

## Missing episodes of the Christmas Lectures from the Royal Institution

### From Sir David Attenborough and 24 fellow Christmas Lecturers

Dear Sir / Madam,

The CHRISTMAS LECTURES from the Royal Institution are a family tradition on national television. The first science TV show ever broadcast on UK national television, they have inspired a love of scientific exploration in countless children, and have a precious place in our country's rich heritage of science communication.

The full archive of Lectures broadcast on the BBC is now being made available for new generations to enjoy again via the Royal Institution website. However 31 episodes are missing from the BBC archive and the Royal Institution is running a UK-wide campaign to find them.

Officially these broadcasts are 'missing believed wiped'. But we believe that somewhere in a dusty attic perhaps, or in someone's proud collection of early video recordings, copies still exist today. The Royal Institution is seeking five complete series – from 1966, 1967, 1969, 1970 and 1971 – and a single episode of Sir David Attenborough's series broadcast in 1973.

These broadcasts are unlikely to have been seen since they were first broadcast 50 or more years ago, so we the undersigned past Christmas Lecturers are seeking the help of your readers.

Please join the search! Find our more at [www.rigb.org](http://www.rigb.org) and help us find these national treasures from a golden age of broadcasting. #missingxmaslectures

Yours faithfully,

Sir David Attenborough  
Chris Bishop  
Walter Bodmer  
Kevin Fong  
Monica Grady  
Sue Hartley  
Bruce Hood  
Saiful Islam  
James Jackson  
Malcolm Longair  
Mark Miodownik  
Hugh Montgomery  
Simon Conway Morris  
David Phillips  
David Pye  
Dame Nancy Rothwell  
Anthony Ryan  
Sophie Scott  
Ian Stewart  
Charles Stirling  
Sir John Meurig Thomas

Kevin Warwick  
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