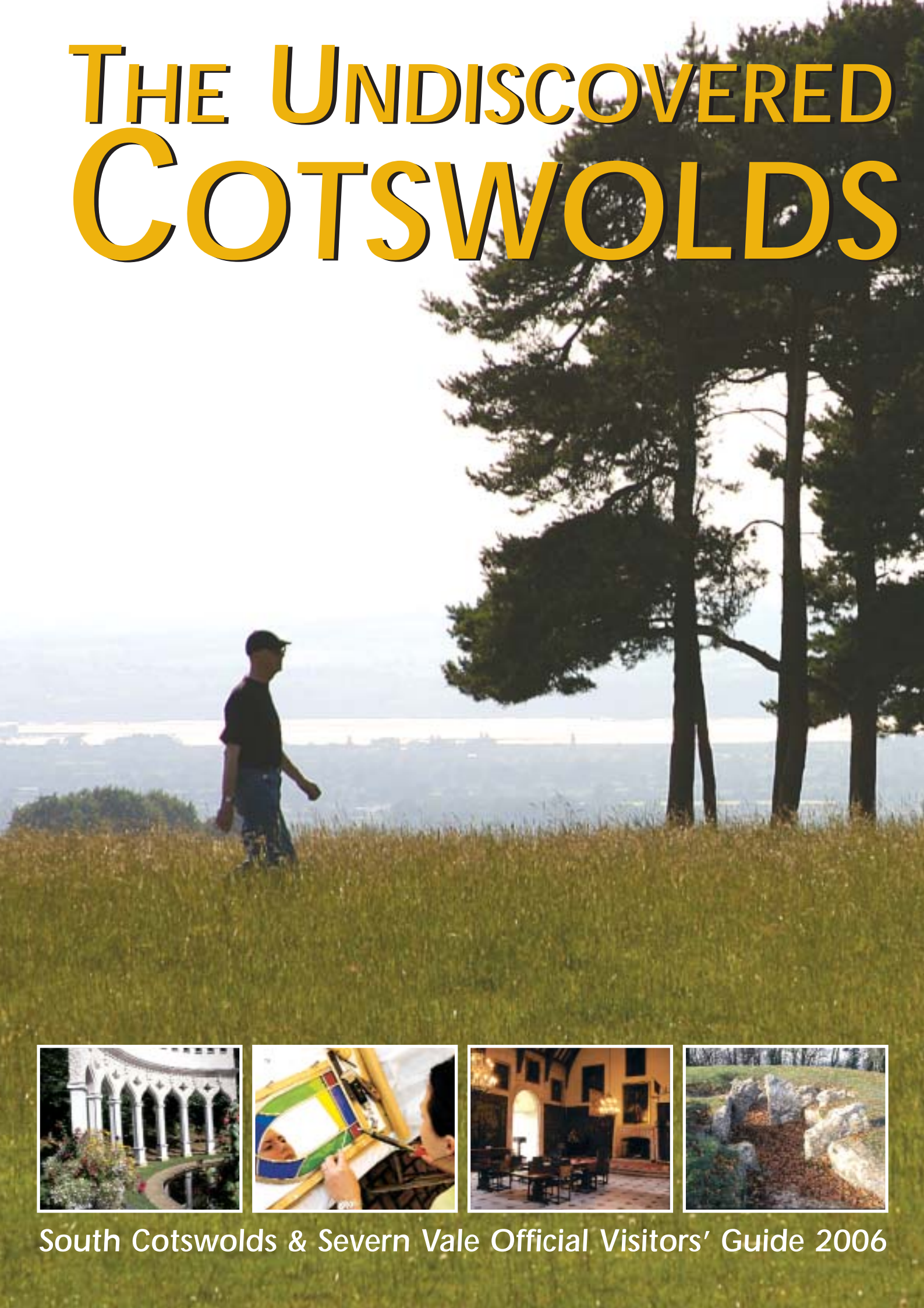


THE UNDISCOVERED COTSWOLDS



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Dursley...

...lies on the western edge of the Cotswolds surrounded by tree covered slopes. The Cotswold Way leads the visitor through its bustling centre of small, individual shops and passes the Market Place and Town Hall.

Visitors can enjoy shopping at the weekly markets and buy fresh local produce at the Farmer's Market held on the fourth Saturday of every month.

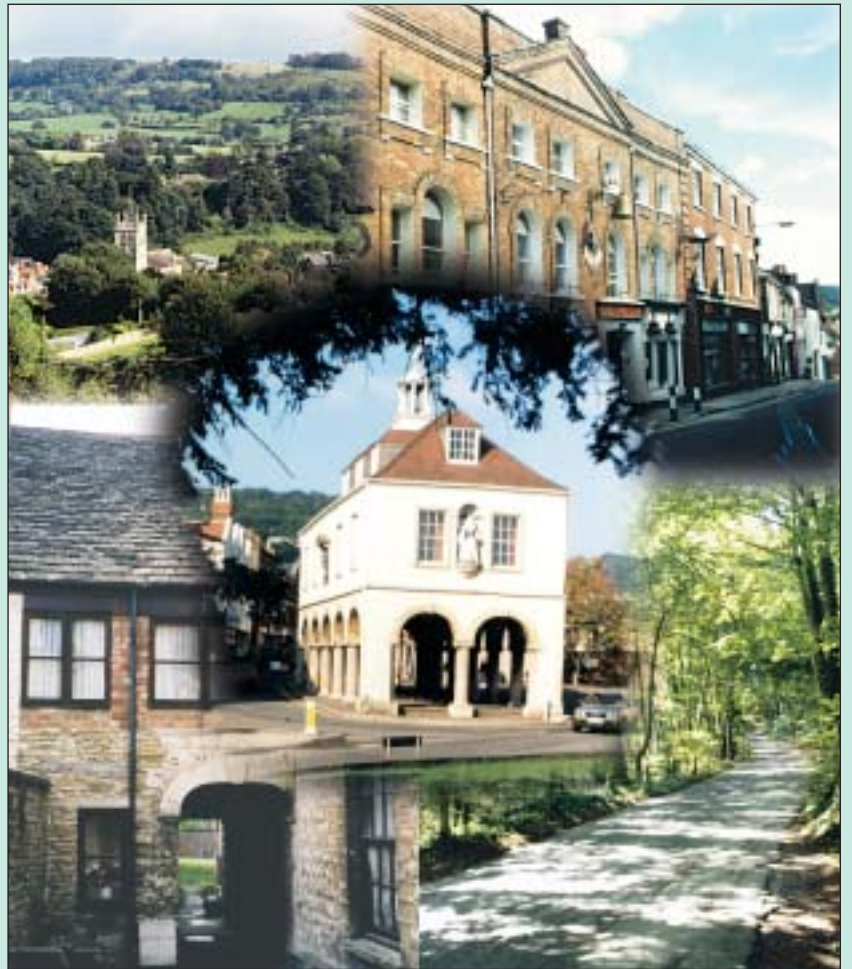
Besides its mediaeval market charter Dursley has earned its living from the woollen cloth trade, agricultural engineering and its world-renowned Lister-Petter engines. The town's customer friendly shops cater for everyday needs and special occasions.

You can reach Dursley by train or bus, or leave your car at one of the free car parks convenient to the town centre and spend some time exploring the town on foot using the town trail. Or if you wish to venture further, take a walk on the Cotswold Way or a circular walk through the woods and fields and enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of the surrounding hills.

Dursley is a convenient centre to explore the southern Cotswolds and the nearby attractions such as the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Centre at Slimbridge, Berkeley Castle and Westonbirt Arboretum.

Visitors can find further information at the Dursley Pool (Tel: 01453 546441), Dursley Library (Tel: 01453 543059) or the Town Council office (Tel: 01453 547758).

