

Title:

Cheadle, Staffordshire (cf. SED Alton)

Shelfmark:

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Description:

Les talks passionately about his collection of old artefacts and architectural items. He goes on to rail against current attitudes and feels he is preserving some of our heritage against a tide of bureaucracy. Nottingham (to the east) and Manchester (to the northwest) are major cities within reach of Cheadle. The Alhambra is, presumably, the name of a former local cinema.

Lexis:

somewhat = something; *by Gum!* = by God! (exclamation of disbelief); *aye* = yes; *naught* = nothing; *bob* = shilling; *bobby* = policeman (colloquial); *road* = way

Phonology:

very occasionally definite article + V → [D]; H-dropping; /r/ → [v/ ~ r/]

GOAT [əu]; FACE [ei]; KIT [i ~ e]; PRICE [a:^l ~ aI]; STRUT [U]

<-ook> → [u:k]; <ng#> → [Ng] <-thing> → [TINK]

note also *they* [DI], *can't* [kQn@], *old* [əUld > EUd], *back together again* [bak ?gED@r/ @gEn], *don't* [dUn@], *there is* [Di:z ~ Di: Iz], *there* [DI@], *right* [r/EIt > r/aIt], *years* [jI:z ~ j@:z], *worth* [w@:T > wQT], *once* [wUns] and *one* [wQn], *getting* [gEv/In], *particular* [p@tIkI@], *hadn't* [ant], *naught* [naUt ~ nEUt], *nothing* [nUTIn ~ nUTINK], *illegal* [Ili:d=L/], *backwards* [bak@dz], *wrong* [r/UNg ~ r/QNg], *terracotta* [tEv/IkQt@], *daft* [daft], *wagons* [wagInz], *take* [tak], *us* [Uz], *over* [oU@], *shan't* [San@], *isn't* [In@], *new* [nu:], *horse* [Qs], *half* [A:f] and *because* [blks]

Grammar:

third person plural *was* (*they was burning this, knocking this down, knocking that down; they was worth nothing; they was on, like, doors of things you sit on; they was built for steamrollers and horse-and-carts*); first person singular *were* (*I were fit then*)

relative pronoun → *what* (*somewhat what's been knocked down, burnt and demolished; some little item you pick up what doesn't cost anything; finding something what's worth a lot of money; they can come tell a man what's done it for fifty years*)

zero auxiliary (*if we don't save a little for the next generation, we _ got bugger all*)

zero to + infinitive (*my mother used _ live there; my dad used _ say, "Oh collecting all this rubbish, lad, it'll do thee no good"; my granddad used _ say, "Leave the lad alone"; they come and tell a man how _ do a job; wagons used _ cost two bob a piece; used _ be "hello, hello!"; they used _ be two pound a piece; in twenty years they've got _ do it; only got _ look at the courts now*)

use of *thee* (*it'll do thee no good*)

zero of (*a little bit _ what you want*)

double subjunctive in conditional clause (*if it hadn't've been pulled off, nailed up my loft, it'd been gone* = if it hadn't been pulled off (...) it would have been gone)

zero definite article (*it's _ same as that cinema*)

zero plural marker on nouns (*85/90foot; two pound a piece; seven pound a ton; thousand pound fine; ten pound*)

determiner, those → *them* (*I think them things are saved*)

preterite *come* (*two railway wagons come to nineteen-hundredweight*)

multiple negation (*I've never done naught wrong; I've never done nothing wrong; don't put no headers in!; he doesn't know nothing*)

past participle *give* (*you've give ten pound for that*)

past participle *broke* (*it might fall off the wagon and get broke*)

note use and phonetic quality of utterance final discourse marker *you know* [j@ nVu] and utterance internal discourse marker *like* [la:¹k]. Note also the construction *we shan't become* = *we won't become* and *we shall become* = *we will become*. Note also the construction *they come do a course* = they come and do a course and *they come tell a man* = they come and tell a man.

