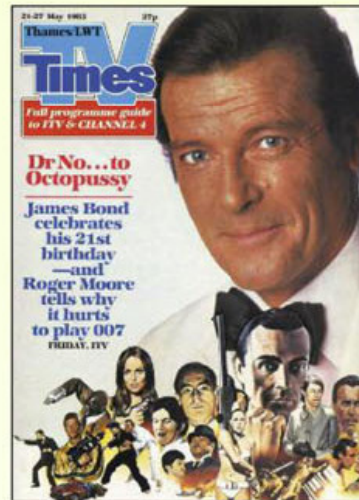


John Logie Baird

In 1922, more than 20 years after Marconi had demonstrated his radio, the BBC began broadcasting from 2LO transmitter in London. The potential to develop radio or “wireless” as a form of entertainment had been shown by the millions of crystal sets in use. They were popular because they were cheap and simple so that thousands were built in the home.

Toles of Newport Pagnell

One of the earliest shops to deal in radios locally was Toles. By the 1920's they were selling both diy kits and their own professional sets. Earlier still, at the turn of the century, the Tole brothers ran a “Scientific Emporium”, experimenting with a range of early electrical equipment, including x-ray machines and telephones. In 1914, with the outbreak of war their radio receivers were confiscated by the police.



Home-made radio set in use 1925

The wide interest in radio technology helped develop the skills for future development during the war and for post-war entertainment.

Television

The first demonstration of a working television system is usually attributed to John Logie Baird in 1926. In 1935 Toles mentioned television, but only to say that they were not yet selling sets! The BBC began the world's first television service in 1936 but suspended it between 1939 and 1946 because of WWII.