...a town to explore



Nailsworth

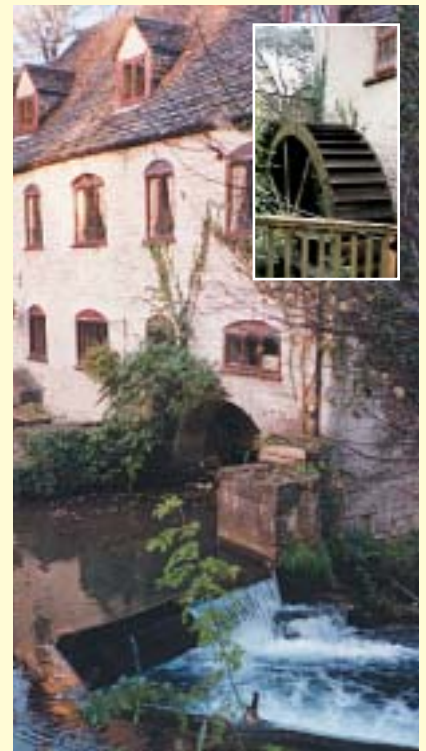
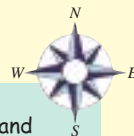
A Cotswold town full of surprises, nestling in a wooded valley



- Renowned for its award-winning restaurants, pubs, cafes and other food outlets, the town remains lively throughout the day and evening
- Small individual shops offer an amazing variety of goods - organic locally grown produce, first-class delicatessen products, fair-traded items from across the globe, fascinating antiques and collectables
- Accommodation ranges from a hotel in a converted mill to a guesthouse or bed and breakfast tucked into a corner of the town or neighbouring hamlet
- Criss-crossed by more than a hundred footpaths, passing picturesque cottages and handsome houses
- The largest number of working water wheels per square mile in the country
- An eight-mile Cycleway follows the old railway line from Nailsworth to Stonehouse



To the North the mysterious Woodchester Park, with its lakes and unfinished Gothic Mansion. In the East the Nailsworth Ladder leading to National Trust Common Land. Due South is the scenic route to Westonbirt, Badminton and Bath and there are breathtaking views of the Severn Valley and Welsh Hills to the West.



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ALL KINDS OF EVERYTHING

If the Stroud District was to get a school report, it would say "an excellent all-rounder," particularly excelling in the arts, history and environment. Few places can have it all, but this area - rich in beauty, pioneering in spirit, and bulging with artistic talent - does with ease. Breath-taking views across deep valleys; picturesque towns and villages with enchanting names; winding lanes leading to curious historic landmarks; remnants of a thriving woollen industry and an amazing heritage, thanks to great names like William Morris and Isambard Kingdom Brunel await the passing visitor.

Here you'll get swept up in festival fever, with celebrations all year round commemorating music, arts, literature and drama, or you'll be amused by the quirky, be it rolling wooden cheeses around a church, dunking the mayor, or throwing bricks and rolling pins!

There's "all kinds of everything" here in the Stroud valleys. Whether you're looking to be inspired by art, consumed by festival mayhem, enthralled by history or simply escaping to another world, then this is the place for you. It's magnetic, attracting all kinds of people with all kinds of talent, which in turn makes it the unique and special place it is.



Stroud Farmers' Market

How to find us

By Car: With the M5 dividing the west of the District and the M4 to the south, driving times are thankfully short. Here are a few examples: London 2 hours, Manchester 2½ hours, Birmingham 1½ hours, Bath 1 hour, Stratford 1½ hours, Bristol 30 minutes

By Rail: The main Inter City line from Gloucester to Paddington has stations in Stroud and Stonehouse. Allow about two hours from London. Cam & Dursley station sits on the Exeter to Birmingham line.

By Coach: A few services from Birmingham & London Victoria.

By air: International airports at Bristol and Birmingham are within an hour and a half on the motorway.



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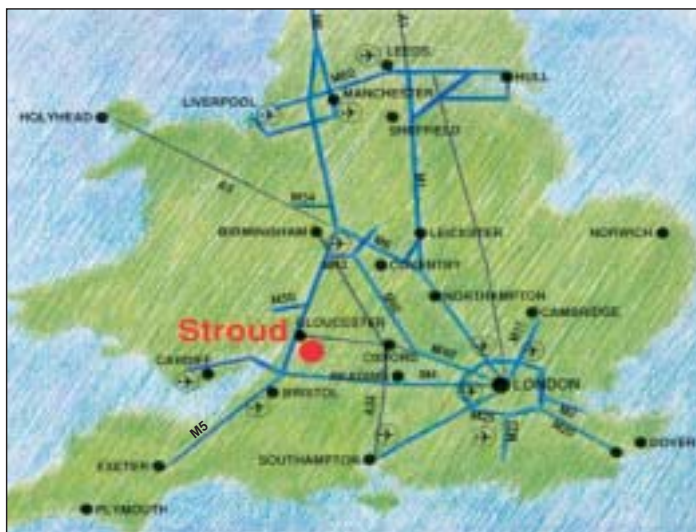
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MILLS, HARBOURS, WOOL AND

“Essentially, the parish spread like a quilt being straightened over a bed, until it covered a great percentage of the five valleys and became the hub of the area’s economy, during the reign of the Stuart Kings.”

Adam Horovitz, “Stroud: Heart of the Five valleys for 700 years”

Water was the key to success for the Stroud valleys. From 1150 until steam took over in the 1800s, the Stroudwater and its tributaries powered more than 150 mills in the valleys. Many of the “string of pearls,” as they were known, now lie empty, but some, often wonderfully-restored, are being used today. Lodgemore Mill and its sister Cam Mill, near Dursley produce Wimbledon’s tennis ball coverings and snooker table cloth for international championships. Stanley Mill, now the Snow Mill, is home to a world-famous snow-making business.

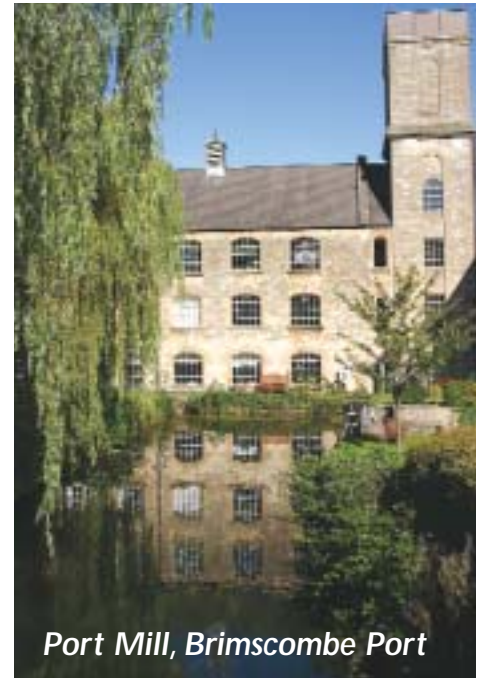
Stroud cloth became famous, reaching China, Russia, and India and records show it was traded with Native Americans. During the Civil War, Oliver Cromwell ordered the entire stock of freshly-dyed Scarlet Red – which could be seen for miles drying over fields – to make uniforms for his New Model Army. Today, guards outside Buckingham Palace still wear the “Stroudwater Scarlet”! For countless years, the district has buzzed

with the sounds of industry -manufacturing walking sticks, buttons, pianos, motor cars, caravans, diesel engines, pins, knitting needles, fountain pens and engineering products, as well as printing newspapers, building ships and making cabinets.

Now the Museum in the Park, an elegant Mansion House, set in the impressive grounds of Stratford Park, reveals every facet of the areas social and industrial heritage, from Edwin Budding’s world-first lawnmower to Mikael Pedersen’s slung-saddle bicycle.

