

Title:

Abbey Town, Cumberland

Shelfmark:

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Description:

Len reminisces about his time as an accomplished local runner. He refers to various local events, such as the Keswick Gala and Workington Sports and recalls several individual races, even running against professional “Powder Hall” runners who raised the standards and could earn decent sums of money. He also mentions the fell runs, which were popular in his youth.

Lexis:

aye = yes; *gala* = festival, fair; *grand* = great, excellent; *fell* = high moorland; *yon* = that (over there)

Phonology:

occasional H-dropping

START [a:]; PRICE [aI > a:[@]]; MOUTH [[@]u:]; GOAT [o:]; FACE [E:]; STRUT [U]

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note also *nothing* [nQTIN], *over* [Qv@], *amateur* [am@tSU@], *get* [gIt], *because* [bIkQs], *take* [tEk] and *taking* [tEkIn], *with* [wIT] and *open* [Qp@n]

Grammar:

adjective as adverb (*real crack runners*; *real good class runner*)

relative pronoun → *as* (*we had some locals as well, as was up to the mark*)

third person plural *was* (*some locals as was up to the mark*)

note use and phonetic quality of utterance final discourse marker *you know* [j@ no: > j@ nO:]. Note also the construction (?) *Larkin they called him* = he is called Larkin and (?) *Teasdale they called him* = he is called Teasdale