

John Daniel b 1937, SE London

As a child went on boarding house holiday with parents. They finally decided to go to Butlins in 1956 but he missed out as was called up to do National Service.

Went with his kids when they were born. First to Butlins then to Camber Sands and elsewhere. Went with nuclear family. Paid all in so wife had a holiday - all meals included. No cooking. Paid upfront for weeks holiday. Depending how much money he was earning would go in or out of term time, and would have to self-cater - decline of the docks so his income declined. Bluecoats at Pontins would lead entertainment. Lots of drinking (some hooligans!). Tannoy announcements for games. Had a camcorder so lots of filming.