

coast LETTERS

We want to hear your VIEWS, NEWS AND REVIEWS of anything coastal. Write in or email us...



TAKE ME TO THE WATER

I read my March issue of *coast* while waiting for my husband to have a check-up at the hospital. Afterwards, we were intending to do our weekly food shopping. However, after reading your article, *Worth Waiting For*, about a couple who had converted a rundown fisherman's cottage at Rye Harbour, I realised we'd never been to Rye. An hour's drive later, we were admiring the very house featured in the article! We then spent a few hours walking around the harbour and browsing in antiques shops.

The evening found us in our car, eating delicious fish and chips, watching thousands of starlings sweep across the sky. Heaven!

Dorothy Softley, Essex

A COASTAL KEEPSAKE

My family regularly visit Devon and Cornwall. Inspired by *coast*, for our 20th anniversary my husband and I decided to have a long weekend in Norfolk; a place we had never visited. We had a lovely time staying in a

* HAPPY DAYS

I read your magazine for the first time this month and felt I must congratulate you. It reminded me of my childhood in Wyke Regis, Weymouth, about a mile from the Fleet Nature Reserve – or Littlesea, as we called it. We spent hours at the water's edge looking for winkles, clams, cockles and small crabs. My dad had a rowing boat so the whole family, and sometimes our neighbours, would spend a sunny Sunday afternoon across the water on Chesil Bank. If the tide was in when we rowed back, the water was as warm as bathwater from the sun. We always begged to be allowed one last swim before we went home. Ah, happy days!

Linda Bevan, Somerset

Editor Clare Gogerty says: What could be better than a childhood spent winking and splashing in the sea! Many thanks for telling us about it.



STAR PRIZE

The winning letter this month receives a Cullen four-man tent, worth £70, from camping specialists Lichfield. Suitable for first-time campers, it comes in a handled carry bag and has two front windows, porch area and inner storage pockets. For more information, call 0844 770 7058 or visit lichfield-outdoor.co.uk.

converted coach house in Cley. The scenery was so different to what we were used to. Imagine my surprise when we came home to your June issue, featuring all the places we'd just seen: the *coast* Award-winning Holkham Beach and Cromer Pier, plus the homeware shop, *Bringing The Outside In*, owned by *Coast Character* Martin Billing. We'll keep this issue as a souvenir of a very special time.

Sue Lock, Watford

NORTHERN EXCLUSION

I live in Haines, Alaska, about 80 miles north of our capital Juneau on the Lynn Canal – the deepest

fjord in North America. Haines is also surrounded by the Chilkat and Chilkoot rivers. I'm a *coast* guy. My problem? I have to drive 250 miles through British Columbia, then through the Yukon in Canada, to get to a bookstore in Whitehorse that sells it. How do I get a subscription sent to Alaska? Yours, Hopeless in Haines.

Fred Gray, Alaska, USA

Deputy editor Alex Reece says: I'm happy to say there is an easier way. You can order an overseas subscription for the print edition online at qualitymagazines.co.uk; or you can purchase the digital edition via gb.zinio.com.

BEST OF BRITISH

My husband left me a few months ago after 20 years of marriage and, as you can imagine, I was devastated. During our time together, we never holidayed in the UK – we always went abroad. Now that I am a single parent on a tight budget, it is not possible to do this anymore. But, after reading *coast*, I have realised there are some fabulous places to holiday in the UK that my children and I can enjoy. I love the magazine – keep up the good work. You have certainly put a smile back on my face.

Laura McGhin, Devon

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