

Dialect and Oral History: The East Midlands
AUDIO RECORD*
Recording:

Reference	TP18
Dialect Location	Melton Mowbray
Date of interview	2009

Interviewee:

Gender	Male
Date of birth / age	1974
Occupation	Professional Golfer

Summary/Transcript:
**Extract taken from
6m05s – 7m16s**

I started (...) like I say I went to (...) my old (...) pro who taught me at Stoke Rochford and I did three and a half years training with him there during the training you have a week's residential course at the Belfry which is over in Sutton Coldfield which any golfer will have heard of from the Ryder Cup and that's the that's the national headquarters for the PGA so you have a week's residential course and you have exams at the end of each year (...) and during the training I realised there's this (...) scheme if you like or/ in place and it was for the trainee of the year so they reward the best pupil over the course of the the studies so that I thought oh actually I quite fancy working hard and see if we can do something they always said at school that if I applied myself I could be quite good [laughs] so I tried and I actually ended up finishing top dog and won the trainee of the year in two thousand so I think there was about three hundred and fifty people took the exams and I finished with the best results so that was nice nice little/ so I ha/ I do have a trophy at the Belfry with my name on but it's for academic rather than playing

Linguistic description:
Phonology

Feature	Example(s)	Comments
FOOT/STRUT → [ʊ]	up – [ʊp] studies – [studɪz]	Consistent
PRICE → [aɪ]	like – [laɪk] quite – [kwɑɪʔ]	Frequent but not consistent
Monophthongisation: /aɪ/ → [a]	I – [a]	Consistent for this word
FACE → [aɪ]	training – [tuɑɪnɪŋ] PGA – [pi:dʒɪɑɪ] say – [saɪ]	Consistent

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	happy vowel	studies – [stʊdɪz] but: fancy – [fænsɪ:]	Occurs once – singular vs. plural distinction?
	Vowel variation: /i/ → [ɪ]	me – [mi] myself – [miːsɛlf]	Consistent for these words
	L-vocalisation	old – [ɒʊd] residential – [ˌrɛzɪdɛnʃəʊʷ] Belfry – [bɛʊfɹɪ] Coldfield – [kɒʊfiɪd̩] pupil – [pjuːpəʊʷ]	Consistent When feature occurs in word final position vowel is also labialised
	K-glottalisation	Stoke – [stəʊʔ]	Frequent but not consistent
	T-glottalisation	taught – [tɔːʔ] Sutton – [sʊʔən]	Consistent; word medially and finally
	H-dropping	have – [əv]	Frequent but not consistent
	Non-release of final plosive	Coldfield – [kɒʊfiɪd̩̚] realised – [rɪələɪzɪd̩̚]	Frequent but not consistent
	<-ng> → [ŋ]	working – [wɜːkɪŋ] something – [sʌmθɪŋ] training – [tɹaɪnɪŋ]	Consistent

Lexis	Item	Meaning	Comments

Grammar	Feature	Example(s)	Comments
	Singular vs. plural – ‘to be’	“there <u>was</u> about three hundred and fifty”	Occurs in past tense construction
	Zero relative pronoun	“there was about three hundred and fifty people Ø took the exams”	‘who’ Occurs when modifying a clause with existential ‘there’
	Zero preposition	“finishing Ø top dog”	‘as’

Further comments: