

FURTHER INFORMATION

There are many varied and interesting attractions within easy reach of Church Farm. The following are intended as useful suggestions, in response to FAQ'S. In addition there are a selection of tourist information leaflets in the breakfast room.

Many guests ask about eating locally. Most of the villages have a good pub and there are many excellent places to eat within a few miles. These are the most popular:-

JACKS BAR AND RESTAURANT, Hartham 01249 700100 – ½ mile.
Located in Hartham Park, this friendly bar and restaurant is fast becoming a huge success. The setting is elegant and luxurious and the food is of a very high standard, with a distinctive menu. Prices are reasonable for café style lunches and are comparable with Gastro-pub rates in the evening. Booking is essential at weekends and Bank Holidays.

BIDDESTONE ARMS, Biddestone 01249 714377 - 1 mile.
Just off the edge of the village offering spacious restaurant area and huge portions of good quality pub grub.

Biddestone is the next village to Hartham and is charming and quintessentially English, with its village green and duck pond. The village is awash with character cottages, grand houses and a Norman/Saxon church.

LACOCK – 3 MILES.

Lacock is now famous for almost constant movie filming and TV programmes, using its picturesque high street and tithe barns. “Harry Potter”, “Cranford”, “Pride and Prejudice”, “Moll Flanders” and “The Wolfman” have all been made in and around the village recently. Lacock has a 9th century abbey and a ford across the river. The village is almost entirely owned by the National Trust and is unspoilt by modern features. In addition to all the above there is also the Fox Talbot Museum of Photography, a must for all photographers.

There are lots of great places to eat in the heart of the village:-
The George – 01249 730263, The Carpenters Arms – 01249 730203,

The Red Lion 01249 730456, The Sign of the Angel 01249 730230, and not to be missed fabulous cream teas at King John's Hunting Lodge (near St Cyriacs Church).

THE BELL, YATTON KEYNELL – 01249 782216 4 MILES

Has a good reputation for pub food. It is situated on a wide junction in the middle of the village and has a lovely big garden and patio area.

CASTLE COMBE VILLAGE – 3 MILES

Another famous village, where "Doctor Dolittle" was filmed in the 1960's. Pictures of the high street are endlessly reproduced on calendars, chocolate boxes, table mats etc; well worth a walk round.

The luxurious 5* Manor House is in the centre of the village and is very expensive, but great for a special treat. It also has its own golf course, which is beautifully located in the Bybrook Valley.

The Castle Hotel offers nice morning coffee and good food in the evening.

CORSHAM – 1 MILE

This small town has a very nice old high street, where there are several good places to eat.

The Methuen Arms- 01249 717060 : is newly re-opened and offers light snacks, morning coffee, afternoon tea and a very popular restaurant.

Cinnamon – 01249 701190 A Bistro using locally sourced meats and veg and is small but has a good atmosphere and a well renowned chef.

The Jaipur – 01249 715627, is a wonderful Indian Restaurant, serving in house and Take-Away, all very delicious.

Hare and Hounds Pub, Corsham - good ordinary pub grub at reasonable prices – 01249 701106

Several other local pubs noted for good food are:-

The Northey at Box – 01225 742333 about 4 miles with excellent chef prepared menus.

The Quarrymans at Box – 01225 743569 also 4 miles (great views of Box Valley)

The Pear Tree at Whitley – 01225 70913 – approx 6 miles .Typical Gastropub , quite expensive. Now owned by Marco Pierre White.

The Vine Tree at Norton – 01666 837654 – approx 8 miles

The Tollgate Inn at Holt – 01225 782326- approx 7 miles

We are well served for stunning country house hotels and venues for weddings and other events. These are some of the best:-

WEDDING VENUES

Hartham Park – next door	01249 700000
Guyers House, Pickwick, Corsham	01249 713399
Manor House, Castle Combe	01249 782206
Rudloe Hall, Rudloe, Corsham	01225 810555
Lackham College, Lacock	01249 466800
Stanton Manor, Chippenham	01666 837552
Bowood House, Calne	01249 822228
Grittleton House, Nr Chippenham	01249 782434
Wellington Barn. Calstone, Calne	01249 823222
Sheldon Manor, Chippenham	01249 653120

We also have some really good Farm Shops in the area – well worth a visit if you are staying nearby.

