

Social History – Holidays

Post WWII, nobody was taking holidays before 1946.

1946 – Take your own food. Rationing still in place. Walk along the prom.

Beach Holidays – staying in guest house or B&B. Having to stay out all day no matter what the weather. Don't try coming back before the allocated time!

Warner holiday camps – all the family came!

Bungalow –cleaning up the sand brought in from the beach.

1959 – Train to Italy – slept on couchettes.

Camping with grandad – all family in separate tents. Dad banished to far side of the camp because of his snoring!

Day out with grandad and all grandkids to New Brighton. Suit and knotted hankey on head.

Swimming in the sea with knitted woollen swimsuits – which ended up by knees when wet!

Donkey rides on beach with a not very happy donkey.

Metal buckets and spades.

Caravan by sea – it rained all week!

1956 Bexhill – rented flat. Mum trying to cope with wet nappies. Rain all week and beach closed due to unexploded bomb.

Mum tried to cook shrimps – which all jumped out of the pan!

Using Box Brownie camera – two weeks wait to get film developed and half were awful because of no focusing and only rough guide to exposure (sun or shade?).