COVER STORY

Not only did it have a Union

Jack on the gates, but it perfectly summed up the theme of their

new photographic book Is Britain

Experts in not dressing it up and

'We once saw a mural that said

'I think that sums it up for us. A

"What you see depends on where

us. We quite like places that are a

them more interesting."

bit rough around the edges, we find

And they carry out their mission

the Caravan Gallery in 2000 and now travel the UK using their 1969

some time exploring and taking

pictures and then return with the

ordinary and examples of people

making the best of a bad job.' says

vawning chasm between the dream

What me're mally into is that

and reality. The sort of things you don't see in the tourist information

Is Britain Great? books they have

to be provocative and get people

brought for £250 from a lady in

floral upholstery for that vintage

'We take it to places galleries

can see the results. 'We love bizarre and ridiculous

They'll head to an area, spend

Take time out with our relaxina re

Christmas tree











Images that shine a light on what Britain is really like



She is only 17 and can belt out those big power _____ Inside TV PLUS with 7-day TV & radio listings and film guide

Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth. Jan and Chris say: "We spent the day going round royal wedding street parties in the city and found these people at Gunwharf. They really made us laugh.

might also be at shopping centres or

WEEKEND

Showing a different side

'A lot of people come in out of curiosity tea', amusing scrawls on billboard d end up staying. Some come in just and funny business names and The northers in art busines e artists' work and loved the idea so and life love to find beauty and charm in run-down places and ha their images. But they also like

'That was pretty spectacular,' laughs People really enjoyed it. It showed hem a different side to Britain than tuckingham Palace and thatched

here they encouraged people to bring Chris and Jan turned the inside ards, showing everything from dogs

The couple are invited by organisa y're surprised by the success, they s

We have made the most of opportuni can't reach and get all kinds of visi- quite a bizarre job."





..... Jan Williams and Chris Teasdale from the Caravan

1p

to life in the UK



..... Jan and Chris say they enjoy signage, 'especially when it involves a degree of

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wit, peculiar spelling and special grammar'

The Caravan Gallery have a stall at the

King Street Tavern, King Street, Southsea

There will be a chance to buy signed

copies of Is Britain Great? 3, as well as a

selection of Caravan Gallery merchandise

including the reality postcards and visitor

The books are always available from the

gallery's online shop at thecaravangallery

co.uk at £12. Portsmouth outlets include

Aspex, Southsea Gallery, Bonzo, Like a Tea

Alternative Arts and Craft Fair at the

weekend destination? vibrant, diverse, interesting,

Not counting your loved ones, who would be your dream

We're buying

Most played for

you doing this

On Saturday I will be appearing in a Christma

What's a favourite local

ing a hot chocolate sounds

Festive Party Mini Cruises

PER PERSON
For more information
a virtual tour of the
Pont-Aven and to bool NEW YEAR

online from Blurb, blurb.com/bookstore

Some of Jan and Chris's nictures can e seen at City Museum in the There's No Place Like Pompey exhibition For further information on the Caravan Gallery visit the website thecaravangal-

The Caravan Gallery ran a competition

resulted in a book of the same name. Jan and Chris encouraged people to send in

helr own shots and a book of some of the

nages has been released and is available

called Other People's Pictures which

Actor and director NATHAN

What music

would you take

What about something to

with you?

Mitchell.

way to relax?

CHAPMAN 33 lives in Havant and

is artistic director of comedy troug SOOP. The company will be performin its improvised show Instant SOOP at

The word caravan derives from the word

across the deserts of Persia

Karwan, groups of merchants who travelled

the Eastney Cellars on December 16

What would be your idea which shop would you head for

I really need to stock up or

What's your all-time favourite

So, at the moment, Derren

What's your

■ What are

For something more high

■ What would be your ultimate destination for a weekend day

going regularly to Bosham as

