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Visiting the Moorlands Hotel in the 1960s.

Well my family first started coming down here when I was a teenager and we used to come and stay at the Moorlands Hotel at Haytor, and we had lots of things to do, there was the tennis court, there was putting, there was an unheated swimming pool in the corner of the grounds that was very, very cold, and the riding stables in the grounds; we used to go riding, obviously there was the moor to walk upon, I was always fascinated by the tramway. I suppose really, looking back at it the moor was quite a lot quieter then, there was a lot less traffic and I suppose not so much commuting on and off the moor as there is these days and of course at Haytor there was no Information Centre, no toilet block or anything like that, so things have changed quite a lot in the last thirty years or so.