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n May here is something luxurious about wallowing in a very warm, covered outdoor Jacuzzi watching the rain pelting down and the wind moving loungers and chairs around the poolside. Lorna and I were spending two nights at Dilly Dally's naturist holiday resort near Wimborne in Dorset for a relaxing break, and a means of finding out if such a new venture would suit us. It did and we rebooked for August!

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The poor weather did not detract from our enjoyment for our hosts Dave and Christine ensured we were looked after by welcoming us into their home where the food was plentiful and superbly cooked. Indoor amenities included books, Sky TV, darts and snooker. In addition to that wonderful Jacuzzi, they have a good-sized swimming pool, boules court, sauna and a sunbed. The comfortable centrally heated poolside accommodation opens onto a broad paved area ideal for sunbathing and meeting other guests, while adjacent lawns and fields offer a stroll and tranquillity. The atmosphere is informal, there is no dress code, and only the temperature regulates what one wears.

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putting into developing the site is impressive. While we were there work on the steam room was progressing fast and we watched Dave take measurements for a substantial conservatory to provide a communal gathering place for visitors—and to defeat the vagaries of the weather. Further plans include laying a larger car parking area, more fencing and tree planting to open up more parts of the site for increased nude roaming.

By August, we're back and things have certainly progressed. The large conservatory is up and attached to the main house. It serves as a guest's dining room, where meals are invariably taken in the nude, and as a warm and comfortable retreat when the sun does not shine. Fortunately, during August, escape to its warmth was infrequent. The grounds and borders surrounding the main pool area are now well established and colourful. The accommodation currently consists of five adjacent rooms facing the pool, with double bed, shower, washbasin and toilet, hanging space, radiator and tea and coffee making facilities. During our stay our fellow guests varied almost by the day. Chris and Dave report a steady increase in visitors and advance booking will become necessary - unless one wishes to take potluck on a space being available at short notice. Meanwhile another two more rooms of similar design were added by late September bringing the guest capacity up to 14. This is the limit as Chris has to cope with cooking meals, which are already varied, and to a high standard.

Finishing the steam room is next and, as we witnessed Dave take one of his rare breaks, he contemplated awhile and then announced his intention to build an all-weather cover over the swimming pool. This guy never stops!

In summary, good food, excellent facilities and the convivial company of owners and guests – no cooking, no clothes, no worries.

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