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Ken Taylor, Museum volunteer and member of Oxford and District Amateur Radio Society (ODARS), explores how objects in the Marconi Collection worked.

Horn Loudspeaker



Maker: Graham Amplion Ltd. Origin: London, England Date Created: c. 1923 Provenance: Presented by the Marconi Corporation Materials: Oak, brass, baize Inv: 28052

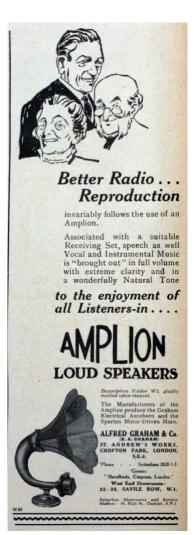
The AR19 "Dragon" horn loudspeaker from the Alfred Graham Amplion Company was introduced around 1924 especially for radio receivers.

The company demonstrated the first practical loudspeaker in 1887 and went into production in 1893 with systems for the Royal Navy, where they claimed to have 12,000 ship installations. Production of models for radio began in 1920.

The horn 'petals' are made from oak, although other materials may have been available.

Note that the drive unit on this model is missing.

Loudspeakers changed the nature of the listeners of public radio broadcasting from that of a solitary individual with headphones to a group (usually a family) listening around a loudspeaker.



1924 advertisement for Amplion loudspeakers. gracesguide.co.uk

