



Holidays by Rail

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We always went to Bournemouth for our holidays by train. Dad would come home from work Saturday, lunch time, August bank Holiday, and we would catch a bus, to Salisbury station, for the train to Bournemouth.

We would pass Milford Goods Yard and Alderbury Junction, stopping at Downton, Breamore, Fordingbridge, Ibsley Halt by request, Ringwood, St Leonards, West Moors, Ferndown, Merley and the exciting bit Broadstone Junction, where the porter would announce our arrival as BroadSTONE.

It was here of course where we could see different engines to Southern Railway, LMS coloured coaches of the Somerset and Dorset, we couldn't quite make out where they came from to start with, but they were certainly different.

Our journey continued through Poole, and sometimes we alighted at Branksome or Bournemouth West.

Dad returned home Monday afternoon, as his holiday, was only the weekend, and mum and I returned on Saturday.

The other exciting things, apart from the beach, was the trams and most of all the trolley buses, especially travelling to Christchurch and watching the trolley bus being turned on the turntable.