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At nearly 800 feet, Stow is the highest of the Gloucestershire Cotswolds towns and famous as a centre for antiques. The town radiates from the impressive market square, surrounded by Cotswold stone buildings. There is a good selection of specialist shops, cosy cafés and inns to enjoy.

Stow has a fascinating history, with the market square once host to some of the Cotswolds' largest sheep fairs, with up to 20,000 sheep herded into the square for sale. The medieval Market Cross and the old stocks give a sense of Stow's early history.

Stow had a significant role in the English Civil War – it was at nearby Donnington that the last battle was fought in 1646. St Edward's Church was used as a prison for the defeated Royalist troops and is well worth a visit.

Stow is also home to England's oldest inn, The Porch House, as well as a great choice of other places to eat.

www.cotswolds.com/Stow





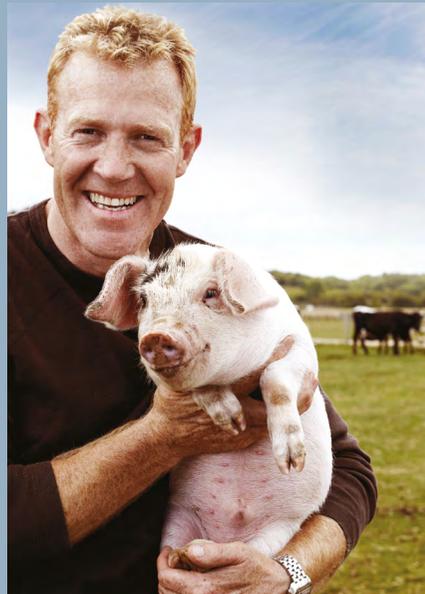
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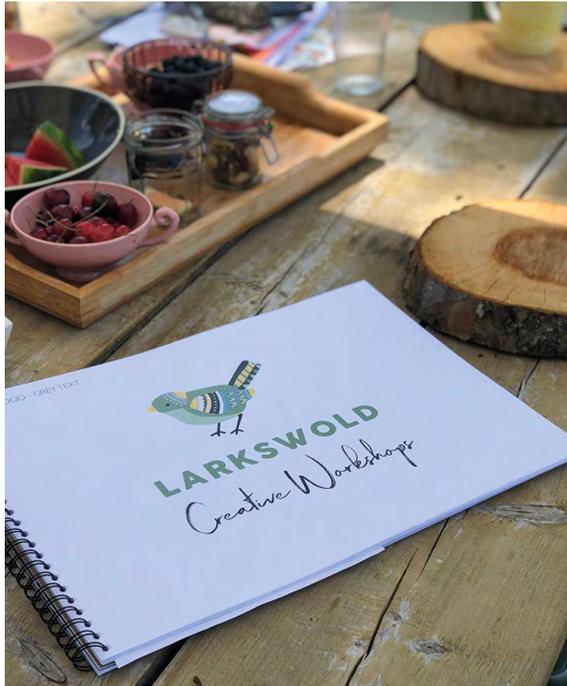
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Fresh vegetables, fruit and herbs are picked each morning from the Market Garden, which is just steps away from our award-winning farmshop & café, kitchens, bakery and creamery.

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The Yellow Hat Tribe

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The Yellow Hat Gallery, which is also a studio, is well worth a visit. You can see the artist, Irene, creating her new paintings. There are over 100 pictures to view and enjoy along with numerous items for sale. This is a gallery with a difference, it's full of sunshine and happiness.

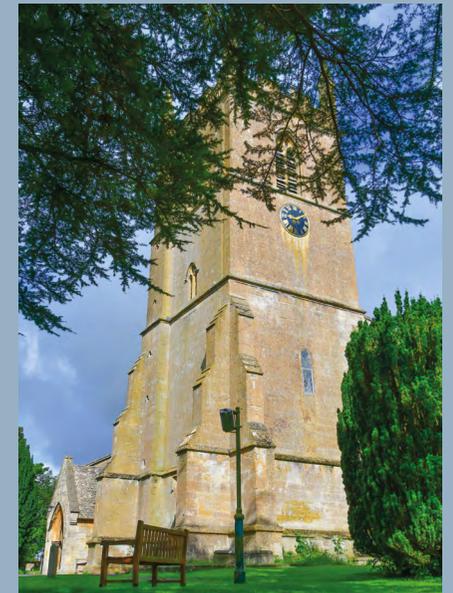


St Edward's Church

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The Church of St Edward was built between the 11th and 15th centuries - with further additions and renovations in Victorian times - on the site of an earlier Saxon church. The present church houses traces of Norman stonework, 13th century Early English columns and arches, and a south tower and nave clerestory of Perpendicular style. The 88ft high 4-stage tower, completed in 1447, is a conspicuous landmark due to its embattled parapet with pinnacles and a string course with gargoyles. Externally, the most striking aspect is the pair of ancient yew trees flanking the porch.

The church played a role in the Battle of Stow when on 21 March 1646 Stow was the scene of the final battle of the first phase of the English Civil War, where Parliament's New Model Army defeated Royalists led by Sir Jacob Astley. Royalist prisoners were held in the church after the battle. One reminder of those grim days is an incised memorial set into the chancel floor commemorating the Royalist soldier Captain Hastings Keyte of Ebrington.





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