Hartley Farm Winsley is well stocked by its own market garden and produce from other local farms. They also have a small cafe offering snacks and soups.

Allington Farm Shop near Chippenham has a very good butchery and a large selection of fruit and veg. It also has a cafe for teas, coffees and lunches.

Neston Farm shop has a pets corner for children and a very good cafe/restaurant, featuring mainly organic produce.

The T.V series “Larkrise to Candleford” is currently being filmed in and around Neston at 2 different sites.

BATH: (approx 8 miles)

The famous city of Bath is just 20 minutes from here and is the second most visited tourist attraction in England. It boasts ancient Roman ruins and the Roman Baths. It has many museums, art galleries and sites of special interest. – The Jane Austen Museum is a new addition to the cultural heritage of this fabulous Georgian City. The spectacular Abbey lies at the heart of the city and is a good starting point for all visits.

Bath is also great for shopping, retaining many independent shops and offering a wide choice of goods. The Southgate Centre has just opened and being a Cosmopolitan city offers something of interest for everyone.

HISTORIC HOUSES:

Wiltshire is rich in history and wealthy estates from the era of the wool trade. There are many National Trust and English Heritage properties to be enjoyed in this area. Here are a few of the favourites.

Corsham Court – only half a mile from Church Farm

Bowood, Calne – 7 miles

Lydiard Park – near Swindon – 15 miles

Longleat House, Warminster – 20 miles

Dyrham Park, near Bath — 8 miles

Stourhead, ~Warminster – 20 miles

Iford Manor, Bradford on Avon – 8 miles

Great Chalfield Manor – South Wraxall – 6 miles

PRE-HISTORIC SITES:

Stonehenge – 18 miles

Avebury Stones – 15 miles

West Kennet Longbarrow – 15 miles

Silbury Hill – 15 miles

The Sanctuary – 15 miles

Wiltshire White Horses – 11 altogether in the county.

Also don't forget to visit the World Famous Crop Circles that are found in the summer months, mainly around the Marlborough area.

GOLF COURSES:

Castle Combe – 3 miles 01249 782982
Bowood, Calne – 8 miles 01249 822228
North Wilts, Devizes – 10 miles 01380 860627
Cumberwell, Bradford on Avon – 7 miles 01225 863322
Chippenham – 4 miles 01249 652040
Kingsdown Gold Club – 5 miles 01225 742530
West Wilts Golf Club, Warminster – 20 miles 01985 213133
Players Golf Club, Codrington – 10 miles 01454 311818
Whitley Pitch and Putt – 5 miles 01225 790099
The Golf Academy and Driving Range, Yatton Keynell – 01249 783121
Monkton Park Par 3 – Chippenham – 4 miles 01249 653928

RIDING SCHOOLS:

Biddestone – 01225 782475
Lacock – 01249 730400
Heddington Wick – 01380 850182
Hampsley Hollow – 01380 850333
Widbrook, Bradford on Avon – 01225 862608

FISHING:

Wick Farm, Lacock – 01249 730244

GARDENS:

There are some wonderful gardens in this area and apart from the well-known ones, many others are in the National Gardens Scheme.

Malmesbury Abbey Gardens – 01666 822212
The Courts, Bradford on Avon – 01225 782340
Iford Manor “ “ - 01225 863146
Stourhead, Warmister - 01747 841152
Bowood, Calne - 01249 812102
Westonbirt Arboretum - 01666 880220
Special Plants, near Bath – 01225 891686
Sheldon Manor, Chippenham - 01249 653120
Hanham Court, S. Glos