Dudbridge Harbour, next to former flour-making Kimmins Mill, (in Sainsbury’s carpark) , acted as the main crossing point of the old salt ways to the Severn passages. Heavy coal & grain-laden trows from the Stroudwater Canal regularly arrived from Wales and the Forest of Dean. Kimmins is now acclaimed as the country’s leading construction heritage centre – a fascinating place, with an unimaginable number of books on concrete!

Brimscombe Port, on the Thames & Severn Canal, was another thriving centre, where cargos were transhipped between Thames barges from the east and Severn trows from the west.



Port Mill, Brimscombe Port

“When trade was brisk throughout the land

And men had money at command:

When enterprising merchants chose

To change their coasting barks for trows:

When far and near the topick all

Inclin’d to this or that canal;

When high and low, rich, poor, good, bad,

Were justly reckon’d Canal mad.”

(The Mad Gallop)

Saul Junction



WATER

The 8-mile Stroudwater Navigation, a beautiful stretch of historic water opened in 1779, giving the area's industry access to the River Severn. 10 years later, the 28-mile Thames and Severn Canal opened, linking the country's two most important rivers, and boasting a magnificent tunnel at Sapperton. Unfortunately both rivers were difficult to navigate and the canal was unreliable because engineers had failed to ensure a sufficient supply of water. Yet T. Temple Thurston in "The Flower of Gloucester," believed "those 28 miles are worth a thousand for the wealth of their colour alone."

Today every effort is being made by the Cotswold Canals Trust to restore both canals. Lovingly-restored Pike Bridge in Eastington is evidence of this on-going commitment to complete restoration - all the way to Saul Junction. Saul plays host to July's Canal Festival, and 'Folk on the Water', and is home to Perseverance, which regularly treats boat-lovers to a leisurely 30-minute cruise.

The Undiscovered Cotswolds is steeped in industrial heritage, with an inventive pioneering spirit still running deep in its valleys' veins.



STOP PRESS

As we go to print – £20m+ is now safely in place for restoration of the Cotswold Canals.

'Wrapping the Globe' - Museum in the Park gallery



Laurie Lee's room - Museum in the Park

A visit from Mr Budding?



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The 'Bone House' -
Bisley Church



"First you go down Fiery Lane until you come to Cuckoo Brook, then go to Horn Knep and round to Dragon's Den, carry on until you come to Potlid Green and so to Marling's End."

An old innkeeper once gave these complicated directions to strangers seeking out enchanting Owlpen, with its hauntingly romantic Cotswold Manor House near Uley.

Stroud District has an abundance of wonderful names given by locals according to the peoples' reputation, inter-village rivalry or topography. Stroud itself is derived from Old English 'Strod' meaning 'marshy place overgrown with brushwood'.

The town celebrated its 700th birthday two years ago, but hundreds of years before this, Bisley ('Bisse' = doe, 'Leah' = pasture) was centre of the local universe.

Minchinhampton, means Nuns' high homestead or village, while Painswick was originally called Wycke or Wykeham, changing to Wyke Pagani around 1150. It impressed visitor King Charles I who exclaimed, 'The valleys around Painswick are sheer poetry, in this Paradise'. And 'Paradise' it has remained.

Dursley, a traditionally industrial town, famous for its Lister Engines, inspired



internationally best-selling Harry Potter novelist JK Rowling to create the Dursley family.

"Neddyshire," the old local name for Chalford, reputedly the second largest village in the country, referred to Jennie, a sure-footed donkey, who carried daily bread to villagers.

Oakridge, made up of hamlets: Bournes Green, Water Lane, Illes Green, Tunley and Far Oakridge, earned the title "Little Russia," or "Little Siberia," for its isolated, elevated position away from fellow villages.

Then there's Petty France, Toadsmoor Valley, Thrupp, North Nibley, Wotton-under-Edge, Waterley Bottom, Dunkirk, Sheepscombe, Haresfield, Cranham and Stinchcombe – all inspired names which could appear in a novel or film. Why not pick out one that catches your eye and see whether it matches up to your imagination!

Stonehouse
millenium
carving



Almshouses, Wotton-U-Edge

WALKING THE SECRET WAYS

*"I love to walk the secret ways of prehistoric man,
Where scratched across the Cotswold Hills the ancient trackways ran.
The cattle ways, the salt ways, the lonely pilgrim's ride
To the hinterland of England from silver Severnside.*

(Arthur Dalby, "Roel Gate")

Our lovely hills, verdant valleys and deep grassed pastures encourage even the reluctant Rambler to explore 'ancient trackways,' alongside canals and rivers, through sheltered woodland, remote countryside and ancient battle fields.

If you prefer the water's edge, The Thames & Severn Way links the Rivers Severn and Thames by closely following the old Stroudwater Navigation and Thames & Severn Canal's towpaths. Beginning at Framilode Church on the Severn banks, it ends at Lechlade's Halfpenny Bridge.

The 104-mile Cotswold Way, from Chipping Campden to Bath, a challenging winding trail, provides miles of breathtaking viewpoints like Nibley Knoll, Coaley Peak, Edge Common, Haresfield Beacon and Brackenbury Ditches.

The District Council's series of 43 shorter circular walks guides you through steep wooded valleys, rolling farmland or down to the Severn Vale's lush green meadows.

And if you need an incentive, Jean Patefield's Cotswold Teashop Walks promises a delicious cream tea or hot buttered crumpet "with a clear conscience due to the brisk walk to get them." Failing that, there are pub walks leading you into popular

watering holes!

All kinds of everything are on offer - railway walks, nature walks, commons walks, arts and crafts walks, or idle strolls around world-famous Westonbirt Arboretum, Woodchester Mansion, Stratford Park or Painswick Rococo Garden.

Or, if you wish to travel greater distances, why not cycle? Whatever you choose, leave behind your worries, kick the leaves, enjoy nature's delights and wander freely through our tranquil countryside.

* All books and leaflets are available from Stroud Tourist Information Centre.



Tyndale Monument from Hunts Court



The Butchers' Arms, Sheepscombe

Did you know..?

Woodchester Mansion, an architectural Victorian masterpiece, hidden in a secluded 400-acre park, was abandoned by its builders before it could be completed. It's been virtually untouched since the mid-1870s, and is reputedly haunted.



Painswick Rococo Garden

The 'Golden Valley' towards Chalford



SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT

"By white pot, wee westerners doe meane a great custard or puddinge baked in a bagg, platter, kettle or pan; notinge heer-by, a good trencher man, or a great eater."

(John Smyth's chronicles in the Berkeley Manuscripts)

Wander around our district and you may come across some strange curiosities and customs that will give you something to remember!

On the first Sunday in May, Randwick has a tradition of Cheese Rolling. Three Double Gloucesters are blessed, rolled anticlockwise around the church, then cut up and shared amongst bystanders to protect their fertility and ensure future generations of 'Runickers', or villagers!

The following Saturday is Randwick Wap, a colourful ancient procession and festival dating from the Middle Ages, led by the Mop Man from the War Memorial to the Mayor's Pool, where the elected 'mayor' is dunked and washed in spring water! Apparently it's during this ancient custom that the locals ate "white pot," a porridgy-style white custard.

In Painswick, parishioners embrace St Mary's Church by joining hands around it during a 'clypping' ceremony on or after September 19th which is said to symbolize their love of the church. Painswick churchyard incidentally has 99 yew trees because attempts to plant the 100th have always failed.

Well Dressing, a custom started in 1863, is celebrated in Bisley on Ascension Day, when the wells are decorated with garlands and

Joust



wreaths. In Avening villagers hold a feast after evensong, commemorating Queen Matilda, William the Conqueror's wife, who consecrated the church in 1080.

More modern "quirky" activities include the International Brick and Rolling Pin Throwing Competition held in July between the towns of Stroud in England, the United States, Canada and Australia.

Around the same time you can revel in the history, colour and noise of JOUST! - the country's biggest mediaeval festival, in the authentically feudal surroundings of Berkeley Castle. Expect to encounter gallant knights, ethereal maidens, archers and beggars, during two weekends of 'mediaeval mayhem!'

