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Speakers:

Adams, Jill, b. 1962 female

Newbury, Andrea, b. 1962; female; secretary

Newbury, Chris, b. 1964 Ramsey, Essex; male; bus fitter

Welham, Rod, b. 1951; male

The interviewees are long-time residents of the Dengie Hundred in rural Essex.

ELICITED LEXIS

- see English Dialect Dictionary (1898-1905)
- * see Survey of English Dialects Basic Material (1962-1971)
- △ see New Partridge Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English (2006)
- ◇ see Green's Dictionary of Slang (2010)
- ◻ no previous source (with this sense) identified

pleased	<i>pleased</i> ; “ <i>chuffed to buggery</i> ” ¹ (used by older generation male speakers in family); <i>happy</i> ; <i>chuffed</i>
tired	<i>shattered</i> ; <i>bushed</i> (learnt from television); <i>weary</i> ; <i>sleepy</i> ; <i>tired</i> ; <i>worn-out</i> , <i>knackered</i> (of extreme physical tiredness)
unwell	<i>poorly</i> ; <i>queer</i> (used by older generation in family, “ <i>oh crumbs, he’s awfully queer today</i> ”, “ <i>so-and-so’s been right queer he’s been taken into hospital</i> ”); <i>sick</i> ; <i>ill</i> ; <i>unwell</i>
hot	<i>hot</i> ; <i>boiling</i> ; <i>warm</i> ; <i>sweltering</i>
cold	<i>chilly</i> (of moderately cold weather); <i>perishing</i> (of extremely cold weather); <i>cold</i> (of self); <i>freezing</i> (“ <i>it’s really freezing cold out there</i> ”); <i>taters</i> [◇] (“ <i>God, it’s taters out there today</i> ” used by father)
annoyed	<i>miffed</i> (of mild annoyance); <i>cross</i> ; <i>riled</i> (used by speaker’s parents); <i>annoyed</i> ; <i>it pissed me off</i> (of extreme annoyance); <i>really angry</i>

¹ *OED* (online edition) includes ‘chuffed’ in this sense and ‘to buggery’ as intensifier equivalent to ‘to hell’ but not whole phrase recorded here.

throw	<i>throw; chuck</i> (e.g. of rubbish “ <i>chuck something out</i> ”); <i>chuck it over there; slung; sling out; sling; toss</i> (“ <i>toss it away</i> ”)
play truant	<i>skip; bunk off</i> (used by younger speakers); <i>truant</i>
sleep	<i>go to snore-byes</i> ² (idiolectal, used within family to children); <i>go to sleep; forty winks</i> (used by father of afternoon sleep); <i>nap; doze</i> (of being asleep); <i>doze off</i> (of falling asleep)
play a game	<i>play</i> (of e.g. tennis/football); <i>trick, prank</i> (of playing trick on someone)
hit hard	<i>thump; wallop</i> (“ <i>I’ve walloped him</i> ” of person); <i>hit it hard; whack it</i> (“ <i>whack it hard</i> ”)
clothes	<i>gear</i> (modern, “ <i>all geared up</i> ” also used by father); <i>clothes; suit; posh frock</i> (used playfully of ‘dress’, “ <i>posh frock for Sundays</i> ” used as child in past); <i>done up to the nines</i> (used frequently of someone ostentatiously dressed)
trousers	<i>trousers; slacks</i> (used in past); <i>trews</i> (used by mother); <i>jeans; flares; drainpipes; pants</i> (“ <i>American</i> ”, not heard in past); <i>strides</i> (“ <i>Australian</i> ”, learnt from television)
child’s shoe	<i>plimsolls; trainers</i> (suggested by interviewer, not used); <i>pumps</i> (heard but not used); <i>slippers</i> (heard at school in past)
mother	<i>mum</i>
gmother	<i>grandma; nana; granny; nanny</i> (used by speaker’s children)
m partner	<i>my partner</i> (modern); <i>boyfriend, fiancé</i> (of unmarried partner); <i>the old man</i> (of married partner, “ <i>the old man indoors</i> ”); <i>Chris</i> (i.e. by name, of husband to friend); <i>my husband</i> (of husband to stranger); <i>an item, couple</i> (of couple in established relationship)
friend	<i>friend; best mate</i> (of close friend); <i>mate</i> (of friend generally, “ <i>I was going round a mate’s house tonight</i> ”); <i>matey</i> (used by speaker’s uncle of close friend); <i>best friend</i> (used by children of special friend); <i>chum, pal</i> (suggested by interviewer, not used)
gfather	<i>grandad; pops, grandpa</i> (used by others); <i>grand George</i> ^Δ (i.e. by analogy with “ <i>aunty Jean/Olive</i> ”)
forgot name	<i>thingmejig</i> ^Δ [θɪŋmiədʒɪg, θɪŋmiədʒɪg]; <i>whatchamacallit; thingummybob</i> ^Δ ; <i>thingummy</i> ; <i>what’s-them-a-call-it</i> ^Δ [wɒtsəmækɔ:lɪt]; <i>doofer</i> (used by father, thought to mean “ <i>do for this and do for that</i> ”)
kit of tools	<i>tools; tool-kit; tool bag</i>
trendy	<i>yob; ?yuppie; chav</i> (modern, heard used by younger speakers); <i>spiv</i> (used by father); <i>medallion man; London overspill</i> ^Δ ; <i>poser; Mr Wonderful</i> ^Δ (of someone who “ <i>fancies himself</i> ”)
f partner	<i>wife; partner</i> (disliked, modern); <i>missus, my missus, the missus</i> (used by older speakers, disliked now); <i>the wife; girlfriend; an item, couple</i> (of couple in established relationship); <i>the other half; her indoors</i> (heard used on television); “ <i>use a name</i> ” (i.e. by name)
baby	<i>little one; little fella</i> (of male); <i>baby; littl’un</i> ^Δ (“ <i>so-and-so’s got a little’un</i> ” used by older generation in family)
rain heavily	<i>pouring; absolutely chucking it down; chucking it down; pouring down; raining cats and dogs</i> (“ <i>London saying</i> ”, not used)
toilet	<i>loo; toilet</i> (modern); <i>closet</i> (used by father); <i>shithouse</i> ; “ <i>going for a slash</i> ” (used by males to males of ‘going to toilet’); “ <i>I must go for a tiddle or a wee</i> ” (used at work/to family of ‘going to toilet’); “ <i>I’m gonna go for a piss</i> ” (used to male friends of ‘going to toilet’); <i>privy, closet</i> (used by father); <i>W.C., lavatory</i> (old); <i>lav</i> (old, disliked); <i>khazi</i> ^Δ (used by brother, used in London, also used locally by “ <i>London overspill</i> ”)
walkway	<i>alley-way; alley; passage</i> (suggested by interviewer)
long seat	<i>couch; settee; sofa</i> (not used, thought to be modern, used by father in past)

² OED (online edition) records ‘beddy-byes’ for ‘sleep’ but not ‘snore-byes’.

run water	<i>brook; stream; ditches, watercourses</i> (of man-made drain on marshland); <i>ditch</i> (of dried up waterway)
main room	<i>lounge</i> (“pretentious”); <i>front room</i> (used now and in past); <i>living room</i>
rain lightly	<i>shower; drizzle; drizzling; drizzling with rain; banging</i> ^o (old, “that’s banging out there today” used by grandfather in past); “you always get more rain in a pailful of drizzle” ^Δ (common expression used by older speakers in past)
rich	<i>wealthy; loaded; loadsamoney</i> ^o ; <i>rich; well off; Rothschild</i> (old, used within family of extreme wealth); “thinks he’s Lord Muck”, <i>Lord and Lady Muck</i> (of exaggerated wealth, of people “putting on airs and graces”)
left-handed	<i>cack-handed; left-handed</i>
unattractive	<i>ugly; looks like the back end of a bus</i> ^Δ ; <i>face like a pig’s arse</i> ^{o3} (used by father); <i>rough; mutton dressed as lamb</i> (of older female dressed inappropriately young); <i>poser</i> (of older male dressed inappropriately young)
lack money	<i>poor; skint</i> (of self); <i>hard up</i> (of others); <i>broke</i>
drunk	<i>drunk; pissed</i> (modern, now considered acceptable); <i>tight, sloshed, tiddly</i> (used by speaker’s parents); <i>three sheets in the wind</i> (old); <i>worse the wear for drink</i> ⁴ (polite)
pregnant	<i>pregnant</i> (not used in past); <i>expecting; having a baby; up the duff</i> (used by males, old); <i>bun in the oven</i> (old, used occasionally by father)
attractive	<i>pretty; attractive; lovely; nice-looking</i> (used by mother of male/female); <i>good-looking</i> (of male); <i>handsome</i> (used by father of male)
insane	<i>mental; mad; nutty as a fruitcake; not all the ticket</i> ^Δ ; <i>not all there</i> ^Δ ; <i>loony</i> (“loony bin” used to mean “mental hospital”)
moody	<i>moody; mood swings; sulking; in a mood; grumpy</i>
TV remote	<i>T.V. remote; buttons</i> ^o (disliked, used by wife’s family); <i>remote control; remote; bonker</i> ^Δ (used by father)

