

CAPITAL FLOWS



Happiness in holiday swapshop

LECTURER Gordon Hill, left, of Napier University in Edinburgh, is taking his family on an Easter holiday to London.

However, rather than spend about £700 on accommodation for his family of four, Hill, 38, decided to swap homes for the weekend with theatre director Claire Hodgson, 37, inset, who lives in Notting Hill.

He approached her on ukholidayswapshop.co.uk and the pair agreed to an exchange last month. It is the first time either has done such a swap.

Hill said: "This saving on our accommodation will make a big difference to our holiday.

"Of course, I'm a little apprehensive about letting someone into my home — but then again, I'm in their home."

Hodgson, 37, who is saving about £450, said: "I'm happy with the saving, but I'm also looking forward to staying at the Hills' house — it's well located and we'll have more space than staying in a hotel."