Title:

Birmingham

Shelfmark:

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Description:

Aubrey describes what first inspired him to take up drumming. Erdington and Perry Common (both in the northeast) and Hall Green (in the southeast) are all areas of Birmingham. Anderson shelter refers to the small, prefabricated World War II air-raid shelter devised by Sir William Paterson, a Scottish engineer, and named after the then Home Secretary, Sir John Anderson. Robert Baden-Powell began the Scout Association in 1908. The modern scout movement provides recreational activities and training for around 16 million boys worldwide and has a membership of around 700,000 in the UK. The Boys' Brigade, founded by William Smith in 1883, is the UK's largest Christian uniformed youth organisation and provides a wide range of sporting, musical and recreational activities.

Lexis:

paling = type of fencing; *kid* = child; *spiv* = person engaged in petty blackmarket dealing, often characterised by flashy dress; *drone* = non-worker, layabout; *hop it*! = go away!; *smashing* = very good, excellent; *half-a-crown* = pre-decimal coin worth 2^s6^d; *cause* = because; *old lady* = mother (term of endearment); *our kid* = my brother

Phonology:

H-dropping

GOAT [aU ~ @U]; FACE [{i ~ ai]; PRICE [Qi]; MOUTH [EU ~ {U]; FLEECE [@i]; STRUT [U]; BATH [a]; KIT [i]; lettER [a]; happY [$^@$i]

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note also *Birmingham* [b@:miNg@m], *us* [Us], *made* [mEd], *going to* [gUn@], *knew* [nu:], *going* [gUIn], (*be*) *cause* [bIkUs ~ bIkUz ~ kUz], *years* [j@:z], *communal* [k@mju:nI@l], *half* [A:f], *take* [tEk] and *taking* [tEkIn] and *nothing* [nUTIn]

Grammar:

preterite *come* (*God knows where it come from*)

there was + plural complement (*all of a sudden there was lots of them*; *there was no deliveries*)

first person plural *was* (*we was all round about thirteen, like*); third person plural *was* (*these blokes was getting these shiny instruments out*)

first person plural have + negative particle → *ain't* (*Go on – we ain't!*)

third person singular be + negative particle → *ain't* (*that's good, ain't it?*)

preterite *run* (*I stole a pair of drumsticks when nobody was looking and run home terrified*)

preterite *give* (*my brother bought it off him and give it to me*)

verbal inflection with *I* (*I say<u>s</u>,* "*I know it's a drum*")

adjective as adverb (*I wanted that drum so bad*)

note use and phonetic quality of utterance final discourse marker *like* [lQik]