Until 1994 an Elver Eating Contest took place at Frampton on Severn. This stopped due to the scarcity and rising cost of elvers (baby eels), but licensed elver fishing still takes place in the waters of the River Severn. The Severn Bore is itself a

spectacular natural phenomenon - a large surge wave, one of the world's biggest, reaching as high as 5ft in Spring and Autumn.

And why not discover fresh produce and local crafts at the thriving Farmers' Markets in Stroud, Wotton-under-Edge, Cam, Dursley, Berkeley and Nailsworth. They buzz with excitement. Here you'll find Scary Mary (this is a challenge!) and Holy Smoked cheeses from Godsell's Church Farm in Leonard Stanley; fresh apple and pear juices from Day's Cottage in Brookthorpe; herbs and spices; feta stuffed olives and ammonites?? At Stroud's award-winning market, you'll find resident chef Robert Rees making delicious dishes such as watercress and wild garlic soup, asparagus and trout potato omelette or Paradise Fields pudding!

So whether you prefer yummy recipes, mayor dunking, church embracing or rolling pin throwing, you will often find something quirky to make you smile!





Severn Bore



**Organic stall at
The Shambles**



**Painswick
Clypping Ceremony**

Did you know..?

Painswick Rugby Football Club, the oldest village rugby club in England, is commemorated in Twickenham's Museum of Rugby. Early games played in white or work clothes made it difficult for players to distinguish the opposition, so the Painswick vicar persuaded his wife to cut up her red curtains for sashes for the home team, hence the name "Cherry and Whites". The story goes that Painswick lent Gloucester a set of shirts at their inception, but the Cherry and Whites from Kingsholm never returned them.

**Yew trees and table
top tombs at Painswick**



A CERTAIN SOMETHING

*It's not just the folding hills which lie
Calm around the town with vantage points
Where I can walk and gaze and point and sigh
And now watch each field and path, how each one counts.
Its River Severn, boundary to my thought,
The sky at night with stars accessible,
Decayed canals in which the moon is caught,
And surge of people, irrepressible.*

*...I told a stranger that I lived in Stroud
I whispered softly but my heart was loud.*

Jo Bousfield, Stroud actor/playwright

View from Bearpools over Nailsworth



There's a "certain something" about the Stroud valleys. Its magnetic pull converts visitors into permanent residents. Rich in inspiration, the area is officially an arts capital for poets, writers and painters alike.

Hike up to a high point: Drakestone Point, Coaley Peak, Haresfield Beacon or National Trust-owned Rodborough and Minchinhampton Commons, and glorious breath-taking views stretching to the Black Mountains, Brecon Beacons and Malvern Hills will leave you speechless. Surrounded by some of England's most beautiful and ancient common land, cows and horses roam free amidst wild orchids and cowslips

For history-lovers, the undulating mounds tell of iron-age enclosures, long-ago battles and mysterious local legends. Earthworks known as "the Bulwarks," reveal evidence of ancient fortifications, and Cotswold Way ramblers can't resist creeping into Hetty Pegler's Tump, Uley's famous long barrow - named after a 17th century landowner. Not far away lies a Neolithic long barrow, Uley Bury, a 32-acre settlement, one of the country's best Iron Age Camps, and Nympsfield Long Barrow on Coaley Peak.

Here the skies are full of life, as paragliders, hang gliders and gliders enjoy their perfect perspective.

Choose a high point, if possible clutching an award-winning ice-cream from Winstones of Rodborough Common, and you'll understand why visitors come back again and again.

Paragliding - Selsley Common



THE HOTBED OF CREATIVITY

"Learning and creativity are part of each other, part of the same. Artists have always worked within limitations of one sort or another, and have always learned to turn limitations to creative advantage."

Stroud-based cartoon artist Leo Baxendale, creator of Little Plum, Minnie the Minx and The Bash Street Kids for The Beano.

The "Undiscovered Cotswolds," is blessed with a wealth of artistic talents.

Naturally the district is proud to claim its famous children, such as Nailsworth's tramp poet WH Davies, of "What is this life?" fame; cartoon artist Leo Baxendale; Slad's Cider with Rosie author Laurie Lee; Thomas the Tank creator, Rev Wilbert Awdry; Bisley's Jilly Cooper; Minchinhampton's Jenny Joseph who wrote "Warning," the Nation's Favourite modern poem; controversial artist Damien Hirst; children's award-winning author Jamila Gavin and best-selling novelist Katie Fforde.

The south of the district, around Wotton-under-Edge, has its own creative haven, with artists including Rob Collins, Barry Walding, and Lynne Clarke, and writers like UA Fanthorpe and Jane Fearnley Whittingstall.

But this impressive list goes on. Hidden away in tiny workshops, lofts, sheds and studios lies a secret colony of artists, writers, poets, musicians and craftsmen.

The Stroud Arts Festival – celebrating an impressive 60 years – put the town on the arts map, and continues to do so with its diverse range of cultural activities. In May, the annual Stroudwater Textile Festival celebrates the district's historic cloth industry – with a modern twist. Stroud and the surrounding valleys play host to exhibitions, workshops and talks by contemporary textile artists. June is vibrant, with Stroud Valleys Artspace showcasing its Visual Arts Festival with exhibitions and links to more than 235 local, regional and international artists. The re-launched Fringe Festival delights all ages with dancing and music in the streets, while Wotton Arts Festival, Dursley Town Festival and Nailsworth Festival are equally fun-packed celebrations to enjoy. Stroud's Country Show goes from strength to strength since re-introducing the

showing of local livestock.

Scratch the surface of this prolific place, and you'll find a rich heritage. William Morris, Ernest Gimson, Peter Waals, the Barnsleys and Co. influenced the valleys in the early 1900s with stained glass, plasterwork, metal objects, buildings and furniture.

Artists and craftsmen – many of them members of the Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen still work with natural materials and use traditional skills today.

And creative spaces such as Pangolin Editions, Prema in Uley, Dursley's Kingshill House, Ruskin Mill in Nailsworth, Hawkwood College, Stroud House Gallery, the Space, the Museum in the Park, the Subscription Rooms, and the successful 'Aladdin's Cave' Made in Stroud shop, nurture artistic talent.

If you're lucky you may even get the chance to meet the person behind the canvas, paper or unique creation.

Did you know..?

The Orpheus story inspired Roman mosaicists (around 325AD) to create a mosaic of one and a half million stone pieces, a reconstruction created by Bob and John Woodward, is now on show at *Prinknash Abbey near Cranham*.



Museum in the Park



Selsley Church window



Exhibition at the Museum

BRUNEL'S SNORTING IRON HORSE

"Then came, to startle us from our propriety, the huge iron horse, - with his eyes of fire, his breath of flame, and his long white mane of steam, - snorting, shrieking, roaring, and seeming to swallow the ground as it flashes through our beautiful valleys at the speed of thirty miles an hour."

Paul Hawkins Fisher (Notes and Recollections of Stroud)

Steam railways buffs will be in their element as 2006 celebrates one of the greatest and most inspirational 19th century railway engineers.

Isambard Kingdom Brunel's "snorting iron horse" (Great Western Railway) arrived in 1845 making a huge impact on the local landscape from Standish Junction to Sapperton Tunnel.

This year, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of his birth, Stroud's Brunel Group is hosting a summer exhibition in the renovated Brunel Goods Shed – almost certainly the only one of its kind in the UK – highlighting his achievements. These include viaducts, bridges, stations and buildings on the Swindon to Cheltenham line.

In the days of steam, two engines were often needed to pull a train out of Stroud. Nowadays, passengers on the Paddington to Stroud line can still admire the modern roaring machine as it hugs the hillside and winds its way through the unfolding countryside.