SPONTANEOUS LEXIS

at the minute = at the moment (0:11:03 *can only think of ‘trousers’ at the minute (yeah, I don’t know of any other word that we use) or or ‘slacks’ they used to say, didn’t they, um I don’t know what the youngsters call their clothes now*)

blimey = exclamation expressing surprise, incredulity or exasperation (0:10:39 *oh, we’d we’d look at them and say, “cor, they’re ‘done up to the nines’ today” [...] I can’t think where it’s come from but it’s it’s it would be a frequent thing, “oh blimey” she went by, “oh just look at her, look, ‘done up to the nines’”*)

Brummy = person from Birmingham (1:03:58 *I was lucky enough to have a a maths and science teacher with a warm West Country voice like that um, yeah, and the ones that for some reason us down here in Essex do find annoying tend to be Brummies uh maybe Geordies uh as well as um Liverpool*)

bugger = mild expletive (0:04:08 *um well “I’ll be buggered” or “bugger me” or “bugger that” all the time really they used it to describe (“you little bugger”) yeah, “you little bugger”, yeah*)

bugger off = to go away (0:54:50 *if he dudn like living here then he can bugger off back to where he came from*)

buggered^Δ = damned (0:03:48 *and so will my mum she says it often as well, “I’ll be buggered” which I find really amazing ‘cause if they were to read what it really means she’d have a well purple fit probably ‘cause I don’t think they realise what it does or they don’t see it as that sort of word; 0:04:08 um well “I’ll*

³ *Green’s Dictionary of Slang* (2010) includes ‘face like a bull’s bum’ and similar collocations in this sense, but not ‘pig’s arse’.

⁴ Poss. performance error: *OED* (online edition) includes ‘worse for wear’ in this sense.

be buggered” or *“bugger me”* or *“bugger that”* all the time really they used it to describe (“you little bugger”) yeah, “you little bugger”, yeah)

carrot cruncher^Δ = yokel, country bumpkin (0:54:29 *I didn't consider I had an accid... uh an accent but I remember about twenty years ago somebody uh coming to work with me from Wickford who was part of Jill's London overspill and uh he used to call me a 'carrot cruncher'*)

copper = water boiler (0:36:03 *that was the wash-house which was obviously the derivation of wash-house um and in fact I think it had it had a copper in the corner*)

cor = exclamation expressing surprise, incredulity or exasperation (0:01:30 *just, “cor, I'm 'shattered'” or maybe even things you pick up nowadays off the TV even, “cor, I'm right 'bushed'” but certainly that's not an Essex or a natural phrase; 0:10:39 oh, we'd we'd look at them and say, “cor, they're 'done up to the nines' today” [...] I can't think where it's come from but it's it's it would be a frequent thing, “oh blimey” she went by, “oh just look at her, look, 'done up to the nines'”*)

crumbs = exclamation expressing surprise, incredulity or exasperation (0:00:26 *well probably nowadays use 'poorly' although I certainly know people in the past that would've said, “oh crumbs, he's awfully queer today”*)

Geordie = person from Newcastle upon Tyne (1:03:58 *I was lucky enough to have a a maths and science teacher with a warm West Country voice like that um, yeah, and the ones that for some reason us down here in Essex do find annoying tend to be Brummies uh maybe Geordies uh as well as um Liverpool*)

hard^Δ = tough, aggressive (1:02:02 *lads do it 'cause they think it makes them sound hard but really it makes them sound thick*)

on a promise = confident of potential for sexual intercourse (0:57:59 *and as he walked out the door I was like, “oh um you're off see you, Fred, you're off early” I thought I said, “are you on a promise?” but without realising it I'd said, “are you on a promise?”*)

purple fit^Δ = sudden seizure caused by shock or outrage (0:03:48 *and so will my mum she says it often as well, “I'll be buggered” which I find really amazing 'cause if they were to read what it really means she'd have a well purple fit probably 'cause I don't think they realise what it does or they don't see it as that sort of word*)

right = very, extremely (0:00:53 *(so what would she say to you?) oh she'd say, “oh, so-and-so's been right queer he's been taken into hospital”*; 0:01:30 *just, “cor, I'm 'shattered'” or maybe even things you pick up nowadays off the TV even, “cor, I'm right 'bushed'” but certainly that's not an Essex or a natural phrase*)

scullery = back kitchen (0:35:48 *um picking up on Chris's little kitchen um we had a it would nowadays be a 'utility room' but we had such a room and that was the 'scullery'*)

take the piss = to make fun of, mock (0:10:04 *I'd usually use that as almost sort of taking the piss a bit, you know, “oh, that's a posh frock you've got on” (yeah, but but) I wouldn't be a genuine sort of compliment (that, no, that's what you used to say though, isn't it?)*)

thick = stupid, unintelligent (1:02:02 *lads do it 'cause they think it makes them sound hard but really it makes them sound thick*)

PHONOLOGY

KIT [ɪ]

(0:06:52 *'cold' um again mildly cold would be 'chilly' [tʃɪli] um um really cold would be 'perishing' [pɛɪʃɪŋ] um there's quite a lot of degrees [dɪɡri:z] of that what uh what else what else've the others got for that; 0:24:40 and when I mentioned it to dad he said a 'spiv' [spɪv] and I said, “oh, what's one of them?” I didn't [dɪdŋ] even know I and he described, like, the guy out of Dad's Army⁵ from the forties two-tone shoes really smart lots of watches and rings [wɪtʃz] um and normally a ha... bowler hat or a trilby*)

⁵ British TV sitcom about Home Guard in Second World War first broadcast on BBC between 1968 and 1977.

hat [tʌɪbi hæʔ] or whatever he said they used to wear; 0:54:29 I didn't [dɪdn̩ʔ] consider I [kənɪsɪdə ɪ] had an accid... uh an accent but I remember about [ɹɪmɛmbə ɐbaʊʔ] twenty years ago somebody uh coming to work with me from Wickford [wɪkfəd] who was part of Jill's [dʒɪlɪz] London overspill [ɒvəspɪl] and uh he used to call me a 'carrot cruncher')

<ex-> (0:09:04 I'd go out and say, "I'm going to buy some 'clothes'" he said "no" he said, "before the war" he says, "you were 'all geared up'" he said, "you got some posh gear there, girl, ain't you?" that's what he said that's exactly [ɪzækli] how he said it so it's not a modern word; 0:25:17 I have heard from the younger colleagues around me in the office the term 'chav' although I'm not too sure exactly [ɪgzækli] what that um what sort of person that fits either; 0:56:54 yes, I think if um if I'm in the right circumstances if occasionally I'm say for example [ɪgzɑ:mɒʔ] I go to an agricultural show or anything like that and meet up with similar people then I think I would drop into slightly more more of an accent)

***PROMISE** (0:57:59 and as he walked out the door I was like, "oh um you're off see you, Fred, you're off early" I thought I said, "are you on a promise?" [pɹɒmɪs] but without realising it I'd said, "are you on a promise?" [pɹɒməs])*

DRESS [ɛ]

(0:06:52 'cold' um again mildly cold would be 'chilly' um um really cold would be 'perishing' [pɛɪfɪŋ] um there's quite a lot of degrees of that what uh what else [ɛʔs] what else've [ɛʔsəv] the others got for that; 0:50:52 so if you're going off to have a game of tennis [tɛnɪs] or football you say that unless [ʌnlɛs] you meant [mɛnʔ] 'play a game on someone' like a trick or something; 0:54:29 I didn't consider I had an accid... uh an accent [aksɛnʔ] but I remember about [ɹɪmɛmbə ɐbaʊʔ] twenty [twenti] years ago somebody uh coming to work with me from Wickford who was part of Jill's London overspill and uh he used to call me a 'carrot cruncher')

TRAP [æ(ɪ) ~ a]

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LOT [ɒ > a]

(0:24:40 and when I mentioned it to dad he said a 'spiv' and I said, "oh, what's [wɒts] one of them?" I didn't even know I and he described, like, the guy out of Dad's Army⁵ from the forties two-tone shoes really smart lots [lɒts] of watches [wɒʔtʃɪz] and rings um and normally a ha... bowler hat or a trilby hat or whatever [wɒʔɛvə] he said they used to wear; 0:36:03 that was the wash-house which was obviously [ɒbvɪəsli] the derivation of wash-house um and in fact I think it had it had a copper in [kɒpə ɪn] the corner; 0:57:59 and as he walked out the door I was like, "oh um you're off see you, Fred, you're off early" I thought I said, "are you on [ɒn] a promise?" [pɹɒmɪs] but without realising it I'd said, "are you on [ən] a promise?" [pɹɒməs])

***God** (0:07:42 well ju... you just come in and say, "God [gɒd] it's 'taters' out there today"; 0:19:19 ('word for something whose name you've forgotten') oh God, [gʊd] yes, I saw this 'thingmejig')*

'whatchamacallit'; 0:30:10 *If I'm at work I'd say, "oh God [gɒd] I must go for a 'tiddle' or a 'wee' and I would get up and go)*

STRUT [e > ʌ]

(0:03:27 *he would've said that in the house he would've said that in front [fʌnt] of me and mum [mʌm] 'chuffed [tʃʌft] to buggery' [bʌgəɪ]; 0:18:58 that's the important thing if you don't know what someone [semwɛn] is then you I always used to refer to them as a 'couple', [kɛpʊ] "that couple [kɛpʊ] over there" or "did you see that couple [kɛpʊ] sitting next to us" [es] or something [semθɪn]; 0:54:29 I didn't consider I had an accid... uh an accent but I remember about twenty years ago somebody [sembədi] uh coming [kɛmɪn] to work with me from Wickford who was part of Jill's London [lɛndən] overspill and uh he used to call me a 'carrot cruncher' [kʌrətkrʌntʃə])*

