

The main social area was a barn with a bar and assorted games, including a pool table, and there was also a TV room, a suntrap with fine view over the reservoir during the day. A warm swimming pool did not have a lifeguard but could be used when there were at least three able bodied people there. Other facilities included a laundry and a room for charging electric wheelchairs.

A canteen served meals which would have remained hot for longer had they been served on warm plates. We were a small group so we were invited to vote for what we would like on the menu for meals.

When you have a disability, which can strike at any time, your chances of active entertainment may be curtailed. You have to set your bar lower. When you have smiling and helpful staff offering impossible activities in attractive settings it can be truly memorable. Suffice it to say that before participants departed they had set up a WhatsApp group in order to remain in contact.

Footnote. The Cotswold Water Park could become more important for canoeing in the future. We take Chris to weekly disabled sailing sessions run there in the summer by the excellent Whitefriars Sailing Club.

Loading the canoes on dry land, comfortably and safely for everyone, without using the hoist. A motorized wheelchair can be taken alongside the canoe seat and staff can assist from both sides of the hull.



Welcoming staff
Impossible sports
Canoe launching method
Warm pool
Setting



Cold plates

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