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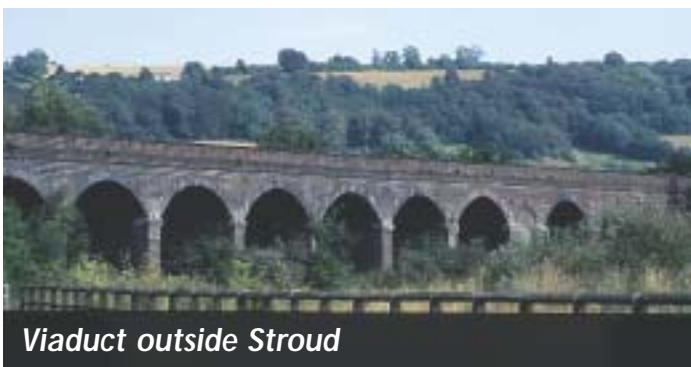
The Memorial Arch at Paganhill, recently restored, was built to commemorate the abolition of slavery in the British Colonies on August 1st 1834. It was built by Henry Wyatt as an entrance to his now demolished mansion. In its place is Archway School.

The trains may have changed, but the journey through spectacular surroundings remains the same.



**Now of all the great wonders that ever was known,
(And some wonderful things have occurred in this town)
This Great Western railroad will beat them all hollow,
And whoever first thought on't was a wonderful fellow.
...You may travel to London and there dine at noon,
And be home to your tea again the same afternoon.**

(Thomas Willey,
"Pleasures of Travelling by Steam")



Viaduct outside Stroud



Brunel Goods Shed

Stroud Station



Out and About

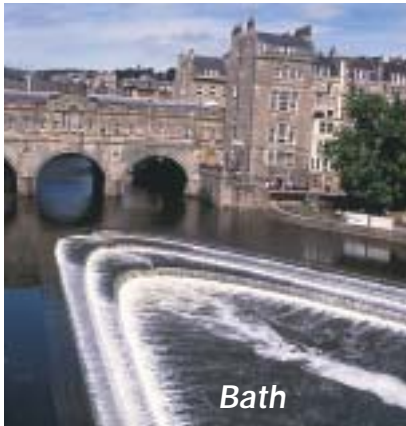
The District of Stroud, nestling in the South Cotswolds, encompasses an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, has its own unique heritage and attractions and is well worth a visit or a holiday in its own right – but it is also an excellent base for days out in all directions. A wide variety of cities, towns, villages and attractions are all within easy travelling distance. Why not enjoy our countryside, relax in our comfortable, value-for-money accommodation, and be spoiled for choice for places to visit?!



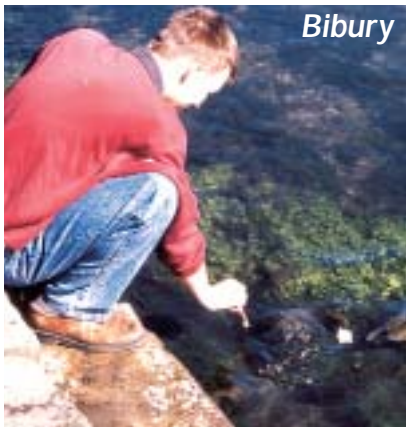
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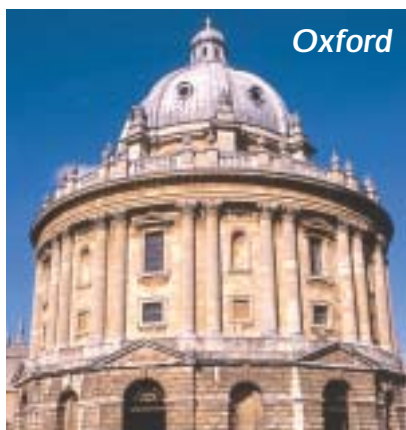
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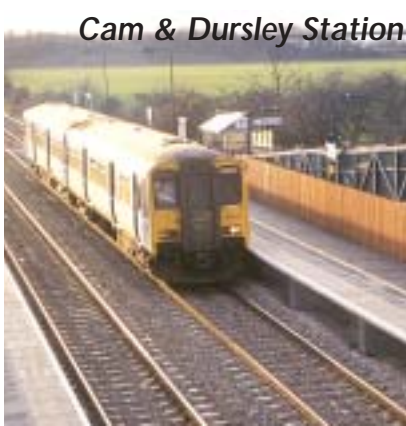
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Oxford



Cam & Dursley Station

Gloucester - Victorian docks, important Roman sites, magnificent cathedral, museums and Beatrix Potter's "Tailor of Gloucester."

The Wye Valley - stunning scenery between Ross-on-Wye and Chepstow adjoining the River Severn. At Monmouth find the haunting ruins of Tintern Abbey.

Forest of Dean - vast area of woodlands, Royal Forest, favourite hunting ground of early English monarchs, later famous for its coal. Look out for Go Ape! – a new tree-top adventure.

Stratford-upon-Avon - birthplace of William Shakespeare, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Mary Arden's House, Shakespeare Countryside Museum - experience Elizabethan England at "The World of Shakespeare".

Westonbirt Arboretum - world-famous for fine collection of trees and shrubs, popular all year round, particularly Spring and Autumn.

Tetbury - 17th Century Market House used for wool trade, 18th century church, antiques.

Chipping Campden - wealth of mellowed, grey and cream stone houses and 17th century Market Hall, unspoilt Cotswold Wool Town, 15th century wool church.

Bath - magnificent city with Georgian skylines, made famous by the Romans who developed a number of bath houses over Britain's only hot springs - visit the Royal Crescent, and taste the Sally Lunn Bun.

Bristol - Brunel's Suspension Bridge spanning Clifton Gorge, Zoological Gardens - city of great cultural and economic importance with art galleries, theatres, restaurants and live music venues.

Broadway - charming "showplace" of the Cotswolds, handsome 17th and 18th century houses, tea-rooms, gift shops and antique emporiums.

Cheltenham - famous Spa town, Gustav Holst Museum, elegant Regency architecture, popular shopping arcade, Prestbury Park Race Course - home to Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Bourton-on-the-Water - known as "Venice of the Cotswolds" - bridges over

River Windrush, model village, bird sanctuary and motor museum.

Cirencester - market town, Roman antiquities, Corinium museum, Craftsman's markets, Abbey grounds, Saint John's - one of England's largest parish churches.

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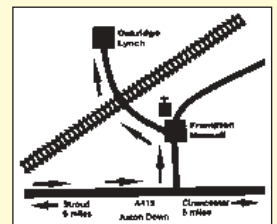
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- The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Centre, Slimbridge
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- Woodchester Mansion
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- St. Augustine's Farm
- Hunts Court

Events

FEBRUARY

11th-12th The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust, Slimbridge - Bird Fair celebrating 60 years of conservation.

MARCH

4th Hawkwood College - Magical Resonance, concerts of gongs, cello & voice. Main Hall 8pm. £6/£4 conc. Please book in advance. 01453 759034

5th March, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June - Le Page Ensemble series of Sunday concerts playing Mozart & Bach. £10 on the door. (see Hawkwood above).

5th Camera Fair at Stratford Park Leisure Centre 9.30am - 2.30pm. (Early birds from 8.30am) 01453 750461 ray.summers@virgin.net Check in advance if travelling.

