

**September 2021**

**Report to Advisory Board**

**by Boni Sones OBE**

### **The Team**

Thanks to the team and our journalists Jackie Ashley, Deborah McGurran, and Linda Fairbrother.

Thanks to our long standing Advisory Board of MPs, Vicky Ford MP, Conservative, Baroness Sal Brinton LD, Dr Lisa Cameron SNP and Sharon Hodgson MP, Labour. And to Rich our web manager. A welcome to Sal who has joined us this year.

All the interviews [www.parliamentaryradio.com](http://www.parliamentaryradio.com) has conducted as a team over 15 years are now housed in one of four national audio archives at the British Library, The LSE, the History of Parliament Trust and now the Churchill Archive Centre, University of Cambridge, too.

All our four books on women in parliament can be found in the National Libraries of Britain: The British Library, the Bodleian Library Oxford University, The Cambridge University Library, National Library of Scotland, National Library of Wales and Trinity College Dublin. The first was nominated for the Orwell Prize in journalism.

During the Covid19 pandemic of 2020 and 2021 we have focused our production efforts on our audio archives, and working with the archive centres on cataloguing and preserving our interviews for the history books. The technical requirements of the archives are high and some are still to upload our content so that it is publicly available. In 2007 we got out front with podcasting and audio archives such as these are still new to some. However, the Churchill has got across it and ensured we are in the national archive catalogues. We thank them.

### **Our four National audio archives**

**The Churchill Archive Centre** (110 podcasts) accepted all of our 80 podcast interviews conducted throughout 2018 as part of #Vote100 year and a further 30 interviews in subsequent years.

During the 2020 and 2021 Covid lockdown the Churchill Archive used its time wisely putting all our podcasts online and writing a blog about them. They can be found here: <https://www.chu.cam.ac.uk/news/2020/jul/13/interviews-boni-sones/>.

The audio archive at the **History of Parliament Trust** (110 podcasts) houses all our podcast interviews from May 2014 to Jan 2018. They have written a nice link but still to upload them.

<https://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/news/womens-parliamentary-radio-archive-deposited-history-parliament>

**We also have created archives at the LSE and BL.**

**LSE:** Links here: Recordings from March 2007 to 2014. (Approx 350 podcasts). They are on the site but marked private.

<https://archives.lse.ac.uk/Record.aspx?src=CalmView.Catalog&id=SONES&pos=l>

**BL:** From March 2004 to March 2005 (84 podcasts). Easily available through a search,

[http://cadensa.bl.uk/uhtbin/cgiisirs/x/0/0/5?searchdata1=CKEY7012165&library=ALL&\\_ga=2.64408234.400880054.1628621377-1403776849.1628621377](http://cadensa.bl.uk/uhtbin/cgiisirs/x/0/0/5?searchdata1=CKEY7012165&library=ALL&_ga=2.64408234.400880054.1628621377-1403776849.1628621377)

<https://britishlibrary.typepad.co.uk/sound-and-vision/2017/05/blairs-babes.html>

and <https://www.bl.uk/press-releases/2010/september/hear-hear-the-truth-behind-blairs-babes-and-camerons-cuties>

## **Books**

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<http://bonisonesproductions.com/books.html>

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Women-Parliament-Suffragettes-Boni-Sones/dp/1842751409>

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