



Dialect and Oral History: The East Midlands

AUDIO RECORD*

Recording: Reference Dialect Location Date of interview Interviewee:	NBDE5 Long Eaton, Derbyshire July 2012
Gender Date of birth / age Occupation	Male 1987 Various including shop fitter, fork-lift driver and cable fitter
Summary/Transcript:	
Extract taken from: 3m00s-4m48s	I try and play as much other things as possible but with trying to figure out work and I do/I work shifts so sometimes I'm here sometimes I'm there and then obviously then when I have my little girl and then when I get home it's walking the dog and things like that it's quite a busy life and then obviously my hobby is my cars as well () I like to race the one what I've got so I take that on tracks and this year hopefully I'm going to start to get my actual driver's li/sort of racing licence and then at least I can go up and enter racing competitions and things like that but I want to try and do everything myself and do bits like that trying to keep the budget down rather than spending a load of money on someone else to do it I'd rather get my hands on it and then at least I know what I'm going to do about it and stuff so () that and the golf are kind of the main hobbies () I like to play a bit of squash and a bit of badminton but yeah again it's just obviously when there's time and everything like that so but not too bad And are you going to be watching a lot of the sports on the Olympics? I'm not a fan of the Olympics to be honest it don't/l like Usain I think he brilliant but that's probably because he's a character and he's () he's a bit more flamboyant than the rest but I've never really been a fan of running I think that's probably because I'm not very good at it myself but I've never really been a major fan of the Olympics to be honest it's something I know it's something that they're really proud of and I see this torch everywhere but I don't know I've not really been/ it's not really tickled my fancy to be honest so () if it's on TV I'll probably watch it but I'd rather watch the golf or maybe a bit of boxing or something like that I quite like watching the boxing but that's obviously when it's on
Linguistic description.	

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Phonology	Feature	Example(s)	Comments
	FOOT/ STRUT	much – [mʊtʃ] but – [bʊʔ] but up – [ʌp]	Inconsistent

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happY vowel	obviously – [abvɪəsli] hopefully – [əʊpfʊli]	Consistent
Monophthongisation: /aɪ/ → [a]	my – [ma] myself – [masɛlf]	Consistent for these words
T-glottalisation	but – [bʊʔ] out [aʊʔ]	Frequent but not consistent
Th-fronting	things – [fɪŋz] something [sʊmfɪn] with [wɪv]	Frequent but not consistent
H-dropping	here [ɪə] but home [həʊm] hobby [hɒbi]	Occurs once
<-ng> - [n]	running [rʊnɪn] boxing [bɒksɪn]	Consistent

Lexis	Item	Meaning	Comments

Grammar	Feature	Example(s)	Comments
	Non-standard relative pronoun	"The car what I got"	Occurs once
	Non-standard contraction	"in't it" "in't there"	Frequent but not consistent
	Zero definite article	"Get on Ø tracks"	Occurs once
	Non-agreement of number	"My hobby is my cars"	Occurs once
	Zero auxiliary	"I think he Ø brilliant"	Occurs once
	Non-standard determiner	"I try to play as <u>much</u> other things as possible"	Occurs once

Further comments:

In other sections of the interview there is yod-dropping on the name Stuart (stout); [t] \rightarrow [J] in 'get up' \rightarrow 'gerrup'; Sing vs. plural 'to be' in 'we was'; Sing vs plural 'to do' in 'it don't; 'like' is used as a tag and quotative.

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