ONE (0:01:40 *(anyone else any others, Jill?) no, I've just 'tired' or 'weary' nothing [nʌθɪn] special; 0:21:52 we always used to call the thing that they patted the road surface down with as a 'bonker' not the ones [wɛnz] that vibrated but the ones [wɛnz] that sort of went 'duff duff duff' (oh yes, yes) and we called that a 'bonker'; 0:22:19 'baby' um I don't know only only 'little one' [wɛn] or 'little fellow' if it was a boy; 0:22:36 to me it's a 'baby' but I was always referred to as 'the little one' [lɪʔələn] in my family; 0:30:55 I don't know which way round he said they used to be called 'privy' or 'closet' ('privy') and it was I don't know which one's [wɛnz] down the garden and which one [wɛn] wasn't; 0:54:22 I think the media only portrayed the girls as speaking like that and not nothing [nʌθɪn] about the men)*

FOOT [ʊ]

(0:01:30 *just, "cor, I'm 'shattered'" or maybe even things you pick up nowadays off the TV even, "cor, I'm right 'bushed'" [bʊʃt] but certainly that's not an Essex or a natural phrase; 0:14:43 perhaps if I said about a good [gʊd] friend I might say 'best mate' but normally I'd say a 'friend of mine' or he's 'my friend'; 0:33:34 there was lots of brooks [brʊks] where we used to play so it was always a 'brook' [brʊk])*

BATH [ɑ:]

(0:00:26 *well probably nowadays use 'poorly' although I certainly know people in the past [pɑ:st] that would've said, "oh crumbs, he's awfully queer today"; 0:13:21 my wife's mother was asked, [ɑ:st] "what do you want to be known as?" and she said, "nanny"; 0:14:12 'cause we often used to s... say 'aunty Jean' or 'aunty Olive' which seemed normal to use a Christian name after it [ɑ:ftəɪ ɪʔ] but the grandparents always had their own um name in their own right, didn't they, 'grandma' or 'grandmother' or 'nana')*

circumstance (0:56:54 *yes, I think if um if I'm in the right circumstances [sə:kəmstænsɪz] if occasionally I'm say for example I go to an agricultural show or anything like that and meet up with similar people then I think I would drop into slightly more more of an accent)*

CLOTH [ɒ]

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NURSE [ɜ:]

(0:25:17 *I have heard [hə:d] from the younger colleagues around me in the office the term [tə:m] 'chav' although I'm not too sure exactly what that um what sort of person [pə:sən] that fits either; 0:54:29 I didn't consider I had an accid... uh an accent but I remember about twenty years ago somebody uh coming to work [wɜ:k] with me from Wickford who was part of Jill's London overspill and uh he used to call me a 'carrot cruncher')*

girl (0:02: 34 well I couldn't think of anything other than 'pleased' and when I mentioned it to my dad who's eighty-one he said "'chuffed to buggery', girl," [gɛʊ] he said; 0:09:04 I'd go out and say, "I'm going to buy some 'clothes'" he said "no" he said, "before the war" he says, "you were 'all geared up'" he said, "you got some posh gear there, girl, [gɛʊ] ain't you?" that's what he said that's exactly how he said it so it's not a modern word; 0:17:29 people who weren't married would've said 'boyfriend' 'girlfriend' [gə:tfɛnd] or whatever but I think very s... depending on age particularly very slightly uncomfortable whereas 'partner' has allowed them to say that quite quite easily; 0:54:22 I think the media only portrayed the girls [gə:ʊz] as speaking like that and not nothing about the men)

FLEECE [iː ~ ɪiː]

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been (0:01:19 'ill' or 'unwell' uh that's how it's always been [bɪn] in the family; 0:18:41 though I'm not quite so sure um how that would've been [bɪn] handled in the recent past though; 0:29:27 I'm told that it was 'closet' was a popular word my dad said he would've been [bɪn] taught to say 'closet' it only went to 'toilet' in probably the fifties as a modern word)

cleaned (0:59:34 well "the um man's been round and he's cleaned [klɛnʔ] the windows")

FACE [æɪ > eɪ]

(0:07:42 well ju... you just come in and say, [sæɪ] "God it's 'taters' [tæɪtəz] out there today" [tədæɪ]; 0:14:43 perhaps if I said about a good friend I might say [sæɪ] 'best mate' [mɛɪʔ] but normally I'd say [sɛɪ] a 'friend of mine' or he's 'my friend'; 0:17:29 people who weren't married would've said 'boyfriend' 'girlfriend' or whatever but I think very s... depending on age [æɪdʒ] particularly very slightly uncomfortable whereas 'partner' has allowed them to say [sæɪ] that quite quite easily; 0:23:48 I've never heard my dad call my mum anything other than her name [næɪm]; 0:33:34 there was lots of brooks where we used to play [plɛɪ] so it was always a 'brook'; 0:33:56 possibly um it's not not a not an Essex term but if it was a man-made [mænmeɪd] like a drain [dɪɪn] [...] we would refer to them as 'ditches' and 'watercourses'; 0:50:52 so if you're going off to have a game [gæɪm] of tennis or football you say [sæɪ] that unless you meant 'play [plæɪ] a game [gæɪm] on someone' like a trick or something)

ain't (0:09:04 I'd go out and say, "I'm going to buy some 'clothes'" he said "no" he said, "before the war" he says, "you were 'all geared up'" he said, "you got some posh gear there, girl, ain't [ɛnʔ] you?" that's what he said that's exactly how he said it so it's not a modern word)

always (0:14:12 'cause we often used to s... say 'aunty Jean' or 'aunty Olive' which seemed normal to use a Christian name after it but the grandparents always [ɔ:wɪz] had their own um name in their own right, didn't they, 'grandma' or 'grandmother' or 'nana')

<-day> (0:10:26 when I was a child it was your 'posh frock' for Sunday [sʌndɪ:] (that's right); 0:36:12 people would actually go out there on a Monday [mɛndɪ] and do quite a lot of the washing and so on would've been done out there)

PALM [ɑː]

(0:02:44 *oh definitely, yes, my grandparents well not grandmothers but grandfathers* [gʁændfa:ðəz] *would've said that and definitely my dad and my uncles, yes, my mum's brothers that're no longer with us, yes;* 0:14:12 *'cause we often used to s... say 'aunty* [ɑ:nti] *Jean' or 'aunty* [ɑ:nti] *Olive' which seemed normal to use a Christian name after it but the grandparents always had their own um name in their own right, didn't they, 'grandma' or* [gʁɑnmɑ:ɹ ɔ:] *'grandmother' or 'nana';* 0:23:14 *people do say 'the missus' 'the other half'* [hɑ:f] *'her indoors' but then I wouldn't say that's something that I would hear round our area really that's more off the telly I think)*

THOUGHT [ɔ:]

(0:17:59 *and you can talk* [tɔ:k] *about your 'partner' without directly admitting that you're gay, can't you?;* 1:02:12 *and now she has a daughter of* [dɔ:tə əv] *four who's about to go to school with people who sound like that she can't bear the thought* [θɔ:t] *that they're going to have this Estuary Essex twang)*

Cornwall (0:52:02 *everybody thinks that everyone who lives in Essex if you live in Cornwall* [kɔ:rnwət] *or Birmingham or Yorkshire you think that everybody who speaks in Essex we don't have any 'T's or aitches in our language which is a total load of rubbish)*

false (0:47:13 *I would say they are being 'false' [fəʊs] or, "they are so false" [fəʊs])*

GOAT [əʊ > əʊ > ɛə]⁶

(0:13:59 *I've only* [ɛʊni] *known* [nəʊn] *one granddad and we called him 'grand George';* 0:06:52 *'cold'* [kəʊld] *um again mildly cold* [kəʊld] *would be 'chilly' um um really cold* [kəʊld] *would be 'perishing' um there's quite a lot of degrees of that what uh what else what else've the others got for that;* 0:24:40 *and when I mentioned it to dad he said a 'spiv' and I said, "oh, what's one of them?" I didn't even know* [nəʊ] *I and he described, like, the guy out of Dad's Army⁵ the forties two-tone* [tʁ:təʊn] *shoes really smart lots of watches and rings um and normally a ha... bowler hat* [bəʊlə hæʔ] *or a trilby hat or whatever he said they used to wear;* 0:30:02 *most* [məʊst] *blokes* [bləʊks] *might say they're going* [gəʊɪn] *for a 'slash', wouldn't they? (yeah, that's true) if it's blokes* [bləʊks] *together I presume;* 0:35:34 *we always say the the 'dining room' but when I was at home* [hɛəm] *it was either the 'other room' or the 'back room';* 0:55:46 *(are you aware of that, Andrea?) no,* [nɛə] *no* [nɛə]; 1:00:21 *I don't* [dɛʊn?] *think he (I don't* [dɛən?] *think he does, does he?) he does we don't* [dɛʊn?] *notice* [nɛʊtɪs] *it (no* [nɛə]) *so don't* [sɛʊ] *I'm presuming he speaks the same as us)*

don't know (0:10:54 *yes, I don't know* [dʌnəʊ] *where that come from but that's used a lot, isn't it? (that is used a lot);* 0:30:55 *I don't know* [dʌnə] *which way round he said they used to be called 'privy' or 'closet' ('privy') and it was I don't know* [dʌnə] *which one's down the garden and which one wasn't)*

going to (0:30:34 *among men it's um not quite so polite probably it would be probably "I'm going to* [gənə] *go for a piss" it would probably be that among men)*

