



FUN ON THE SOUTH DOWNS

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Holidays allow us to unwind and do things that we wouldn't normally do.

This is exactly what we do during our stay at Medmerry Park Holiday Village in the heart of the glorious South Downs, only 30 or so miles from our Hampshire home.

As we make our way through the electric gates we wonder what our chalet, number 10A, will be like. En route the park is full of lots of beautiful flowers. There is plenty of on-site parking and we are able to unload our luggage with ease.

The chalet accommodates six people. There are two bedrooms, a kitchen and lounge with double doors out onto the veranda. As soon as we arrive we feel the weight of the world lifting from our overburdened shoulders. As instructed we've brought our own bed linen and towels.

We soon find our way around the site. The tennis courts are our first port of call and the children really get into the swing of things, Henry (5) quickly understanding how to play. But as is often the case there are disagreements which need to be worked through. However, the second time we visit the courts Henry is more agreeable, not requiring a posse of ball girls and realising that he can actually pick up his own ball.

What we love about the site is that everything is within easy walking distance and it's a joy not to have to drive the car anywhere for the duration of our stay. So after our gruelling tennis matches we're able to saunter back to the chalet for a relaxing lunch. Recently I've been making my own bread every day because it tastes nicer. I've decided to bring all my baking paraphernalia with me on our holiday and continued making a loaf in the morning. Lunch consists of some yummy sandwiches on homemade bread. In early afternoon we then go swimming in the heated outdoor pool. It's bliss no matter what the summer weather does. We swim in the baking heat and the pouring rain. We discover there's a hot outside shower, which is very welcoming on occasions.

The park is a great hit with the children although Henry insists on Daddy pushing him on the swing. The crazy golf is good fun too, and it is a nice touch that the clubs and balls are available in the shop at no extra cost. That doesn't often happen these days. After dinner, strolls to the beach are always a perfect end to a perfect day. Hours of fun can be spent on the beach, just a few minutes away from the chalet. We take

our kite and the children enjoy flying it for quite a time.

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