25th Painswick Music Society - concert at the parish church 3pm £10. Advance tickets - Hywel James 01452 812419

APRIL

1st Hawkwood College - Aurora Ensemble Woodwind Concert with premier £5/£3 concessions. 8pm. Please book in advance. 01453 759034

8th Painswick Music Society - concert at the parish church 3pm £12. Advance tickets - Hywel James 01452 812419

8th & 9th Painswick Rococo Garden - A date with the Birds: RSPB guided bird walk 11.15am & 3.30pm. Normal admission applies. 1/2 price for members. 01452 813204

13th-15th Stroud Easter Blues & Beyond Festival at The Space & the Subscription Rooms, Stroud. 3 days of workshops, concerts, sessions & dance. Contact John Eeles 01452 700736 info@bluesandbeyond.co.uk www.bluesandbeyond.co.uk

22nd Painswick Music Society - concert at the parish church 3pm £15. Advance tickets - Hywel James 01452 812419

22nd April - 1st May Nailsworth Festival - annual community arts festival. Festival Saturday (22nd) - free entertainment in the town. Concerts, talks etc throughout the week. www.nailsworthfestival.com

28th April - 7th May Wotton-under-Edge Arts Festival - artists & musicians at various venues around the town. 01453 842499

MAY

1st Hawkwood Open Day 10am - 5pm. Free entry & parking. Information on courses, tours, delicious food & ice cream, children's activities & fun. Free 'early bird' cup of coffee before 11am. 01453 759034 info@hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

1st - 21st Stroudwater Textile Festival. A rich programme of exhibitions, talks & workshops with artists, historians, writers & collectors. Full information & brochure 01453 752682 lizziwaltont@btinternet.com www.stroudwatertextilefestival.org.uk

4th - 7th Badminton Horse Trials, S Glos - International equestrian competition: dressage, X-country & showjumping. 0870 2423436

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6th Painswick Music Society - concert at the parish church 3pm £10. Advance tickets - Hywel James 01452 812419

6th May - 4th June Stroud & District Arts Festival 01453 760960 (TIC) john.sadler@stroudartsfestival.org www.stroudartsfestival.org

27th Grand Village Fete 'Football Fever' Thrupp playing field (A419) 10.30am - 5.00pm - entry by programme 50p. 7.30pm - 11.30pm - Free evening events, live music, bar & fireworks. Raising money for local charities & community fun day for villages of Brimscombe, Thrupp, Minchinhampton & Chalford. 01453 887980 elizabeth.peters@tesco.net

29th Antique Fair / Classic Car Show, Berkeley Castle Meadows, 10am - 4.30pm. Antiques + Auto Jumble stalls. Over 250 classic cars on show. 01453 511406.

JUNE

1st - 30th Stroud Valleys Visual Arts Festival - 'Site 06' presenting the work of 250 local, regional & national artists in over 80 sites. Artists throw open their studios doors to the curious public on 10th/11th & 17th / 18th June. Exhibitions & special events. 01453 751440 / sva@sva.org.uk www.sva.org.uk

14th June A special concert - when an American Children's Choir from Missouri commences Music at the Priory - at Leonard Stanley Church (further events in July) 01453 822299

16th - 18th June Lister Tyndale Steam Rally at Nibley House Farm, North Nibley. Steam, tractors, stationary engines, commercials, military, pedal cycles, motorcycles, classic & vintage cars, craft /model marquee. Trade stands. Fairground. Open 9.30am - 6pm. Friday: Adults £4, Sen. Citz / Child £2. Sat / Sun: Adults £6, Sen. Citz £5, Child £2 (u/5 free) 01453 546024 /

wytchard@lister-tyndale-rally.fsnet.co.uk
www.lister-tyndale-steam-rally.co.uk

24th - 25th North'n South Garden Railway Show at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. Live steam locos & scenic layouts. Sat: 10am - 5pm, Sun: 10am - 4pm. Adults £4, children £1 (one child free per paying adult) 01453 827690 ian.tyror-taylor@btinternet.com www.northnsouth.co.uk

30th June - 2nd July Saul Canal Festival Boat Gathering + Folk on the Water + Crafts & Traders + Real ale + Family Fun! Friday: 4pm - 12am / Sat: 10am - 12am / Sun: 10am - 11.30pm. Adults £5 - children free. 01285 643440 enquiries@junctionevents.org.uk www.junctionevents.org.uk

JULY

first 2 weeks of July - Music at the Priory : orchestral works, chamber music, choirs & a jazz band at Leonard Stanley Church - 01453 822299

2nd Camera Fair at Stratford Park Leisure Centre. 01453 750461 ray.summers@virgin.net (Early birds from 8.30am) Check in advance if travelling.

9th - 16th Dursley Town Festival Family picnic, historical talk, music & dance, art & drama, Battle of the Bands, youth cabaret, fair rides, street market. Grand procession, displays, events on the Recreation Ground on Sat 15th. Explore Dursley with guided walks! 01453 549392

10th - 23rd (Not 14th, 15th, & 22nd) Glevum Scribe Exhibition at Painswick Rococo Garden - Exhibition of calligraphy. 11am - 5pm. Admission included in entry price. 01452 813204 info@rococogarden.co.uk www.rococogarden.co.uk

11th - 15th 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at Chavenage House, nr Tetbury. Outdoor theatre & picnic lawn. Lawn opens 6pm - performance begins 7.30pm Booking Office: 3 Streamfield, Parklands, Wotton-u-Edge. 01453 843144 / tony.p@virgin.net www.chavenageproductions.co.uk

11th - 15th Two Gentlemen from Verona: outdoor Shakespeare production at Painswick Rococo Garden - with 'The Rococo Players'. Garden open for picnics from 6pm. £15. 01452 830958 info@rococoplayers.co.uk bookings@rococoplayers.co.uk www.rococogarden.co.uk

15th Stroud Country Show at Stratford Park 10.30am-4.30pm. Rare breeds of livestock, horticulture, handicrafts, cookery classes. Admission free. Edna Powell 01453 883646

22nd - 23rd & 29th - 30th JOUST 'A Festival of Mediaeval Mayhem' at Berkeley Castle. Mediaeval Island with Living History Village, archery, Knights' challenge area, Children's Kingdom. Almost certainly the most spectacular Mediaeval Festival in the UK! 10am - 6pm each day. Advance tickets: £10 adults, £4 children / Gate: £13 adults, £6 children. Family £34. 0207 482 0115 / info@joust.info www.joust.info

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31st July & 2nd August Hawkwood College at 8pm Christ Teaching: Yoga for the 21st century. Public Talk with Marko Pogacnik. £7 each talk or £10 for both evenings. Advance booking essential. 01453 759034

AUGUST

4th - 6th Gatcombe Horse Trials - nr Minchinhampton. Information / tickets - www.gatcombe-horse.co.uk

5th - 28th Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen - exhibition in the Painswick Centre, Painswick - featuring the work of more than 70 designer makers & members + special guest exhibitions. 10am - 6pm - Admission £1.50. 01452 814745

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19th **Hawkwood College** - Concert of singing bowls 7.30pm. Please book in advance. 01453 759034

25th - 26th **Frocester Beer Festival** at Frocester Cricket Ground. A Beer Festival with music & food. 25th: 6pm - 11pm / 26th: 11am - 11pm. 01453 548035

28th (Bank Holiday) **Berkeley Agricultural Show** - 9am-6pm - livestock, horse & handicraft/ horticulture classes. Dog show, gymkhana, funfair, trade stands. Adults £6, Sen.Citz & children £4. 01453 543335 / 0776 245 8397
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SEPTEMBER

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leepres@anglovideogxy.demon.co.uk
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clifford@framptoncourt.wanadoo.co.uk
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16th **Hawkwood College** - 'Beyond Shades of Blue' Concert with Jenna Monroe (vocals, piano) & James D'Angelo (piano). Jazz fusion, classical, original compositions & improvisation. 8pm please book in advance. 01453 759034

24th **Painswick Ancient Clypping Ceremony** at St Mary's Church, Painswick. An outdoor service celebrating the nativity of the Virgin Mary. A procession around the church which is then encircled by children wearing flowers, and adults singing the 'Clypping Hymn'. Commences 3pm. 01452 814795
stmarys@painswick17.fsnet.co.uk

24th **Five Valleys Walk** (sponsored) - for

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fivevalleywalk@meningitis-trust.org
www.meningitis-trust.org

OCTOBER

1st **Camera Fair** at Stratford Park Leisure Centre 9.30am - 2.30pm (Early birds from 8.30am) Check in advance if travelling. 01453 750461

14th **Hawkwood College** - Flute Concert with Emma Williams, flute & Richard Shaw, piano. 7.30pm - please book in advance. 01453 759034

NOVEMBER

24th **Nailsworth Christkindl Evening** - Procession starts at 6.30pm. Father Christmas grotto, funfair, stalls, river of light, late night shopping, music, nativity scene, procession, festive food. Fun for all ages. 01453 833675.