<-ow>, so (0:18:41 *though I'm not quite so* [sə] *sure um how that would've been handled in the recent past though;* 0:22:19 *'baby' um I don't know only only 'little one' or 'little fellow' if* [fɛlə ɪf] *it was a boy;* 0:30:34 *among men it's um not quite so* [sə] *polite probably it would be probably "I'm going to go for a piss" it would probably be that among men;* 0:59:34 *well "the um man's been round and he's cleaned the windows"* [wɪndəz]; 0:59:46 *I think that's how I say 'windows',* [wɪndəz] *don't I?)*

GOOSE [ʊ: ~ u:]

(0:19:48 *dad always used* [jʊ:st] *to say 'doofer' [dʊ:fe] (oh) it was always a 'doofer' [dʊ:fe];* 0:24:40 *and when I mentioned it to dad he said a 'spiv' and I said, "oh, what's one of them?" I didn't even know I and*

⁶ One speaker (Andrea) varies between [ɛə ~ əʊ]; the other speakers vary between [əʊ > əʊ].

he described, like, the guy out of Dad's Army⁵ from the forties two-tone shoes [tʰ:təʊnʃʰ:z] really smart lots of watches and rings um and normally a ha... bowler hat or a trilby hat or whatever he said they used [ju:st] to wear; 0:59:55 but then there's lots of words like that my mum and dad say 'secretary' instead of 'secretary' and a 'computer' [kəmpu:tə] instead of a 'computer' [kəmpju:tə])

room (0:35:34 we always say the the 'dining room' [daɪnɪŋ ru:m] but when I was at home it was either the 'other room' [ədðə ru:m] or the 'back room' [bæk ru:m]; 0:35:48 um picking up on Chris's little kitchen um we had a it would nowadays be a 'utility room' [ju:tɪlɪti ru:m] but we had such a room [ru:m] and that was the 'scullery')

PRICE [aɪ > ɔɪ]

(0:02:08 more oft than not when you're really 'knackered' you're sort of up up on a bit of a high [hɔɪ] and you can actually go on longer, can't you?; 0:05:12 well I say 'cross' but my mum and dad'd say 'riled' [raɪlɪd]; 0:06:52 'cold' um again mildly [maɪldli] cold would be 'chilly' um um really cold would be 'perishing' um there's quite [kwɑɪd] a lot of degrees of that what uh what else what else've the others got for that; 0:24:40 and when I mentioned it to dad he said a 'spiv' and I said, "oh, what's one of them?" I didn't even know I and he described, [dɪskraɪbd] like, [lɔɪk] the guy [ɡaɪ] out of Dad's Army⁵ the forties two-tone shoes really smart lots of watches and rings um and normally a ha... bowler hat or a trilby hat or whatever he said they used to wear)

my (0:03:11 as soon as I saw it I thought 'pleased' but just hearing Jill saying 'chuffed' then that is one that I've actually said myself [məsɛtʃ]; 0:08:44 probably 'gear' although that doesn't altogether come naturally to me it's probably something I've almost picked up from a you... a generation younger than myself [məsɛtʃ]; 0:09:27 I personally would refer to somebody else as having 'good gear' or 'new gear' or something but it's not something I'd uh talk about with my [mi] own clothes; 0:21:23 as far as I know my [mə] dad always called it a 'bonker')

CHOICE [ɔɪ]

(0:26:49 it's sort of been all 'boyfriend' [bɔɪfɹɛnd] or something and then you think, "oh, I've got a 'husband' now"; 1:03:58 I was lucky enough to have a a maths and science teacher with a warm West Country voice [vɔɪs] like that um, yeah, and the ones that for some reason us down here in Essex do find annoying [ənɔɪnɪŋ] tend to be Brummies uh maybe Geordies uh as well as um Liverpool)

MOUTH [æʊ > ɛʊ]

(0:03:27 he would've said that in the house [hɛʊs] he would've said that in front of me and mum 'chuffed to buggery'; 0:14:43 perhaps if I said about [əbæʊ?] a good friend I might say 'best mate' but normally I'd say a 'friend of mine' or he's 'my friend'; 0:17:29 people who weren't married would've said 'boyfriend' 'girlfriend' or whatever but I think very s... depending on age particularly very slightly uncomfortable whereas 'partner' has allowed [əlɛʊd] them to say that quite quite easily; 0:30:55 I don't know which way round [ɹæʊnd] he said they used to be called 'privy' or 'closet' ('privy') and it was I don't know which one's down [dæʊn] the garden and which one wasn't; 1:02:12 and now she has a daughter of four who's about [əbæʊt] to go to school with people who sound [sæʊnd] like that she can't bear the thought that they're going to have this Estuary Essex twang)

our, power, shower (0:23:14 people do say 'the missus' 'the other half' 'her indoors' but then I wouldn't say that's something that I would hear round our area [ɑ:ɹ ɛ:ɹɪə] really that's more off the telly I think; 0:27:01 they are just 'tools' whether they're electric power tools [pæ:ətʰ:ʊz] or air tools or spanners just 'tools'; 0:27:35 either just a 'shower' [ʃæ:əɹ ɔɪ] or 'drizzle'; 0:29:20 that's pretty universal now in our [æ:] family I think)

wash-house (0:36:03 that was the wash-house [wɒʃəs] which was obviously the derivation of wash-house [wɒʃhæʊs] um and in fact I think it had it had a copper in the corner)

NEAR [ɪə ~ ɪ:]

(0:00:26 *well probably nowadays use 'poorly' although I certainly know people in the past that would've said, "oh crumbs, he's awfully queer [kwɪə] today"; 0:01:40 (anyone else any others, Jill?) no, I've just 'tired' or 'weary' [wɪ:ɪ] nothing special; 0:09:04 I'd go out and say, "I'm going to buy some 'clothes'" he said "no" he said, "before the war" he says, "you were 'all geared up'" [ɡɪəd ɒp] he said, "you got some posh gear [ɡɪə] there, girl, ain't you?" that's what he said that's exactly how he said it so it's not a modern word; 0:54:29 I didn't consider I had an accid... uh an accent but I remember about twenty years [jɪ:z] ago somebody uh coming to work with me from Wickford who was part of Jill's London overspill and uh he used to call me a 'carrot cruncher')*

SQUARE [ɛɪ > ɛə]

(0:09.57 *perhaps a woman you might say a 'posh frock' but very very rarely [ɛ:li]; 0:23:14 people do say 'the missus' 'the other half' 'her indoors' but then I wouldn't say that's something that I would hear round our area [ɑ:ɪ ɛ:ɪə] really that's more off the telly I think; 0:24:40 and when I mentioned it to dad he said a 'spiv' and I said, "oh, what's one of them?" I didn't even know I and he described, like, the guy out of Dad's Army⁵ from the forties two-tone shoes really smart lots of watches and rings um and normally a ha... bowler hat or a trilby hat or whatever he said they used to wear [wɛə])*

START [ɑ:]

(0:24:40 *and when I mentioned it to dad he said a 'spiv' and I said, "oh, what's one of them?" I didn't even know I and he described, like, the guy out of Dad's Army⁵ [dædz ɑ:mi] from the forties two-tone shoes really smart [sma:ʔ] lots of watches and rings um and normally a ha... bowler hat or a trilby hat or whatever he said they used to wear; 0:35:20 the little kitchen we always to had all the cooker and all the pantry and everything else in it but the big kitchen is where you ate and the big kitchen had a hard [hɑ:d] floor in it as opposed to carpets [kɑ:pɪts]; 0:54:29 I didn't consider I had an accid... uh an accent but I remember about twenty years ago somebody uh coming to work with me from Wickford who was part [pɑ:ʔ] of Jill's London overspill and uh he used to call me a 'carrot cruncher')*

NORTH [ɔ:]

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FORCE [ɔ ~ ɔə]

(0:09:04 *I'd go out and say, "I'm going to buy some 'clothes'" he said "no" he said, "before [bɪfɔ:] the war" he says, "you were 'all geared up'" he said, "you got some posh gear there, girl, ain't you?" that's what he said that's exactly how he said it so it's not a modern word; 0:24:40 and when I mentioned it to dad he said a 'spiv' and I said, "oh, what's one of them?" I didn't even know I and he described, like, the guy out of Dad's Army⁵ from the forties [fɔ:tɪz] two-tone shoes really smart lots of watches and rings um and normally a ha... bowler hat or a trilby hat or whatever he said they used to wear; 0:55:13 when you walk through your mum's front door [dɔ:] your voice change changes and that's before [bɪfɔ:] they've uttered a word; 0:57:59 and as he walked out the door [dɔ:ɐ] I was like, "oh um you're off see you, Fred, you're off early" I thought I said, "are you on a promise?" but without realising it I'd said, "are you on a*

promise?"; 1:02:12 and now she has a daughter of four [fɔ:ɐ] who's about to go to school with people who sound like that she can't bear the thought that they're going to have this Estuary Essex twang)

CURE [ɔ: > ʊə]

