



Before my son was born I was happy to holiday in remote cottages and isolated cabins, but as he got older I had to modify my plans to suit his needs. As a high-energy toddler, he wanted pools, easily accessible beaches, playgrounds, and, dare I say it, kids' clubs... so we began to explore holiday resorts around the British coast, from farms with on-site petting parks, to campsites with pool complexes. It was an arena I hadn't previously ventured into, and sometimes it was a little scary, like when we discovered the 'farm' had a room with slot machines and our caravan windows overlooked another's bedroom. But some of them were truly wonderful, and we have returned, year after year, taking more and more of our friends with us each time.

Turn to pg 70 for my feature on Watergate Bay, which offers a kids' club and pool, without compromising on style or food. Then on pg 89 see our national round-up of lodge holiday resorts that will keep the children entertained, whilst parents get the chance to kick back and relax. Have a great summer holiday!

*I'd love to hear from you* to discover your perfect coastal pastime, your favourite way to spend a day by the sea or just to hear your views on **coast** magazine. You can get in touch via facebook and twitter, or email the team at [coast.enquiries@kelsey.co.uk](mailto:coast.enquiries@kelsey.co.uk). For any subscription queries please email [coast.mag@kelsey.co.uk](mailto:coast.mag@kelsey.co.uk).



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## THE CREW

### THIS MONTH'S CONTRIBUTORS *share their coastal musings*



#### CLAIRE DAVIES

London-based photographer Claire has travelled internationally for her work; she's shot for glossy magazines including *Easy Living* and *Good Housekeeping*, as well as a number of books.

For this issue she photographed Gerry Price's colourful Isle of Wight garden on pg 52.

**Where is your favourite destination for a family holiday?** I love camping at Hope Cove in Salcombe, Devon. My girls enjoy being outside, and all that fresh sea air wears them out meaning we get time in the evening to enjoy a glass of the local cider.



#### NORMAN MILLER

Journalist Norman has lived beside the sea in Hong Kong, South Africa, Brazil and Scotland. He now resides in Brighton, writing for both UK and international titles. On pg 94 he discovers what

drives artist Georgina Maxwell to create work from discarded marine detritus.

**Where is your favourite destination for a family holiday?** It took all my travel-writer credentials to get my family to head for the Outer Hebrides. But from the moment our plane touched down on Cocker Strand at Barra they were hooked.



#### SUSIE MOSS

Susie has travelled the world working as an anthropologist, filmmaker and adventure holiday guide. She's now a freelance journalist and chef, and lives with her children in South Devon.

They love to explore the coast; foraging, cooking and camping out in the wild. On pg 102 read about her day spent catching and preparing fish with her family in Lyme Regis.

**Where is your favourite destination for a family holiday?** Camping at East Prawle in Devon is an annual trip for us – fantastic views, secluded beaches and a pub with good music.