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Fairford sits on a lovely stretch of the River Coln and was once an important coaching town on the old London to Gloucester route. The historic inns and hotels that fill the town are testament to its coaching history.

Don't miss the town's impressive wool church, St Mary's, with its complete set of 28 medieval stained glass windows. You can also follow a short heritage walk around the town and learn about its history.

[www.cotswolds.com/Fairford](http://www.cotswolds.com/Fairford)

The delightful, dog-friendly town of Lechlade-on-Thames lies in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the River Thames. Enjoy a boat trip, take a stroll across the pretty Halfpenny Bridge or explore the Thames Path National Trail from the town. The Church of St Lawrence, which dominates the market square, has beautiful stained glass windows and a landmark spire. In the churchyard, the poet Shelley was inspired to write *A Summer Evening Churchyard* – look out for the verse inscribed by the church entrance.

Lechlade has a thriving town centre with a good selection of shops, including many antique-dealers, and regular markets. You will also find an array of wonderful places to eat and drink. The town lies within the Cotswold Water Park, where you can find a fantastic range of water-based activities to enjoy.

[www.cotswolds.com/Lechlade](http://www.cotswolds.com/Lechlade)





## Buscot Park

Buscot, Faringdon SN7 8BU  
Tel 01367 240932

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/buscot-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/buscot-park)



Set in enchanting landscaped grounds with a splendid water garden, Buscot Park is the family home of Lord Faringdon, who continues to care for the 18th century house, as well as the family art collection, the Faringdon Collection.



## The Cookery School at Thyme

Southrop, Lechlade GL7 3NX

Tel 01367 850174

[www.thyme.co.uk/the-cookery-school](http://www.thyme.co.uk/the-cookery-school)



Thyme's founding ingredient, the Cookery School showcases its 'love of the land' and offers a welcoming environment to learn and nurture skills. Classes often start in the kitchen garden, showing guests how the produce is grown before harvesting

for their menu, and cooking under the guidance of the Thyme chefs.

We are led by the seasons focussing on what is best to buy, cook and eat right now and as every month is different in our kitchen garden, no two classes are the same.

We also offer private classes for fun parties!



## Cotswold Woollen Weavers

Filkins, Lechlade GL7 3JJ

Tel 01367 860660

[www.cotswoldwoollenweavers.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldwoollenweavers.co.uk)



Wool heritage made the Cotswolds, and today we draw our inspiration from the soft colours of the Cotswold landscape all around us.

Visit the only textile design studios in the Cotswolds with our range of fabulous cloth, based on tradition but with a contemporary twist. And then there's... furniture and interiors, textiles, art, pottery, sculpture, and an eclectic mixture, both new and vintage, in our Explorium. We have a licensed coffee shop for light lunches and an orchard picnic area. You can hire bicycles and explore the tranquil Cotswold surrounds.



## Cotswold Water Park

South Cerney GL7 5TL  
[www.waterpark.org](http://www.waterpark.org)



The Cotswold Water Park is a unique destination in the Cotswolds – with something for everyone, whether you are a thrill seeker, a birdwatcher or a walker.

From watersports to walking, cycling to rally driving, birdwatching to an inland beach, the range of activities in this one area is breathtaking. Pick up a free leisure map at the Gateway Café and Information Centre to decide what to do where, or check out the website [www.waterpark.org](http://www.waterpark.org)



## Kelmscott Manor

Kelmscott, Near Lechlade GL7 3HJ  
 Tel 01367 252486  
[www.sal.org.uk/kelmscottmanor](http://www.sal.org.uk/kelmscottmanor)



*'The loveliest haunt of ancient peace...'*

Kelmscott Manor was the country home of William Morris – poet, craftsman, socialist and Father of the Arts & Crafts movement – from 1871 until his death in 1896. The house contains a collection of possessions and works of Morris, his family and associates. William Morris called Kelmscott *'a heaven on earth'*. His delight in its discovery can still be felt by visitors today. The landscape with its barns, dovecote, stream, meadows and formal gardens was a constant source of inspiration for Morris and the flora and fauna of the surrounding area are reflected in his designs.

In 2021, Kelmscott Manor received National Lottery Heritage Funding for conservation and improvement work. Please visit our website for details.





## Lechlade Craft Barn

Lechlade GL7 3AY  
Tel 01367 253586  
[www.lechldecraftbarn.com](http://www.lechldecraftbarn.com)  
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Craft in the Cotswolds - what's not to love? Launched in 2014, Lechlade Craft Barn offers an array of affordable, fun and relaxed workshops throughout the year. From needle felting, mosaic making or lampshade making, unleash your creative side and join us for a workshop or two.



## St Mary's Church

Fairford GL7 4AF  
[www.stmaryschurchfairford.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurchfairford.org.uk)  
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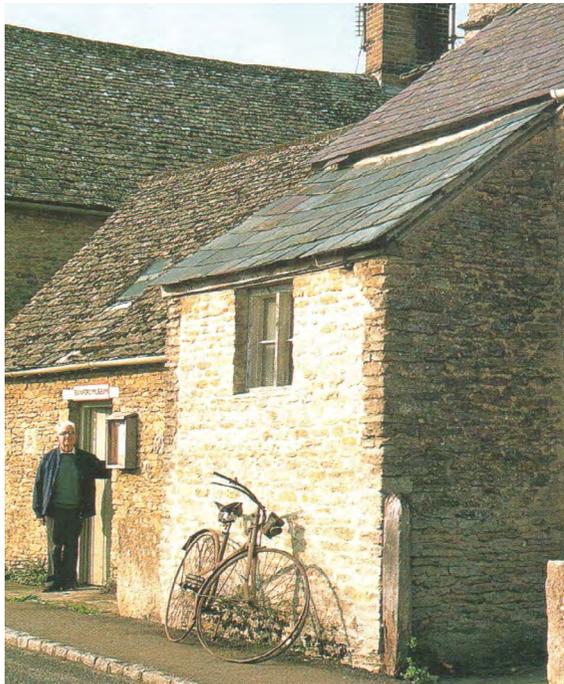
There has been a church on this site for 1,000 years, the present one dating from around 1497. The church, as well as being the largest place of worship in the town, is renowned for its stunning stained glass windows - the only complete set of late medieval glass in a parish church in the country. Enjoy yourself trying to work out why a particular episode or character has been included in the window scenes and what their position might tell you. For example, why is the prophet David facing the apostle James the Great?



## Swinford Museum

Filkins GL7 3JQ  
[www.filkins.org.uk](http://www.filkins.org.uk)

One of Oxfordshire's oldest small, rural museums, it was originally set up by George Swinford in the 1930s. Housed in a 17th century cottage this collection of tools and artefacts relates to domestic life and rural trades and crafts that are particular to this Cotswold village.





Find out more at

[www.cotswolds.com](http://www.cotswolds.com)

