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Visitors in the early 20th century.

Because, you see my mother ran the Ludgate as a hotel and my father did the farming, so it was combined really, and people, they'd come year after year, and they only came to paint and go on the moor and read and something like that, they'd stay a month perhaps and go away, and then come back later in the year again. But we opened from Easter, my mother used to open from Easter till about the end of October, and then it would be all shut up.

And where did the visitors come from?

Oh anywhere, all over, Bournemouth.

And how did they get here?

Train mostly, and then of course there was the bus, and taxi, very few had cars, no, very few had cars, it was quite an event in my day even, for a car to come up from Bovey Tracey, if he did he was boiling or the plugs had oiled up or something.