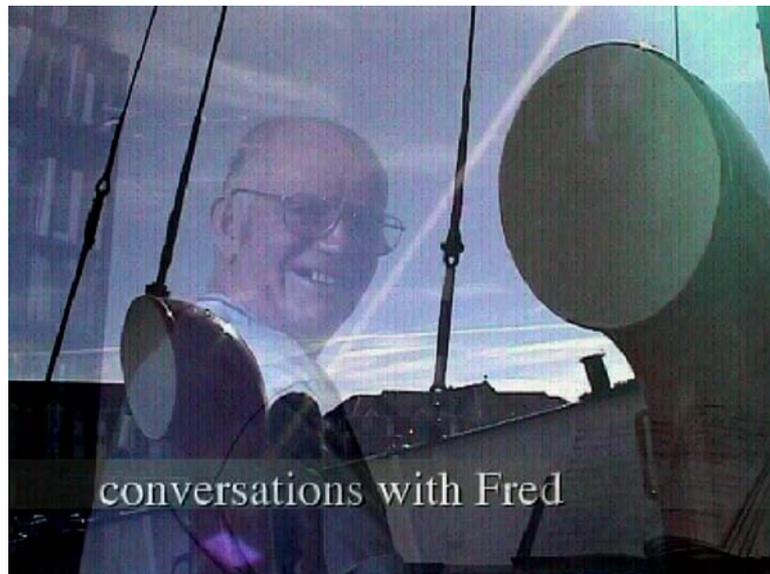




3 soundscapes for Light Vessel No 91: Helwick Lightship Maritime Museum, Swansea, Wales 7-29 Sept 2002

In this work.. 'Annie Lovejoy preserves traditional skills and stories by giving them a public voice; capturing enchanting sea tales from Fred Evans, who for some eighteen years has maintained the Helwick Lightship – once a working ship now a floating tourist exhibit anchored in front of the museum. On board, his stories reverberate through the air vents; ghost stories, shanty tales of sailors jumping ship and burning in their bunks. But the ship also holds less sinister stories, a muffled broadcast of Welsh and English voices from the opposite deck recounting the Helwick's system for logging the weather – from B for unbothered blue skies (awyr las) to Z for hazy (tes). One voice sounds clearly, 'I can't see any more' the weather is thickening I hide in the radio room, where I am for once comforted by communication; the voices of Swansea Amateur Radio Society exchanging weather and navigational information with people on lightships and in lighthouses world-wide.' Emma Safe. 'Longshore Drift' Locws International Catalogue text.

'Conversations with Fred'



Fred Evans spent years at sea, before being what he calls 'a nine to five sailor' in his present employment on the Helwick. For the last 18 years he has maintained all aspects of the lightship, his knowledge of the Helwick is extensive. In his spare time he plays the piano and studies homeopathy, this project is inspired by his invaluable insight and friendship.

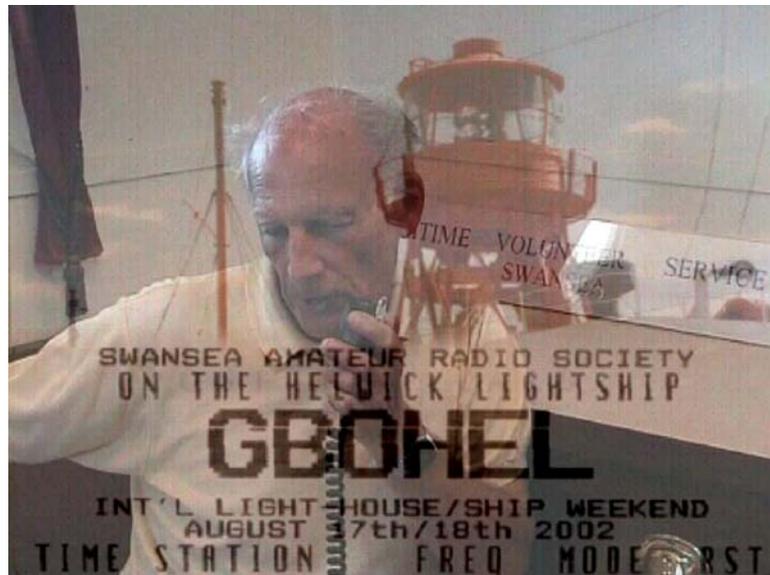
'Letters to Denote the State of the Weather'



voices: Steve Darling, Tim Davies, Elen Morris, Karl Morris, Heather Pearce, Nia Roberts, Linda Shickell, Steve Williams

'Letters to Denote the State of the Weather' is a framed chart on the wall of the radio room which details the method used to log the weather conditions. This has been translated into Welsh & voiced by local people, enhancing the poetic nature of the weather descriptions.

'Radio'



The recording of a public event for International Lighthouse Day, August 18th 2002.

Swansea Amateur Radio Society responded with enthusiasm to Annie's invitation to be on board the Helwick in radio communication with Lighthouses & Lightships worldwide.



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