(0:00:26 well probably nowadays use 'poorly' [pɔ:li] although I certainly know people in the past that would've said, "oh crumbs, he's awfully queer today"; 0:18:41 though I'm not quite so sure [ɔ:] um how that would've been handled in the recent past though; 0:25:17 I have heard from the younger colleagues around me in the office the term 'chav' although I'm not too sure [ʊə] exactly what that um what sort of person that fits either; 0:53:47 I would describe my my accent probably as as rural [rʊərə] Essex or maybe agricultural Essex; 0:55:13 when you walk through your [ɔ:] mum's front door your [ɔ:] voice change changes and that's before they've uttered a word)

happy [i]

(0:09:57 perhaps a woman you might say a 'posh frock' but very [vɛ:i] very [vɛ:i] rarely [ɹɛ:i]; 0:37:26 my mum would often say, "oh he's 'tiddly', [tɪdʒi] look, can hardly [ɑ:dli] walk", you know; 0:52:54 (why is it important to you?) well because um the media are portraying Essex people wrongly [ɹŋli])

letter [ə > ɐ]

(0:19:48 dad always used to say 'doofer' [dʊ:fɐ] (oh) it was always a 'doofer' [dʊ:fɐ]; 0:23:48 I've never [nɛvə] heard my dad call my mum anything other [ʌvə] than her name; 0:27:01 they are just 'tools' whether [wɛvə] they're electric power tools [pæ:ətʊ:ɪz] or air tools or spanners [spænəz] just 'tools'; 0:36:03 that was the wash-house which was obviously the derivation of wash-house um and in fact I think it had it had a copper in [kɒpəɪn] the corner [kɔ:nɛ]; 0:59:55 but then there's lots of words like that my mum and dad say 'secretary' instead of 'secretary' and a 'computer' [kəmputə] instead of a 'computer' [kəmpju:tə])

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comma [ə > ɐ]

(0:13:29 my mum didn't want to be 'grandma' 'cause she thought that made her sound old she wanted to be 'nana' [nanə]; 0:52:54 (why is it important to you?) well because um the media are [mi:ɹɛə ə] portraying Essex people wrongly)

horses [ɪ]

(0:24:40 and when I mentioned it to dad he said a 'spiv' and I said, "oh, what's one of them?" I didn't even know I and he described, like, the guy out of Dad's Army from the forties two-tone shoes really smart lots of watches [wɒtʃɪz] and rings um and normally a ha... bowler hat or a trilby hat or whatever he said they used to wear; 0:56:54 yes, I think if um if I'm in the right circumstances [sə:kəmstænsɪz] if occasionally I'm say for example I go to an agricultural show or anything like that and meet up with similar people then I think I would drop into slightly more more of an accent)

started [ɪ > ə]

(0:13:29 my mum didn't want to be 'grandma' 'cause she thought that made her sound old she wanted [wɒntɪd] to be 'nana'; 0:21:52 we always used to call the thing that they patted [patɪd] the road surface down with as a 'bonker' not the ones that vibrated ['vaɪbrætɪd] but the ones that sort of went 'duff duff duff' (oh yes, yes) and we called that a 'bonker'; 0:57:20 he he actually described me as 'well-spoken' and I was flabbergasted [flabəgɑ:stəd])

morning [ɪ > ə ~ ŋ]

(0:08:03 'boiling's [bɔɪlɪŋz] just anything, [ɛnɪθɪŋ] isn't it, there's no happy medium with me it's either 'freezing' [fri:zɪŋ] or 'boiling' [bɔɪlɪŋ]; 0:23:48 I've never heard my dad call my mum anything [ɛnɪθɪŋ])

other than her name; 0:24:10 I was speaking [spi:kʔŋ] to somebody the other day and I said, “oh, what’s with the job’s gear?”; 0:28:38 well ‘rain heavily’ is ‘pouring’ [pɔ:ɪŋ] or ‘absolutely chucking [tʃʌkən] it down’ something [sʌmθɪŋ] like that)

ZERO RHOTICITY

PLOSIVES

T

frequent word final T-glottaling (e.g. 00:03:48 *and so will my mum she says it often as well, “I’ll be bugged” which I find really amazing ‘cause if they were to read what it [ɪʔ] really means she’d have a well purple fit [fɪʔ] probably ‘cause I don’t think they realise what it [ɪʔ] does or they don’t see it [ɪʔ] as that [ðəʔ] sort [sɔ:ʔ] of word; 0:09:04 I’d go out [æʊʔ] and say, “I’m going to buy some ‘clothes’” he said “no” he said, “before the war” he says, “you were ‘all geared up’” he said, “you got [gʊʔ] some posh gear there, girl, ain’t [ɛnʔ] you?” that’s what [wʊʔ] he said that’s exactly how he said it [ɪʔ] so it’s not [nʊʔ] a modern word; 0:14:43 perhaps if I said about [əbæʊʔ] a good friend I might say ‘best mate’ [meɪʔ] but normally I’d say a ‘friend of mine’ or he’s ‘my friend’; 0:20:29 uh to me it [ɪʔ] was a ‘TV remote’ [tʰeɪ:vəɪ: ɹəmʊʊʔ] and it [ɪʔ] was always a ‘TV remote’ [tʰeɪ:vəɪ: ɹəmʊʊʔ] and it [ɪʔ] always would be a ‘TV remote’ [tʰeɪ:vəɪ: ɹəmʊʊʔ] but when I met [mɛʔ] Andrea especially after we got married it [ɪʔ] was always ‘buttons’ and I hated it [ɪʔ]; 0:24:40 and when I mentioned it to dad he said a ‘spiv’ and I said, “oh, what’s one of them?” I didn’t even know I and he described, like, the guy out [aʊʔ] of Dad’s Army⁵ from the forties two-tone shoes really smart lots of watches and rings um and normally a ha... bowler hat [bəʊlə hæʔ] or a trilby hat [tɹɪɪbɪ hæʔ] or whatever he said they used to wear; 0:30:10 If I’m at work I’d say, “oh God I must go for a ‘tiddle’ or a ‘wee’” and I would get [gɛʔ] up and go)*

frequent word medial and syllable initial T-glottaling (e.g. 0:05:19 *yes, I think he would say that I’d say ‘cross’ I always say ‘cross’ to Matthew, “I’m getting [gɛʔɪŋ] very cross with you”; 0:15:13 I’m like you I would certainly [sə:ʔŋli] say ‘friend’ more more often than not although perhaps I might say, “I was going round a mate’s house tonight” that that kind of thing; 0:18:58 that’s the important [ɪmpɔ:ʔŋʔ] thing if you don’t know what someone is then you I always used to refer to them as a ‘couple’, “that couple over there” or “did you see that couple sitting next to us” or something; 0:20:29 uh to me it was a ‘TV remote’ and it was always a ‘TV remote’ and it always would be a ‘TV remote’ but when I met Andrea especially after we got married it was always ‘buttons’ [beʔŋz] and I hated it; 0:22:19 ‘baby’ um I don’t know only only ‘little [lɪʔ] one’ or ‘little [lɪʔ] fellow’ if it was a boy; 0:24:40 and when I mentioned it to dad he said a ‘spiv’ and I said, “oh, what’s one of them?” I didn’t even know I and he described, like, the guy out of Dad’s Army⁵ from the forties two-tone shoes really smart lots of watches and rings um and normally a ha... bowler hat or a trilby hat or whatever [wʊʔɛvə] he said they used to wear)*

T-tapping (0:01:30 *just, “cor, I’m ‘shattered’” or maybe even things you pick up nowadays off the TV even, “cor, I’m right ‘bushed’” but certainly that’s not [nɔ:ʔ] an Essex or a natural phrase)*

frequent T-voicing (e.g. 0:03:48 *and so will my mum she says it often as well, “I’ll be bugged” which I find really amazing ‘cause if they were to read what [wɔd] it really means she’d have a well purple fit probably ‘cause I don’t think they realise what [wɔd] it does or they don’t see it as that sort of word; 0:06:52 ‘cold’ um again mildly cold would be ‘chilly’ um um really cold would be ‘perishing’ um there’s quite [kwɑɪd] a lot [lɔd] of degrees of that what [wɔd] uh what [wɔd] else what [wɔd] else’ve the others got for that; 0:08:57 now I would’ve thought ‘gear’ was a was a young word but [bəd] it [ɪd] isn’t; 0:10:39 oh, we’d we’d look at [ad] them and say, “cor, they’re ‘done up to the nines’ today” [...] I can’t think where it’s come from but it’s it’s it would be a frequent thing, “oh blimey” she went by, “oh just*

look at her, look, ‘done up to the nines’”; 0:29:20 *that’s pretty [pɪndi] universal now in our family I think; 0:35:20 the little [lɪdʒ] kitchen we always to had all the cooker and all the pantry and everything else in it but the big kitchen is where you ate and the big kitchen had a hard floor in it as opposed to carpets)*

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glottal reinforcement of K (0:24:10 *I was speaking [spi:kʔŋ] to somebody the other day and I said, “oh, what’s with the yob’s gear?”*)

