

Title:

West Ilsley, Berkshire

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Description:

Charlie compares modern farming practices with those of his younger days.

Lexis:

nag = pony; *bide* = to stay; *scrouch* = to crouch; *drayflock* = sheep selected and set apart from main flock for fattening; *hurdle* = fence used to pen sheep

Phonology:

H-dropping; T-glottaling; rhoticity

MOUTH [@U]; PRICE [VI]; GOAT [o: ~ OU]; START [A`:]; NORTH [O`: ~ A`:]; NURSE [@`:]; BATH [a:]; LETTER [@`]

note also *better* [bE?@`], *it was* [tw@z], *years* [j@`z], *does* [du:z], *cutter* [kV?@`], *water* [wO:??@`], *always* [O:l@z], *half* [a:f], *laid* [lEd] and *with* [wI]

Grammar:

adjective as adverb (*I think it was done quicker years ago with horses than what it's done today; I know the harvest work used to be done a lot quicker*)

preposition, by → *with* (*I think it was done quicker years ago with horses than what it's done today*)

zero auxiliary (*the cutter _ got to lay out; they _ got no straw; this man, I think he _ got a few*)

third person plural *was* (*years ago they was put into the workyard; the sheep was always on the land every day*)

multiple negation (*now you don't see no sheep; now you don't see no shepherds now*)

there is + plural complement (*there's scarcely any farmers got any sheep*)

zero relative clause (*there's scarcely any farmers _ got any sheep*)

<a> + past participle (*what few they have a-got, they run in the meadows*)

past participle *growed* (*there isn't the corn growed you know, like there used to be years ago*)

