

LONG WAIT AT PLATFORM 4: DANNY COLE

The train standing at platform 4 is late.

Some years ago when myself and my older brother were aged about 6 and 7 Mum and Dad decided to take us to Skegness for a holiday. The train for Skegness left Victoria Station Sheffield at 9 am.

Now here's the thing: both my Mum and Dad were blind so myself and Mark were their eyes and ears especially in a noisy environment like a train station.

We arrived at the station in plenty of time and Dad said, 'get one of those carriages without the corridor so we are able to keep you guys in check and not running up and down the train'. Mark finds a carriage right at the end of the platform, so we all climb in with all our trantlements, as Mum used to call it (luggage) to us mere mortals. Now please try not to laugh; we sat there for 2hours Dad saying there must be a problem when the door opened. It was the Station Master and in a booming voice said, 'what are you doing in here?' Dad said, 'waiting for the train to take us to Skegness'. The Station Master said, 'you won't get to Skegness in this carriage as it's in for repair and not connected to a train'...oops! But the Station Master was brilliant, sorted us out and got us on our holiday.