NASALS

NG

velar nasal plus (0:08:03 *‘boiling’s just anything, isn’t it, there’s no happy medium with me it’s either ‘freezing’ or ‘boiling’ [bɔɪŋŋ]*)

frequent NG-fronting (e.g. 0:01:40 *(anyone else any others, Jill?) no, I’ve just ‘tired’ or ‘weary’ nothing [nʌθɪŋ] special; 0:05:19 yes, I think he would say that I’d say ‘cross’ I always say ‘cross’ to Matthew, “I’m getting [gɛʔɪŋ] very cross with you”; 0:17:59 and you can talk about your ‘partner’ without directly admitting [adɪtɪŋ] that you’re gay, can’t you?; 0:28:38 well ‘rain heavily’ is ‘pouring’ [pɔɪɪŋ] or ‘absolutely chucking [tʃʌkən] it down’ something [sʌmθɪŋ] like that)*

<-thing> with NK (0:44:33 *I don’t know of anything [ɛnɪθɪŋk] for ‘left-handed’ I didn’t even know any left-handed people really until Matthew)*

N

syllabic N with nasal release (0:02: 34 *well I couldn’t [kʊdn̩ʔ] think of anything other than ‘pleased’ and when I mentioned it to my dad who’s eighty-one he said “‘chuffed to buggery’, girl,” he said; 0:09:04 I’d go out and say, “I’m going to buy some ‘clothes’” he said “no” he said, “before the war” he says, “you were ‘all geared up’” he said, “you got some posh gear there, girl, ain’t you?” that’s what he said that’s exactly how he said it so it’s not a modern [mɒdn̩ʔ] word; 0:11:03 can only think of ‘trousers’ at the minute (yeah, I don’t know of any other word that we use) or or ‘slacks’ they used to say, didn’t [dɪdn̩ʔ] they, um I don’t know what the youngsters call their clothes now; 0:23:14 people do say ‘the missus’ ‘the other half’ ‘her indoors’ but then I wouldn’t [wʊdn̩ʔ] say that’s something that I would hear round our area really that’s more off the telly I think; 0:24:40 and when I mentioned it to dad he said a ‘spiv’ and I said, “oh, what’s one of them?” I didn’t [dɪdn̩ʔ] even know I and he described, like, the guy out of Dad’s Army⁵ from the forties two-tone shoes really smart lots of watches and rings um and normally a ha... bowler hat or a trilby hat or whatever he said they used to wear; 0:30:55 I don’t know which way round he said they used to be called ‘privy’ or ‘closet’ (‘privy’) and it was I don’t know which one’s down the garden [gɑ:dŋ] and which one wasn’t; 0:54:29 I didn’t [dɪdn̩ʔ] consider I had an accid... uh an accent but I remember about twenty years ago somebody uh coming to work with me from Wickford who was part of Jill’s London overspill and uh he used to call me a ‘carrot cruncher’)*

syllabic N with epenthetic schwa (0:03:48 *and so will my mum she says it often [ɒftən] as well, “I’ll be buggered” which I find really amazing ‘cause if they were to read what it really means she’d have a well purple fit probably ‘cause I don’t think they realise what it does or they don’t see it as that sort of word; 0:14:12 ‘cause we often [ɒftən] used to s... say ‘aunty Jean’ or ‘aunty Olive’ which seemed normal to use a Christian name after it but the grandparents always had their own um name in their own right, didn’t they, ‘grandma’ or ‘grandmother’ or ‘nana’; 0:29:27 I’m told that it was ‘closet’ was a popular word my dad said he would’ve been taught to say ‘closet’ it only went to ‘toilet’ in probably the fifties as a modern [mɒdən] word)*

FRICATIVES

H

H-dropping (0:14:43 *perhaps* [pʌəps] *if if I said about a good friend I might say 'best mate' but normally I'd say a 'friend of mine' or he's 'my friend'*; 0:37:26 *my mum would often say, "oh he's 'tiddly', look, can hardly [a:dli] walk", you know*)

TH

TH-fronting (0:02:34 *well I couldn't think of anything* [ɛniθɪŋ] *other* [ʌvə] *than her 'pleased' and when I mentioned it to my dad who's eighty-one he said " 'chuffed to buggery', girl," he said*; 0:08:03 *'boiling's just anything, [ɛniθɪŋ] isn't it, there's no happy medium with [wɪv] me it's either [aɪvə] 'freezing' or 'boiling'*; 0:17:59 *and you can talk about your 'partner' without [wɪvæʊ?] directly admitting that you're gay, can't you?*; 0:23:48 *I've never heard my dad call my mum anything* [ɛniθɪŋ] *other* [ʌvə] *than her name*; 0:27:01 *they are just 'tools' whether [wɛvə] they're electric power tools or air tools or spanners just 'tools'*)

LIQUIDS

R

approximant R (0:03:48 *and so will my mum she says it often as well, "I'll be buggered" which I find really [ɹɪ:li] amazing 'cause if they were to read [ɹɪ:d] what it really [ɹɪ:li] means she'd have a well purple fit probably [pʊbli] 'cause I don't think they realise [ɹɪəlaɪz] what it does or they don't see it as that sort of word*; 0:06:52 *'cold' um again mildly cold would be 'chilly' um um really [ɹɪ:li] cold would be 'perishing' [pɛɹɪʃɪŋ] um there's quite a lot of degrees [dɪgri:z] of that what uh what else what else've the others got for that*; 0:54:29 *I didn't consider I [kənsɪdəɪ aɪ] had an accid... uh an accent but I remember about [ɹɪmɛmbəɪ əbaʊ?] twenty years ago somebody uh coming to work with me from Wickford who was part of Jill's London overspill and uh he used to call me a 'carrot cruncher' [kærəʔkrʌntʃə]*)

L

clear onset L (0:06:52 *'cold' um again mildly cold would be 'chilly' [tʃɪli] um um really [ɹɪ:li] cold would be 'perishing' um there's quite a lot [lɒd] of degrees of that what uh what else what else've the others got for that*; 0:17:29 *people who weren't married would've said 'boyfriend' 'girlfriend' or whatever but I think very s... depending on age particularly very slightly [slɑɪ?li] uncomfortable whereas 'partner' has allowed [əleʊd] them to say that quite quite easily [əi:zəli]*; 0:30:02 *most blokes [bləʊks] might say they're going for a 'slash', [slɑʃ] wouldn't they? (yeah, that's true) if it's blokes [bləʊks] together I presume*; 0:50:52 *so if you're going off to have a game of tennis or football you say that unless [ʌnlɛs] you meant 'play [plæɪ] a game on someone' like [laɪk] a trick or something*)

dark coda L (0:01:19 *'ill' [ɪʔ] or 'unwell' uh that's how it's always been in the family*; 0:00:53 *(so what would she say to you?) oh she'd say, "oh, so-and-so's been right queer he's been taken into hospital" [hɒspɪtʊʔ]*; 0:01:30 *just, "cor, I'm 'shattered'" or maybe even things you pick up nowadays off the TV even, "cor, I'm right 'bushed'" but certainly that's not an Essex or a natural [natʃəʊʔ] phrase*; 0:06:52 *'cold' [kɛʊʔd] um again mildly [maɪʔdli] cold [kɛʊʔd] would be 'chilly' um um really cold [kɛʊʔd] would be 'perishing' um there's quite a lot of degrees of that what uh what else [ɛʔs] what else've [ɛʔsəv] the others got for that*; 0:54:29 *I didn't consider I had an accid... uh an accent but I remember about twenty years ago somebody uh coming to work with me from Wickford who was part of Jill's London overspill and uh he used to call [kɔ:ʔ] me a 'carrot cruncher'*)

frequent L-vocalisation (e.g. 0:01:19 ‘ill’ or ‘unwell’ [ɛnwɛʊ] *uh that’s how it’s always been in the family*; 0:05:12 *well* [wɛʊ] *I say ‘cross’ but my mum and dad’d say ‘riled’* [ɹaɪʊd]; 0:18:58 *that’s the important thing if you don’t know what someone is then you I always used to refer to them as a ‘couple’*, [kɛpʊ] *“that couple [kɛpʊ] over there” or “did you see that couple [kɛpʊ] sitting next to us” or something*; 0:18:41 *though I’m not quite so sure um how that would’ve been handled* [hændʊd] *in the recent past though*; 0:27:01 *they are just ‘tools’* [tʊ:ʊz] *whether they’re electric power tools* [pæ:ɪtʊ:ʊz] *or air tools* [ɛ:tʊ:ʊz] *or spanners just ‘tools’* [tʊ:ʊz]; 0:27:35 *either just a ‘shower’ or ‘drizzle’* [dɹɪzʊ]; 0:54:29 *I didn’t consider I had an accid... uh an accent but I remember about twenty years ago somebody uh coming to work with me from Wickford who was part of Jill’s* [dʒɪʊz] *London overspill* [ɒvəspɪʊ] *and uh he used to call me a ‘carrot cruncher’*)

syllabic L with lateral release (0:30:10 *If I’m at work I’d say, “oh God I must go for a ‘tiddle’* [tɪdʔ] *or a ‘wee” and I would get up and go*; 0:35:48 *um picking up on Chris’s little* [lɪtʔ] *kitchen um we had a it would nowadays be a ‘utility room’ but we had such a room and that was the ‘scullery’*)

