Week 8. Historical change (iii)

British prestige innovations (continued)

1. Recent changes: early twentieth century
   - /ɔː/ → /o/ in CLOTH words
   - FORCE merger: loss of /ɔɔ/ (→ /ɔ/) floor = flaw, four = for, source = sauce
   - GOAT fronting: [ou → əu] goat, over the road, oh no
   - loss of [ɔ] obey, Novermber, bigiological, microphone
   - opening of /æ/ that bad man
   - replacement of [r] by [ɹ] very sorry for any errors

2. Recent changes: mid twentieth century
   - loss of /u:/ (→ /u/) poor, sure, cure, your(s), you’re
   - drift from weak /l/ to /ʃ/ possible, visible, sanity, carelessness
   - plosive epenthesis fence, instance, conscience, emphasis
   - yod coalescence before weak V actual, perceptual, gradual
   - glottalling of /t/ _C, _#C football, witness, atlas, network, quite C

3. Recent changes: late twentieth century
   - weak final [ɹ] (→ [ɹ]) (“/ɹ”)
   - backing of /u:/ before [ɬ] told, cold, goal, whole
   - unrounding, fronting of /uː, ʊ/ spoon, you, good
   - glottalling of /t/ in envs. _#V, _∥ quite easy, not only, right.
   - vocalization of /l/ ([ɬ → ɹ]) milk, shelf, feel, table, middle
   - yod coalescence before strong V Tuesday, tune, reduce, duke
   - monophthonging of /æː/ [→ ɛː] fair and square, Mary
   - “uptalk” (HR on statement) My name’s Mary Smith.
   - s-affricate assimilation (s→ʃ) _tr: strong _tʃ: student

Characteristics of contemporary regional ‘near-RP’ in England: may typically include (some of)

- No NG Simplification morpheme-final ŋg sing, singer
- Short vowel in BATH words ə (not ə) in some words ask after
- Quality of closing diphthongs (əɹ, əu) price, mouth
  (ɛɹ, əʊ) face, goat
- No R Dropping r non-prevocalic short war
- STRUT(-FOOT) o or ə, for RP ə good luck
- everything else mentioned on this page