

As I See It by Joan Barnett

Now. What's on the Radio?

Proverbs 1:5 NIV. Let the wise listen and add to their learning.

I love my talking books and have them from a variety of providers, however, the postal service has become somewhat erratic over recent months, sometimes leaving me with no other form of listening but the radio.

During lockdown I listened again to some of my own audio books. A good idea as it turned out because I had forgotten them so they came again as new books.

I am a fan of the radio and have listened to more programmes some of them could even improve my knowledge! I came across The Third degree one afternoon. This is similar to university Challenge and great fun. Brain of Britain replaced it for a new series. The last time I came across that it was in the late evening at a time I would not normally have been listening. Beyond Belief, The Briefing Room, The Bottom Line, File on Four, In Touch and of course my daily dose of the goings on in Ambridge with the Archers. These are just a few of the programmes I have enjoyed on Radio Four. There are many more and I am also one of the people who like my programmes at the time of broadcasting. On Saturday mornings we changed channels to radio Two for sounds of the sixties presented by Tony Blackburn and relive our teenage years. I have discovered Podcasts. I was amazed when looking in the App feature on my Blindshell phone to discover there were hundreds of them. Where would one find time to listen to so much? I thought it was bad enough with a vast range of television programmes.

Whether I have become any wiser as the verse from Proverbs suggests with all the listening, I have no idea. Not being able to see does mean that while listening to anything there is less distraction. Your mind can wander and there is the likelihood of falling asleep especially when listening, to a talking book. Fortunately, with the navigation on the book players it is easy to go back to where you dropped off.