GLIDES

J

yod with word medial z (0:30:02 *most blokes might say they’re going for a ‘slash’, wouldn’t they? (yeah, that’s true) if it’s blokes together I presume* [pɹɪzju:m])

yod dropping with word medial z (1:00:21 *I don’t think he (I don’t think he does, does he?) he does we don’t notice it (no) so I’m presuming* [pɹɪzju:mɪn] *he speaks the same as us*)

zero yod (0:59:55 *but then there’s lots of words like that my mum and dad say ‘secretary’ instead of ‘secretary’ and a ‘computer’* [kəmpju:tə] *instead of a ‘computer’* [kəmpju:tə])

yod dropping – other (0:29:27 *I’m told that it was ‘closet’ was a popular* [pɒpələ] *word my dad said he would’ve been taught to say ‘closet’ it only went to ‘toilet’ in probably the fifties as a modern word*)

yod coalescence (0:01:30 *just, “cor, I’m ‘shattered” or maybe even things you pick up nowadays off the TV even, “cor, I’m right ‘bushed” but certainly that’s not an Essex or a natural* [natʃəʊʔ] *phrase*;

0:17:48 *I think I know why ‘cause of the homosexuality* [həʊməʊsɛkʃɪələti] *yeah (that’s right)*; 0:52:58 *the media* [mi:dʒə] *are portraying Essex people wrongly*)

ELISION

prepositions

of reduction (0:24:40 *and when I mentioned it to dad he said a ‘spiv’ and I said, “oh, what’s one of [ə] them?” I didn’t even know I and he described, like, the guy out of [əv] Dad’s Army⁵ from the forties two-tone shoes really smart lots of [əv] watches and rings um and normally a ha... bowler hat or a trilby hat or whatever he said they used to wear*; 0:28:30 *“you always get more rain in a pailful of [ə] drizzle” was what the old boys’d say*; 0:50:52 *so if you’re going off to have a game of [ə] tennis or football you say that unless you meant ‘play a game on someone’ like a trick or something*; 1:02:50 *there’s plenty I don’t like but I do like Somerset and I do like sort of [ə] Suffolk and Norfolk*)

with reduction (0:09:27 *I personally would refer to somebody else as having ‘good gear’ or ‘new gear’ or something but it’s not something I’d uh talk about with* [wɪ] *my own clothes*)

negation

secondary contraction (0:10:04 *I’d usually use that as almost sort of taking the piss a bit, you know, “oh, that’s a posh frock you’ve got on” (yeah, but but) I wouldn’t* [wʊnʔ] *be a genuine sort of compliment (that,*

no, that's what you used to say though, isn't it?); 0:13:29 my mum didn't [dɪn?] want to be 'grandma' 'cause she thought that made her sound old she wanted to be 'nana')

simplification

word final consonant cluster reduction (0:05:44 I think he does use 'riled', doesn't [dʌzən] he, I've heard him say that; 0:09:04 I'd go out and say, "I'm going to buy some 'clothes'" [klɛʊz] he said "no" he said, "before the war" he says, "you were 'all geared up'" he said, "you got some posh gear there, girl, ain't you?" that's what he said that's exactly how he said it so it's not a modern word; 0:10:04 (I'd usually use that as almost sort of taking the piss a bit, you know, "oh, that's a posh frock you've got on") yeah, but but (I wouldn't be a genuine sort of compliment) that, no, that's what you used to say though, isn't [ɪzŋ] it?; 0:11:03 can only think of 'trousers' at the minute (yeah, I don't know of any other word that we use) or or 'slacks' they used to say, didn't they, um I don't know what the youngsters call their clothes [klɛʊz] now; 0:13:21 my wife's mother was asked, [ɑːst] "what do you want to be known as?" and she said, "nanny"; 0:24:40 and when I mentioned it to dad he said a 'spiv' and I said, "oh, what's one of them?" I didn't [dɪdŋ] even know I and he described, like, the guy out of Dad's Army⁵ from the forties two-tone shoes really smart lots of watches and rings um and normally a ha... bowler hat or a trilby hat or whatever he said they used to wear; 0:59:46 I think that's how I say 'windows', don't [dɛʊn] I?)

word medial consonant cluster reduction (0:09:04 I'd go out and say, "I'm going to buy some 'clothes'" he said "no" he said, "before the war" he says, "you were 'all geared up'" he said, "you got some posh gear there, girl, ain't you?" that's what he said that's exactly [ɪzakli] how he said it so it's not a modern word; 0:59:55 but then there's lots of words like that my mum and dad say 'secretary' [sɛkətɛɪ] instead of 'secretary' [sɛkɪətɪ] and a 'computer' instead of a 'computer')

syllable deletion (0:01:19 'ill' or 'unwell' uh that's how it's always been in the family [fæmli]; 0:03:48 and so will my mum she says it often as well, "I'll be buggered" which I find really amazing 'cause if they were to read what it really means she'd have a well purple fit probably [pɪɒbli] 'cause I don't think they realise what it does or they don't see it as that sort of word; 0:09:57 perhaps [pɪəps] a woman you might say a 'posh frock' but very very rarely; 0:14:43 perhaps [pɪəps] if I said about a good friend I might say 'best mate' but normally I'd say a 'friend of mine' or he's 'my friend'; 0:22:36 to me it's a 'baby' but I was always referred to as 'the little one' in my family [fæmli]; 0:30:34 among men it's um not quite so polite probably [pɪɒbli] it would be probably [pɪɒbli] "I'm going to go for a piss" it would probably [pɪɒbli] be that among men; 0:45:23 perhaps [pɪəps] 'cack' means something in in in old dialect or something where it come down from I don't know; 0:56:07 I think because you worked in London and quite a sort of posh sort of office where things were done properly [pɪɒpli] I think you did perhaps [pɪəps] quite rightly change your accent a little bit)

L-deletion (0:11:03 can only [ɛʊni] think of 'trousers' at the minute (yeah, I don't know of any other word that we use) or or 'slacks' they used to say, didn't they, um I don't know what the youngsters call their clothes now; 0:13:59 I've only [ɛʊni] known one granddad and we called him 'grand George'; 0:14:12 'cause we often used to s... say 'aunty Jean' or 'aunty Olive' which seemed normal to use a Christian name after it but the grandparents always [ɔːwɪz] had their own um name in their own right, didn't they, 'grandma' or 'grandmother' or 'nana'; 0:18:58 that's the important thing if you don't know what someone is then you I always [ɔːwɪz] used to refer to them as a 'couple', "that couple over there" or "did you see that couple sitting next to us" or something; 0:19:48 dad always [ɔːwɪz] used to say 'doofer' (oh) it was always [ɔːwɪz] a 'doofer')

frequent TH-deletion (e.g. 0:10:39 oh, we'd we'd look at them [əɪm] and say, "cor, they're 'done up to the nines' today" [...] I can't think where it's come from but it's it's it would be a frequent thing, "oh blimey" she went by, "oh just look at her, look, 'done up to the nines'"; 0:18:58 that's the important thing if you

don't know what someone is then you I always used to refer to them [əm] as a 'couple', "that couple over there" or "did you see that couple sitting next to us" or something 0:27:45 and when I asked my dad today he said, "well there was a saying" he said, "when I was a boy" he said but I've never heard anyone use it since his father died he'd co... I he would say, "that's [aʔs] banging out there today" and he would mean that is 'drizzle'; 0:31:31 my London overspill that haven't stayed in the towns that were built for them [əm])

v-deletion with have (0:08:57 *now I would've [wʊdə] thought 'gear' was a was a young word but it isn't; 0:18:41 though I'm not quite so sure um how that would've [wʊdə] been handled in the recent past though; 0:29:27 I'm told that it was 'closet' was a popular word my dad said he would've [wʊdə] been taught to say 'closet' it only went to 'toilet' in probably the fifties as a modern word; 0:36:12 people would actually go out there on a Monday and do quite a lot of the washing and so on would've [wʊdə] been done out there)*

LIAISON

frequent linking R (e.g. 0:00:53 *(so what would she say to you?) oh she'd say, "oh, so-and-so's been right queer he's [kwɪɪz] been taken into hospital"; 0:14:12 'cause we often used to s... say 'aunty Jean' or 'aunty Olive' which seemed normal to use a Christian name after it [ɑ:ftəɪz] but the grandparents always had their own um name in their own right, didn't they, 'grandma' or 'grandmother' or 'nana'; 0:23:14 people do say 'the missus' 'the other half' 'her indoors' [hə:ɪndɔ:z] but then I wouldn't say that's something that I would hear round our area [ɑ:ɪɪə] really that's more off [mɔ:ɪf] the telly I think; 0:27:35 either just a 'shower' [ʃæ:əɪz] or 'drizzle'; 0:31:31 my London overspill that haven't stayed in the towns that were built for them [fɔ:ɪəm]; 0:36:03 that was the wash-house which was obviously the derivation of wash-house um and in fact I think it had it had a copper in [kɒpəɪn] the corner; 0:42:30 'skint' or 'poor' perhaps 'skint' if I was talking about myself 'poor' if [pɔ:ɪf] I was talking about other people; 0:54:29 I didn't consider I [kənsɪdəɪz] had an accid... uh an accent but I remember about [ɪmɛmbəɪz] twenty years ago somebody uh coming to work with me from Wickford who was part of Jill's London overspill and uh he used to call me a 'carrot cruncher'; 1:02:12 and now she has a daughter of [dɔ:ɪz] four who's about to go to school with people who sound like that she can't bear the thought that they're going to have this Estuary Essex twang)*

intrusive R (0:03:11 *as soon as I saw it [sɔ:ɪz] I thought 'pleased' but just hearing Jill saying 'chuffed' then that is one that I've actually said myself; 0:14:12 'cause we often used to s... say 'aunty Jean' or 'aunty Olive' which seemed normal to use a Christian name after it but the grandparents always had their own um name in their own right, didn't they, 'grandma' or [ɡrɑnma:ɪz] 'grandmother' or 'nana'; 0:22:19 'baby' um I don't know only only 'little one' or 'little fellow' if [fɛləɪf] it was a boy; 0:52:54 (why is it important to you?) well because um the media are [mi:dɪəz] portraying Essex people wrongly)*

