

# Desmond Carrington At 89

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*Desmond Carrington (BBC)*

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If the name Desmond Carrington does not mean anything to you, you might check out his Friday night BBC Radio programme, that's if like him you have eclectic taste in music.

Desmond was born in 1926 and last week celebrated his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday; he is not quite the oldest disc jockey in the country or even on the BBC, but he is the oldest of the big names, the last of the old guard. His contemporary David Jacobs, who was four days older than him, died in September 2013. Only Jimmy Young is older; at 93 he is now retired although he continues to write a newspaper column.



Like his taste in music, Desmond himself is eclectic; he began his career as an actor, on the stage, made quite a few appearances on **the small screen** in the 1950s and 60s, made a film or two, then moved back into radio which he had first worked in after the Second World War, in Ceylon, so he has also been around a bit.

His *...Music Goes Round* programmes are themed, last week the theme was his birthday, this week it is motoring and motion. You will find most of his programmes include some modern music, and at times like the man himself it can be a little risqué. So rather than go out on the town Friday night chasing fast women and warm beer, why not see what he has to offer? Or if you can resist anything except temptation, catch up with him on BBC iPlayer.

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