DECEMBER

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During normal working hours contact SDC's Facilities team:
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Attractions

Ancient Sites

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Map Ref: E4 OS 162/822090

MINCHINHAMPTON BULWARKS
(National Trust),
Minchinhampton Common N.W. of the village S of the A419 Stroud road. Also nearby is Whitfield's Tump (OS 854017).
Map Ref: G5 OS 162/585010

THE LONG STONE,
Minchinhampton, off B4014.
Massive prehistoric standing stone 8ft high, pierced with holes. Tinglestone Long Barrow is nearby.
Map Ref: G5 OS 162/884999

ULEY BURY,
Uley, Nr. Dursley
Ancient Hill Fort.
Map Ref: E5 OS 162/786992

ULEY TUMULUS,
Uley
Three and a half miles N.E. of Dursley on B4066. A chambered long barrow 180 ft long, also known as Hetty Pegler's Tump. Open: at any reasonable time. Admission: Free
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Map Ref: B5

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Historic Buildings

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Contact: Stroudwater Textile Trust, 6 Castle Villas, Stroud GL5 2HP - 01453 766273
Information leaflet available from local tourist offices.
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Berkeley Castle





Wotton-under-Edge



Wotton-under-Edge nestles below the edge of the Cotswolds overlooking the Severn Valley and the distant hills of Wales – situated only a few miles from junction 14 on the M5.

Shopping

The Cotswold Way takes you through Wotton's main streets which are packed with a pleasing variety of family run businesses, a veritable 'department store in the Street'. Many are specialist shops, including local crafts, art gallery, cafes, quality food shopping, photography, children's clothing, books – old and new, health foods, DIY and kitchenware,



plus fashion clothes and traditional menswear.

There is a highly respected Auction Room which has an antiques sale at the end of every month including ceramics, paintings, jewellery and furniture.

Sport

For the sportsman or woman, there is a sports centre, with tennis courts and fitness centres, three golf courses local to the town, an outdoor swimming pool with retractable cover (Summer only) plus various horse riding centres.

Information

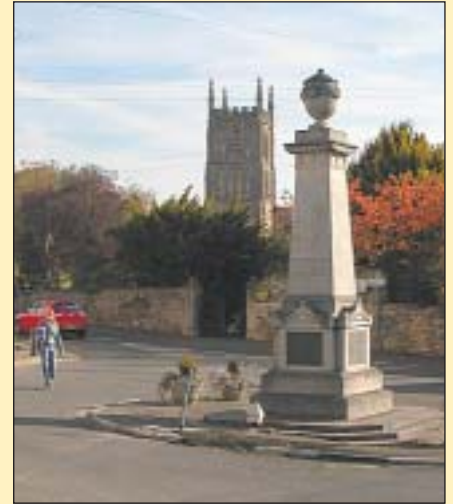
When arriving in Wotton-under-Edge, park in one of our free car parking areas and visit the 'Heritage Centre'. This is run by the town's Historical Society and is open Tuesday - Friday 10 - 1 and 2 - 4, Saturday 10-1 and some Sunday afternoons. Here you will find 'a Tourist Information Point, a Research Room and a Museum. For more information on opening times please ring: 01453 521541.

For further information about the town see our web site: <http://wotton-under-edge.com>

*So let yourself in on our secret
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History

This charming ancient market town offers picturesque historical buildings, including 'The Ram Inn', 'Sir Isaac Pitman's House', 'The Tolsy Clock' and a selection of Almshouses. A little way along the Cotswold Edge is the 'Tyndale Monument' which sits on the hill above North Nibley and can actually be seen from the M5 motorway.



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Historic Churches

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**PAINSWICK PARISH
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Painswick
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Smith & Son - to view interior.
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Museums

**THE EDWARD JENNER
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Stratford Park

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For details of local accommodation, events and attractions please visit our website, email or call us, we will be pleased to help.

Tetbury Tourist Information Centre
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Attractions

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 Admission: Adults £4.25, senior citz and students £3.50, children (5-18) £2.50, family £10.75. Group rates for 15+.
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OAKRIDGE VILLAGE MUSEUM,

Oakridge Lynch, Nr Stroud, Glos.
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 Open: By appointment at a convenient time by telephoning David Battison 01285 750490.
 Separate accommodation for study, planning local walks (maps available).
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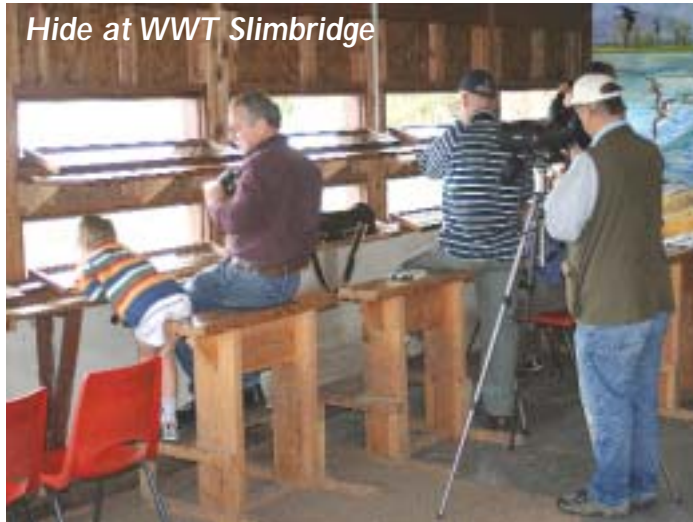
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 www.stroud.gov.uk/museum
 Set within the grounds of Stratford Park, the Mansion House houses an important social history collection. Discover the rich history of the Stroud District, its landscape and geology, the rise and fall of local cloth and woollen industries. This family-friendly museum has a year round programme of exhibitions. Events and activities for children and families during school holidays. Visitors use Leisure Centre car park. Wheelchair access to all areas and disabled parking to the front of the building (use intercom on barrier).
 Open: April-September - Tue-Fri 10:00-17:00 / Sat, Sun, Bank Holidays 11:00-17:00 ; October-March Tue-Fri 10:00-16:00 / Sat, Sun 11:00-16:00
 Admission: FREE. Small charge for some temporary exhibitions.
Map Ref: F4

THE WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE HERITAGE CENTRE,

The Chipping, Wotton-under-Edge, Glos.
 Tel: 01453 521541
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Hide at WWT Slimbridge



Centre boasts an intriguing collection of artefacts from Wotton's craft and industry along with photographs, postcards, documents, maps and books of local interest.
 Open: Tues-Fri 10.00-13.00 & 14.00-17.00, (16.00 in winter). Sat 10.00-13.00.
 Admission: Museum Free. Research Centre £2. With good parking and disabled facilities the Centre also houses a Tourist Information Point and a small souvenir shop. Friendly advice is always available concerning places of local interest.
Map Ref: D7.

