

# *It Sticks Out Half a Mile<sup>1</sup>*

## *A Seaside Saga of Post-War Pier Perpetuation*

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*It Sticks Out Half a Mile* is a BBC Radio 2<sup>2</sup> spin-off of *Dad's Army*. It was intended to feature Arthur Lowe in a continuation of his George Mainwaring character, but Lowe's death in 1982 caused a late restructuring of the story line with the character of Warden Hodges (Bill Pertwee) replacing that of Mainwaring. Arthur Wilson (John Le Mesurier) and Frank Pike (Ian Lavender) were also continued from *Dad's Army*. The show was doomed to its short run by the death of John Le Mesurier in the following year, 1983.

- Provenance: GSD CD is the CD Goon Show Depository set of MP3 files. **Evers** indicates Cameron Evers **Hood** indicates Martin Hood; Watson indicates Phil Watson.
- Performers:

John <b>Le Mesurier</b> (1912-1983)	Arthur Wilson, a bank manager of Swallows Bank at Frambourne on Sea
Ian <b>Lavender</b>	Frank "Pikey" Pike
Bill <b>Pertwee</b>	Bert Hodges, a greengrocer
Vivienne <b>Martin</b>	Miss Perkins
Glynn <b>Edwards</b>	Guthrie

- With: Spencer **Banks**, Christopher **Biggins**, Michael **Bilton**<sup>3</sup>, Hilda **Braid**, James **Bryce**, Edward **Burnham**, Gordon **Clyde**, Janet **Davies**, Miranda **Forbes**, Barry **Gosney**, John **Glover**, Carole **Harrison**, Carol **Hawkins**, Madi **Hedd**, Michael **Knowles**, Jill **Lidstone**, Reginald **Marsh**, Betty **Marsden**, Robin **Parkinson**, Katherine **Parr**, Gordon **Peters**, Paul **Russell**, Gordon **Salkild**, Stuart **Sherwin**, Stella **Tanner**
- Scripts: Harold Snoad and Michael Knowles
- Producer: Martin Fisher

*The episodes were untitled. The titles given here are unofficial.*

Series Episode	Recording Date	Broadcast Date	Program	Provenance	Recording Location	S
S00e00	Before April 1982	Never broadcast <sup>4</sup>	Pilot: It Sticks Out Half a Mile (This featured Arthur Lowe as George Mainwaring)			
S01e01	11-Sep-1982	13-Nov-1983 Repeated 17-Jul-1984	The Business Proposition Cast: <b>Le Mesurier, Lavender, Pertwee</b> With: <b>Martin, Burnham, Parkinson, Peters, Banks</b>	26:35, good	Digital: DadsArmy	G
S01e02	19-Feb-1983	20-Nov-1983 Repeated 24-Jul-1984	The Bank Loan Cast: <b>Le Mesurier, Lavender, Pertwee</b> With: <b>Martin, Edwards, Bilton</b>	24:48, good	Digital: DadsArmy	G
S01e03	23-Feb-1983	27-Nov-1983 Repeated 31-Jul-1984	Who Owned the Pier? Cast: <b>Le Mesurier, Lavender, Pertwee</b> With: <b>Martin, Edwards, Gosney, Bryce, Sherwin</b>	25:47, good	Digital: DadsArmy	G
S01e04	23-Feb-1983	04-Dec-1983 Repeated 07-Aug-1984	Inspecting the Piles Cast: <b>Le Mesurier, Lavender, Pertwee</b> With: <b>Martin</b>	25:37, good	Digital: DadsArmy	G
S01e05	19-Feb-1983	11-Dec-1983 Repeated 14-Aug-1984	Pike in Love Cast: <b>Le Mesurier, Lavender, Pertwee</b> With: <b>Martin, Hawkins, Davies, Salkild</b>	26:09, good	Digital: DadsArmy	G
S01e06	26-Feb-1983	18-Dec-1983 Repeated 28-Aug-1984	The Friends of Frambourne Pier Cast: <b>Le Mesurier, Lavender, Pertwee</b> With: <b>Martin, Edwards, Knowles, Braid</b>	20:20, cut, fair/good	Digital: DadsArmy	Y
S01e07	05-Mar-1983	01-Jan-1984 Repeated 11-Sep-1984	The First Meeting Cast: <b>Le Mesurier, Lavender, Pertwee</b> With: <b>Martin, Edwards, Knowles, Braid, Bilton, Hedd, Lidstone</b>	25:20, good	Digital: DadsArmy	G
S01e08	08-Mar-1983	08-Jan-1984 Repeated 25-Sep-1984	Marooned Cast: <b>Le Mesurier, Lavender, Pertwee</b> With: <b>Martin, Russell</b>	25:08, good	Digital: DadsArmy	G
S01e09	05-Mar-1983	15-Jan-1984 Repeated 09-Oct-1984	The Fancy Dress Night Cast: <b>Le Mesurier, Lavender, Pertwee</b> With: <b>Martin, Davies, Knowles, Braid, Clyde, Forbes</b>	20:38, cut & scrambled, good/fair	Digital: DadsArmy	Y
S01e10	26-Feb-1983	21-Aug-1984	The Builder Cast: <b>Le Mesurier, Lavender, Pertwee</b> With: <b>Martin, Edwards, Tanner, Clyde, Harrison, Parr</b>	27:41, good	Digital: DadsArmy	G
S01e11	08-Mar-1983	04-Sep-1984	War Damage Cast: <b>Le Mesurier, Lavender, Pertwee</b> With: <b>Martin, Marsh, Bilton, Clyde, Glover</b>	26:31, (Light hiss, EQ)	Digital: DadsArmy	G / y
S01e12	15-Mar-1983	18-Sep-1984	The Pin-Up Girl Cast: <b>Le Mesurier, Lavender, Pertwee</b> With: <b>Martin, Parkinson, Biggins</b>	26:14, (Light hiss, distortion, station retuning, EQ)	Digital: DadsArmy	Y
S01e13	15-Mar-1983	02-Oct-1984	Hidden Treasure Cast: <b>Le Mesurier, Lavender, Pertwee</b> With: <b>Martin, Edwards, Marsden</b>	26:29, (Light hiss, EQ)	Digital: DadsArmy	G / y

<sup>1</sup> Some of this material is derived from <http://www.britishcomedy.org.uk/comedy/isoham.htm>.

<sup>2</sup> Mark McKay of Melbourne, Australia supplied corrections and additions to this document. Thanks!

<sup>3</sup> Also appeared in *Waiting for God* and as Ned in *To the Manor Born*.

<sup>4</sup> The pilot was preserved by Harold Snoad, but it may not be in collectors' hands.