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KPC Did you ever get into any scrapes at school?

TK Oh, aye, plenty.

KPC What did you get up to?

TK Ach, devilment, you know, mischief.

KPC Well, tell me some of your devilment.

TK Oh, eh...

KPC Tell me a story of one of the things you did at school.

TK Aye. Eh, hid the bell.

KPC You hid the bell?

TK Hid the bell.

KPC *[laughs]*

TK The bell, the bell used to be, em... every class...

KPC Uh-huh.

TK ... the bell rang. It was a bell that went round the school, you see.

KPC Uh-huh.

TK So, eh, ach, you know, I was up to hiding the bell, and next thing, there'd be a rumpus round the school, and classes would be all disrupted, and that type of thing there.

KPC Uh-huh.

TK But, ach, they we... they were, they weren't serious. They were just mischievous a bit of craic.

KPC Aye, uh-huh.

TK Light-hearted things, you know.

KPC Uh-huh.

TK Uh-huh. Nothing too serious, or... nothing... no vandalism or nothing like that there.

KPC *[laughs]*. And what happened when the bell was found?

TK Well, I suppose somebody would let the beans out, or spill the beans, and then the next thing, you'd get a bit of a hiding from the teacher, or something like that there.

KPC Yeah.

TK But it was all good fun anyway.

KPC Yeah.

TK So no problem at all.

KPC And did you ever go on school trips?

TK Oh, aye, plenty of trips too, yeah.

KPC Where did youse go?

TK Mainly Geography trips.

KPC Aye.

TK Geography trips out to the country.

KPC Uh-huh.

TK Out on the way to Fermanagh, or something like that there.

KPC Uh-huh.

TK And they were good old craic and mad time, you know, with young boys.

KPC What would you do?

TK And the... ach, well you know you were let loose for the day, and, eh, everything was good craic, and teachers couldn't control the, the pupils, and everyone was a bit... great craic, you know, because you were going missing and not, eh, abiding by the rules, and that type of thing there. And they were always good craic, and you always had... all the guys were into great craic, you know.

KPC Mm.

TK You'd have the studious boys, of course, you know, which you'd give them a hard time, you know. But, eh, as far as the rest of the boys, everybody was in a bit of craic and a bit of, a bit of joviality, and that type of thing.

KPC Mm.

TK And, eh, just keep it, keep the teachers on their toes and tease them and all the craic, and maybe not conform to what they want to do.

KPC *[laughs]*

TK But the craic was good.

KPC Did you ever do any Geography [*laughs*] when you were out there?

TK Oh, aye, eh, bits and piece... maybe when you come home again, you had to do it, that. But, eh, when you were doing it out there, it was... the craic was just, aye... it was just good fun, you know.

KPC Yeah.

TK Great fun. Eh, I can remember going into the caves, you know, Bow Caves.

KPC Uh-huh.

TK Uh-huh, it was good old craic. You can imagine it – 40 pupils in a cave. Madness, and it pitch dark, and a racket match, and shouting and screaming. All them school days were full of craic.

KPC Yeah?

TK Really good fun. That's why they're memorable. They're memorable.

KPC Yeah