Nature Sanctuaries

PRINKNASH BIRD PARK,
 Prinknash Park, Nr. Cranham
 Tel: 01452 812727
 www.prinknash-bird-and-deer-park.com
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 Open: All year, daily. 10.00-17.00 (last admission) in Summer. 10.00-16.00 Winter. (Closed Good Friday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day)
 Admission: Adults £4.50, Children £3.00, SC £4.00, u/3s free. Party rates for groups of 10+ (These rates are subject to seasonal revision).
Map Ref: G2 OS 162/880136

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 Slimbridge

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 Admission: Adult £6.75. Child £4.00. Concessions £5.50
 Family Ticket [2 adults, 2 children] £18.50. Under 4s FREE. Group and school rates available.
Map Ref: C4

Parks & Gardens

FRAMPTON MANOR,
 Frampton-on-Severn, Glos
 GL2 7EP.
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 www.framptoncourtestate.co.uk
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 Garden only: open 27th April - 21st July Thursday and Friday 14:30 - 17:00, £3.00 person
Map Ref: D3

HUNTS COURT GARDEN & NURSERY

North Nibley, Glos. GL11 6DZ
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 keith@huntscourt.fsnet.co.uk
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 Open: Tues - Sat all year except August, Xmas, New Year and Good Friday.
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 Admission: £3.00. Groups by arrangement.
Map Ref: D6

THE LAVENDER GARDEN

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 Admission: Adults £5.00, SC £4.00 children (5-16) £2.50.
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Map Ref: G2 OS 162/864104

Attractions

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Glos. GL6 7AN
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www.selsleyherbs.co.uk
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14.00-17.00. Free Entry. Oct-
Feb: please phone. Groups
welcome by arrangement.
Map Ref: H4

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noons. Within the park, you will
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Picnic Sites & Views

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Topograph.
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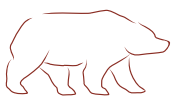


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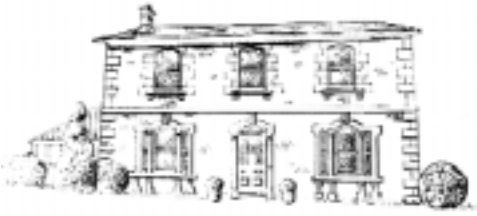

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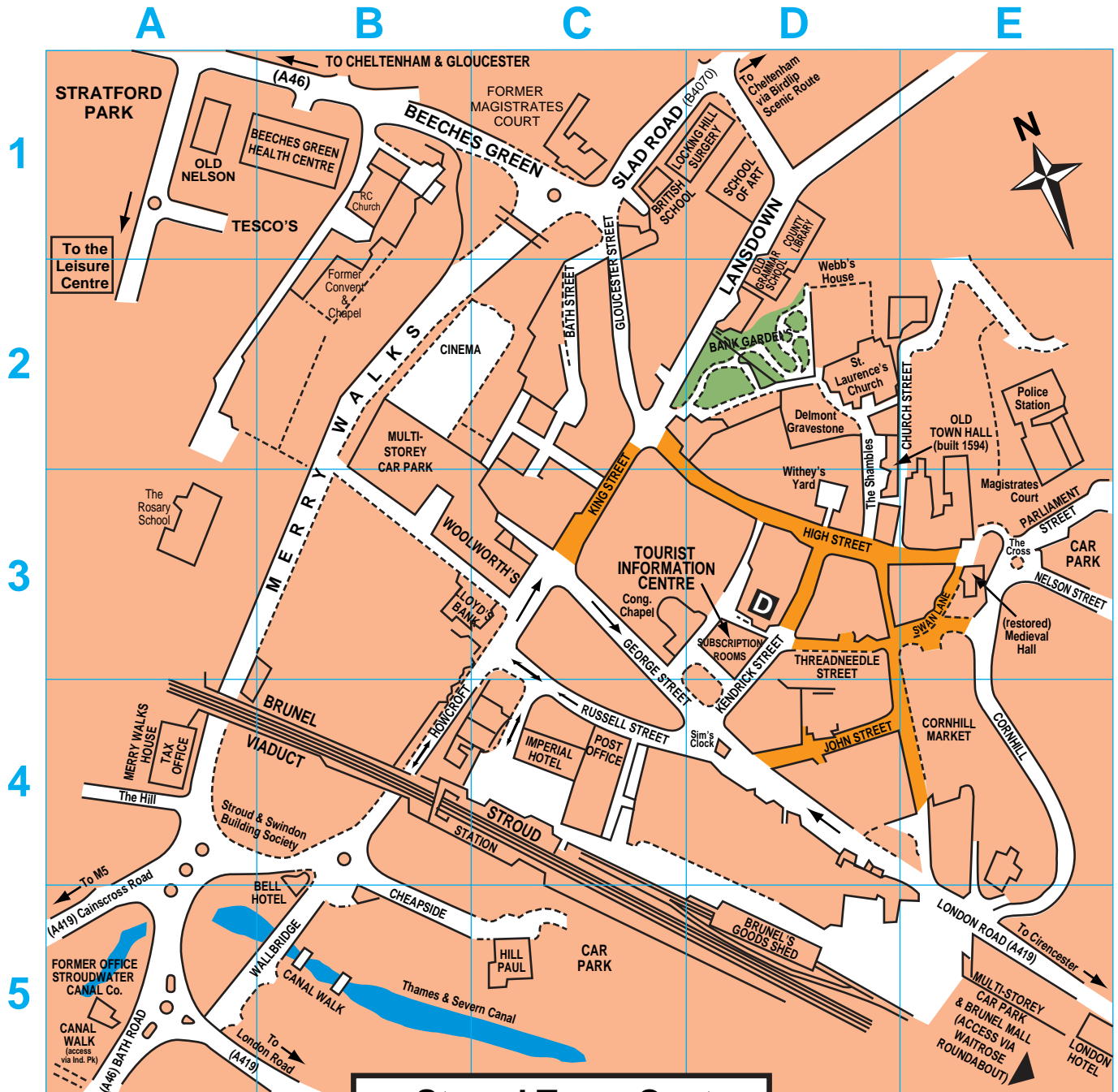
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Beeches Green	B1/B2	High Street	C2/D3	Merrywalks	A4/C1	The Hill	A4
Cainscross Road	A4/A5	John Street	D4	Nelson Street	E3	The Shambles	D2/D3
Cheapside	B4/C5	Kendrick Street	D3/D4	Parliament Street	E3	Threadneedle Street	D3
Church Street	E2	King Street	C2/C3	Rowcroft	B4/C3	Union Street	D3/D4
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Car Park, Castle St. Dursley.
Marybrook St. Berkeley.
Ropewalk, Wotton-under-Edge.
Old Rectory Road, Kingswood, Wotton-under-Edge
All operated under RADAR key scheme (keys on sale at Tourist Information Centre, Stroud and Gloucester).
Also disabled toilets at Tescos, Stratford Rd, Stroud. Waitrose London

Road, Stroud. Sainsburys, Dudbridge Road, Stroud.

Car Hire

Dursley Motor Rentals, Whiteway Hill Garage, Woodmancote, Dursley.
Tel: 01453 542166
Woodchester Car Hire, Woodchester Garage, Bath Road, Woodchester,
Tel: 01453 873285/873403
Gordon (Stroud) Ltd, Ebley Road, Stonehouse
Tel: 01453 822130
Olympic Cars, The Wharf, Dudbridge, Stroud

“Common” Sense

*How many feet have trod this hardened soil
Steeped in wild garlic’s heavenly scent,
Watched youthful rabbits freely dancing
And scratched tired knees on brambly hedge?*

*Unspoiled and ageless beauty this
Where Buzzards powerfully soar,
Cows seem oblivious to the golfball’s flight
And trilling larks sing overhead.*

*I listen, I hear
I stop, I see*

*Above me only cloud
While distant Severn shining like an eel
Yields to old Arlingham’s bend
And waits ‘til Spring for mighty bore*

*Bright kites rest on the hilltop breeze
Above children anchored on common ground,
And Rodborough’s lonely tree spreads wide
As families picnic in her shade*

*How wonderful to live in such a place
Where nature demands time’s hands to stop,
Calls weary man to pause, take stock,
And clothe himself in childlikeness*

*I listen, I hear
I stop, I see
And I feel blessed.*

Tracy Spiers



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