

ESCAPE TO THE COAST AND CAPTURE YOUR CREATIVITY

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2009 IS THE YEAR OF THE 'STAYCATION' and a fabulous opportunity to explore The British Isles and all that it has to offer. For Lucy and Dave Rogers from Vinegar Hill Pottery (<http://www.davidrogerspottery.co.uk/pages/aboutdave.htm>) and B and B in Milford On Sea near the New Forest (<http://www.davidrogerspottery.co.uk>) in Hampshire, the trend for us to holiday on our doorstep means a busy summer ahead.

As well as enjoying a mini break in the couple's gorgeous Bed and Breakfast accommodation, Dave and Lucy are also running courses for people who want to learn more about pottery (<http://www.davidrogerspottery.co.uk/pages/courses.htm>) and have a go at creating their own pots.

Since Dave and Lucy moved to the coast and converted their once dilapidated house and into a B&B and pottery, Dave's work has been flying off the shelves.

The 35-year-old's Christmas show was an unmitigated success. Dave said: "Moving here has given me the time and freedom I needed to develop my line and diversify my range, making one-off pieces as well as the production line side of the business."

Lucy said the courses are the perfect answer to recession inducing stress: "Throwing pots (<http://www.davidrogerspottery.co.uk/pages/aboutdave.htm>) is a fantastic stress reliever, as well as being therapeutic, creative (<http://www.davidrogerspottery.co.uk/pages/courses.htm>) and physical. We are also just five minutes from the relaxing coastal walks and beaches, and our location is wonderfully tranquil. Our accommodation is simple but stylish, and superbly comfortable and we also provide delicious and nutritious home cooked food using local produce."

Lucy added: "The original room has a private bathroom and sitting/ dining room area, all separate to the rest of the house. Upstairs we have a brand new room. Also totally self contained, this spacious room with en suite is up an external spiral staircase. If you are looking for a real hide away, this is perfect for a quiet weekend away."

"We serve a delicious full English breakfast and also offer freshly baked and locally made croissants, as well as cereal and fruit juices, tea and coffee. All of this is served on tableware made in the pottery. We are within easy walking distance to the village centre and the local beaches, whilst Lymington and the New Forest are a short drive away."

Dave Rogers is originally from Lymington in the New Forest. He studied for his foundation diploma at Salisbury College of Art and graduated in ceramics from the Surrey Institute of Art and Design in Farnham. He set up his own studio pottery and joined Hampshire Contemporary Artists co-operative in 1997. Dave spent the next ten years as a professional potter in Bristol before moving back to the New Forest

with his young family.

For further information about Dave's work, Vinegar Hill Pottery and Vinegar Hill B and B please visit www.davidrogerspottery.co.uk

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