

Helen Aloof, b1949 Chiswick

Parents boarding house holidays, but not many. 1951 went to holiday camp in Kelsey Bill. Catered. Dad won the wobbly knees competition - surrounded by "real east enders". Forfeit for being late - girl had to find any man with bald head and kiss it. Girl chose Helen's dad who didn't think he was bald until then "moment of truth". Sports day races - won. Ballroom always very exciting - skating about in socks, feeling of independence. Butlins too big when they went in 1960 - mum got sick of queueing for everything. Had children but never took them as holiday camps would not allow dogs.