

Dialect and Oral History: The East Midlands

AUDIO RECORD*

Recording:

Reference NBNO2
Dialect Location Clifton, Nottingham
Date of interview 2009

Interviewee:

Gender Male
Date of birth / age 23 years
Occupation Unemployed

Summary/Transcript:

Extract taken from: Growing up it wasn't too bad because you had all your mates around you all the time we used to hang around down the Grove I used to go fishing a lot
0:58- 1:32

mm
so we all used to go down there like every weekend
Where/ where's that?
it's at the back of the uni/ univ/ the uni
oh right
campus
oh right
it's just at the back you've got the Tre/ river Trent
yeah
well if you go follow it down from Clifton Bridge the opposite way
mm
pa/ behind the uni it'll take you to the Wear it's
oh right
that's Clifton Grove and that's where you find a lot of Clifton people fishing all the time down there

Linguistic description:

Phonology

| Feature | Example(s) | Comments |
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| FOOT/STRUT → [ʊ] | up – [ʊp] | Occurs once |
| happY vowel | uni – [junɛ] every – [ɛvɪɛ] | Frequent but not consistent |
| Monophthongisation: /əʊ/ → [ʊ] | go – [gʊ] | consistent |
| MOUTH → [a:] | down – [da:n] around – [əra:nd] | Consistent |

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| | Vowel variation: /ə/ → [ʊ] | from – [fʊm] because – [kʊz] | Occurs once |
| | T-glottalisation | Trent – [tɛnʔ] lot – [lɒʔ] | Consistent; word- medially and finally |
| | <-ng> → [ŋ] | growing – [gɹəʊɪŋ] fishing – [fɪʃɪŋ] | consistent |
| | Non-release of plosive | back – [bækˀ] | Occurs once |
| | H-dropping | had – [æd] hang – [æŋ] | Consistent |
| | Elision | wasn't – [wɒntˀ] | Occurs once |

| Lexis | Item | Meaning | Comments |
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| Morphology and Grammar | Feature | Example(s) | Comments |
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| | Non-standard contraction | wasn't – [wɒntˀ] | Occurs once |

Further comments:

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