LIAISON

Z to D with negative (e (0:54:50 *if he doesn't [dʌdn̩] like living here then he can bugger off back to where he came from)*

WEAK-STRONG CONTRAST

word final vowel strengthening ((0:01:30 *just, "cor, I'm 'shattered'" or maybe even things you pick up nowadays off the TV even, "cor, I'm right 'bushed'" but certainly that's not an Essex [ɛsɪks] or a natural phrase; 0:53:47 I would describe my my accent probably as as rural Essex [ɛsɪks] or maybe agricultural*

Essex [ɛsɪks]; 1:02:12 *and now she has a daughter of four who's about to go to school with people who sound like that she can't bear the thought that they're going to have this Estuary Essex [ɛsɪks] twang)*

PROSODY

stress shift (0:21:52 *we always used to call the thing that they patted the road surface down with as a 'bonker' not the ones that vibrated ['vaɪbræɪtɪd] but the ones that sort of went 'duff duff duff' (oh yes, yes) and we called that a 'bonker'*)

LEXICALY SPECIFIC VARIATION

again (0:06:52 *'cold' um again [əɡeɪn] mildly cold would be 'chilly' um um really cold would be 'perishing' um there's quite a lot of degrees of that what uh what else what else've the others got for that)*

ate (0:35:20 *the little kitchen we always to had all the cooker and all the pantry and everything else in it but the big kitchen is where you ate [aɪʔ] and the big kitchen had a hard floor in it as opposed to carpets; 0:35:20 yeah, probably probably 'ate' [ɛt] it (let's go with the girls) (yeah, I've 'ate' [ɛt] it I think, yeah))*

because (0:56:07 *I think because [bɪkəz] you worked in London and quite a sort of posh sort of office where things were done properly I think you did perhaps quite rightly change your accent a little bit)*

either (0:08:03 *'boiling's just anything, isn't it, there's no happy medium with me it's either [aɪvə] 'freezing' or 'boiling'; 0:25:17 I have heard from the younger colleagues around me in the office the term 'chav' although I'm not too sure exactly what that um what sort of person that fits either [aɪðə]; 0:27:35 either [aɪðə] just a 'shower' or 'drizzle'; 0:35:34 we always say the the 'dining room' but when I was at home it was either [aɪðə] the 'other room' or the 'back room'*)

often (0:03:48 *and so will my mum she says it often [ɒftən] as well, "I'll be buggered" which I find really amazing 'cause if they were to read what it really means she'd have a well purple fit probably 'cause I don't think they realise what it does or they don't see it as that sort of word; 0:14:12 'cause we often [ɒftən] used to s... say 'aunty Jean' or 'aunty Olive' which seemed normal to use a Christian name after it but the grandparents always had their own um name in their own right, didn't they, 'grandma' or 'grandmother' or 'nana'; 0:15:13 I'm like you I would certainly say 'friend' more more often [ɒfən] than not although perhaps I might say, "I was going round a mate's house tonight" that that kind of thing; 0:37:26 my mum would often [ɒfən] say, "oh he's 'tiddly', look, can hardly walk", you know)*

says (0:03:48 *and so will my mum she says [sez] it often as well, "I'll be buggered" which I find really amazing 'cause if they were to read what it really means she'd have a well purple fit probably 'cause I don't think they realise what it does or they don't see it as that sort of word; 0:09:04 I'd go out and say, "I'm going to buy some 'clothes'" he said "no" he said, "before the war" he says, [sez] "you were 'all geared up'" he said, "you got some posh gear there, girl, ain't you?" that's what he said that's exactly how he said it so it's not a modern word)*

should think (0:59:06 *you would say something to me um, "oh, isn't that flower pretty over there" I say, "I should think [ʃɪŋk] it is")*

GRAMMAR

DETERMINERS

complementiser as (0:03:02 *I can't say as I've heard him say what you say)*

PRONOUNS

plural subject us (1:03:58 *I was lucky enough to have a a maths and science teacher with a warm West Country voice like that um, yeah, and the ones that for some reason us down here in Essex do find annoying tend to be Brummies uh maybe Geordies uh as well as um Liverpool*)

that [= it] (0:27:45 *and when I asked my dad today he said, “well there was a saying” he said, “when I was a boy” he said but I’ve never heard anyone use it since his father died he’d co... I he would say, “that’s banging out there today” and he would mean that is ‘drizzle’*)

possessive me (0:09:27 *I personally would refer to somebody else as having ‘good gear’ or ‘new gear’ or something but it’s not something I’d uh talk about with me own clothes*)

unbound reflexive (0:08:44 *probably ‘gear’ although that doesn’t altogether come naturally to me it’s probably something I’ve almost picked up from a you... a generation younger than myself*; 1:00:59 *we’re probably two-thirds incomers to only one-third um, you know, long-established people like myself*)

relative that (0:00:26 *well probably nowadays use ‘poorly’ although I certainly know people in the past that would’ve said, “oh crumbs, he’s awfully queer today”*; 0:02:44 *oh definitely, yes, my grandparents well not grandmothers but grandfathers would’ve said that and definitely my dad and my uncles, yes, my mum’s brothers that’re no longer with us, yes*)

zero relative (1:02:50 *there’s plenty _ I don’t like but I do like Somerset and I do like sort of Suffolk and Norfolk*)

VERBS

present

3rd person zero (0:55:13 *when you walk through your mum’s front door your voice change changes and that’s before they’ve uttered a word*)

be – is generalisation (0:37:38 *oh puss, is you ‘tiddly’ you just fell off there like you’re tiddly⁷*)

past

generalisation of simple past (0:10:54 *yes, I dunno where that come from but that’s used a lot, isn’t it? (that is used a lot)*; 0:35:20 *(yeah, probably probably ‘ate’ it) (let’s go with the girls) yeah, I’ve ‘ate’ it I think, yeah*; 0:45:23 *perhaps ‘cack’ means something in in in old dialect or something where it come down from I don’t know*)

alternative past (0:59:34 *well “the um man’s been round and he’s clent^o the windows”*)

compounds

zero auxiliary have (0:09:04 *I’d go out and say, “I’m going to buy some ‘clothes’” he said “no” he said, “before the war” he says, “you were ‘all geared up’” he said, “you _ got some posh gear there, girl, ain’t you?” that’s what he said that’s exactly how he said it so it’s not a modern word*)

invariant there is~was (0:33:34 *there was lots of brooks where we used to play so it was always a ‘brook’*; 0:35:06 *when I first moved to Southminster when I was two um it was a big house and there was what you might call three main rooms*; 0:49:39 *I know there’s lots of phrases, isn’t there, ‘bunk off’ and all things like that*; 0:59:55 *but then there’s lots of words like that my mum and dad say ‘secretary’ instead of ‘secretary’ and a ‘computer’ instead of a ‘computer’*; 1:02:50 *there’s plenty I don’t like but I do like Somerset and I do like sort of Suffolk and Norfolk*)

⁷ This utterance is addressed to a cat in the room that appears to attract the speaker’s attention by tripping up / falling over.

historic present (0:09:04 *I'd go out and say, "I'm going to buy some 'clothes'" he said "no" he said, "before the war" he says, "you were 'all geared up'" he said, "you got some posh gear there, girl, ain't you?" that's what he said that's exactly how he said it so it's not a modern word*)

full verb have (0:01:40 *(anyone else any others, Jill?) no, I've just 'tired' or 'weary' nothing special; 1:02:12 and now she has a daughter of four who's about to go to school with people who sound like that she can't bear the thought that they're going to have this Estuary Essex twang*)

NEGATION

alternative negator (0:54:50 *if he dudn* like living here then he can bugger off back to where he came from*)

ain't for negative have (0:09:04 *I'd go out and say, "I'm going to buy some 'clothes'" he said "no" he said, "before the war" he says, "you were 'all geared up'" he said, "you got some posh gear there, girl, ain't you?" that's what he said that's exactly how he said it so it's not a modern word*)

PREPOSITIONS

preposition deletion (0:15:13 *I'm like you I would certainly say 'friend' more more often than not although perhaps I might say, "I was going round _ a mate's house tonight" that that kind of thing; 0:57:59 and as he walked out _ the door I was like, "oh um you're off see you, Fred, you're off early" I thought I said, "are you on a promise?" but without realising it I'd said, "are you on a promise?"*)

DISCOURSE

intensifier right (0:00:53 *(so what would she say to you?) oh she'd say, "oh, so-and-so's been right queer he's been taken into hospital"; 0:01:30 just, "cor, I'm 'shattered'" or maybe even things you pick up nowadays off the TV even, "cor, I'm right 'bushed'" but certainly that's not an Essex or a natural phrase*)

quotative like (0:57:59 *and as he walked out the door I was like, "oh um you're off see you, Fred, you're off early" I thought I said, "are you on a promise?" but without realising it I'd said, "are you on a promise?"*)

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