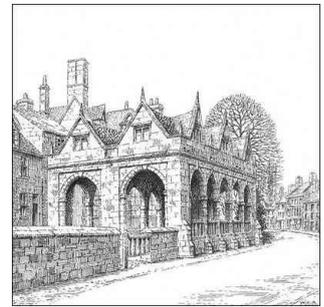




Chipping Campden

1st - 3rd March 2019

**Noel Arms Hotel, High Street, Chipping
Campden, Gloucestershire, GL55 6AT**



Welcome to Chipping Campden, a charming medieval wool merchants' town and one of the most beautiful in the Cotswolds. "Chipping" means market or market place from the old English "Ceping". Campden was already established in the 7th century and derives its name from the Saxon "Campa-denu" or "Campadene", meaning a valley with fields or enclosures of cultivated land. The main street curves in a shallow arc lined with a succession of ancient limestone houses each grafted onto the next.

Accommodation - Noel Arms Hotel, High Street, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, GL55 6AT

We are staying in the historic Noel Arms, one of the oldest Cotswold inns and steeped in history. Allegedly Charles II stayed here during the English Civil War. As an old building every room is unique so to encourage prompt bookings, rooms will be allocated on a "best room first" basis! A limited number of single and disabled (ground floor, no lift) rooms are available. Please book and pay via the Senate. Single rooms have been secured at a particularly good discount as the hotel does not have singles as such, but only five are available. Indicate on your booking form if you are booking a single room, would prefer to share but do not have anyone to share with. There are 27 rooms in the hotel held for the Senate until 6th January.

If you wish you can book your own accommodation, other hotels and B&B's are available but nowhere in Campden is cheap! We may have to limit Friday night's event to those staying in the Noel Arms.

Friday Night - Curry Buffet at Noel Arms Hotel

Kick off the weekend and meet up with old friends whilst enjoying that most traditional of British food - a curry! A speciality of the Sri Lankan head chef, a three-time winner of *Pub Curry Chef of the Year*, who has worked around the world catering for prime ministers and presidents. There will be a range of dishes to choose from buffet-style but remember to put any dietary requirements on your booking form. During the evening there will be an opportunity to find out more about traditional Cotswold sports such as Skin Kicking. The evening will start at around 8pm and be held in the Noel Arms for ease of getting to bed afterwards.

Saturday Morning - Broadway Tower & Country Park, Middle Hill, Broadway, Worcestershire, WR12 7LB

A few miles outside Chipping Campden is Broadway Tower, the brainchild of the 18th Century landscape designer, Capability Brown, paid for by George William 6th Earl of Coventry, designed by architect James Wyatt and completed in 1798. Broadway Tower has exhibitions on three floors, including William Morris, the Arts and Crafts movement and the Royal Observer Corps. Enjoy breath-taking views from the roof.

The Royal Observer Corps used the unique vantage point to track enemy planes over England during the world wars of the 20th Century and later constructed a nuclear bunker to report nuclear attacks during the "Cold War". The bunker was once part of a wider network of similar structures all over the United Kingdom built to study and report the effects of nuclear explosions and the resulting radioactive fallout.

Please be aware that access to the bunker is via a ladder, there is no disabled access and suitable clothes and footwear must be worn. Also there is no lift in the Tower!

The nuclear bunker is usually closed at this time of year but they are opening it especially for the Senate. A combined Broadway Tower and Nuclear Bunker visit can be booked. Or you can go to Broadway Hill, pay your own entry to the tower (£5), look at the Tower (free) and visit the café. Travel in your own car or ask for a lift. To help both those without cars and the planet, please indicate if you can offer a lift.

Saturday Lunch - The Lygon Arms, High Street, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, GL55 6HB

The Lygon Arms is the oldest Coaching Inn in Chipping Campden with trading records dating back to the 16th Century. Originally called the "White Hart" derived from Richard II's heraldic symbol. The name was changed to "The George" during the reign of James I (1603-1625). In 1772 it was called "The Hare and Hounds" and was sold in 1821. There is some confusion over the date that the name became "The Lygon Arms", However, in 1837 an old document refers to "The Hare and Hounds, now called the Lygon". Since 1942 it has been owned and run by four generations of the same family.

We have a private room and bar out the back of the pub with a delicious hot and cold buffet lunch.

Please note there is a more well-known, and expensive, Lygon Arms in Broadway. You may go there if you wish but the Senate will not pay your bill!

Saturday Afternoon - Chipping Campden

Explore and learn more about Chipping Campden with a guided walking tour around Chipping Campden. This is accessible by motorised scooter and last approximately two hours, but a shorter walk can be arranged if wanted.

Saturday Late Afternoon - The Bantam Tea Rooms, High Street, Chipping Campden, GL55 6HB

After the walk enjoy a well-deserved cup of tea (or coffee or soft drink) and some delicious cake. There will be a quiz on Chipping Campden, so we will see who was listening to the guide on the walk!

The Bantam Tea Rooms were built in 1693 in the time of the Stuarts, William III and Mary II, when it was known as the Guild House. Little is known about the place for the next 200 years but by the early 1900s it had become Grandfather Izod's Dairy. In 1919 it became a butcher's shop run by Thomas William Hopkins, a beef and pork butcher. It continued as a butcher's shop until the Second World War and the old butcher's rail can still be seen in the tea room. In 1947 the Stansfield family arrived, setting up an antique shop. They left in 1949 and by the early 1950s the first eating-place was established. The name 'Bantam' derives from a hotel across the road, 'The Golden Cockerel', which helped set up the first Bantam Tea Rooms here – hence the golden cockerel perched on top of the Bantam Tea Rooms sign. The 1960s was a famous era for The Bantam when it was run by Miss Betty Brock and her waitresses known as The Bantam Babes.

Saturday Night - Montrose Suite, Cotswold House Hotel, The Square, Chipping Campden, GL55 6AN

Directly across the road from the Noel Arms is the Cotswold House Hotel and Spa. Cotswold House was built in Regency 1820 and has been a successful town house hotel for many years.

Start your evening off in style with a pre-dinner prosecco reception. Then enjoy a delicious dinner with wine. The room can hold up to 90 so you are welcome to come even if not staying the whole weekend.

Sunday Morning - Robert Welch Studio Shop, Lower High Street, Chipping Campden, GL55 6DY

Just along the road from the Noel Arms hotel is Robert Welch who design and manufacture iconic cutlery and other household items. Join the Senate for a tour of the shop and a talk on the history of the company and Robert Welch Designs. There is no charge, but each person will receive a 'goody bag' containing a complimentary product, catalogue and a copy of their Design Craft and Industry book.

Robert Welch left the Royal College of Art in 1955 and set up with a drawing board and camp bed in a rented room in the Chipping Campden 18th century Silk Mill. From this inauspicious start he became an MBE and a Royal Designer for Industry. He pioneered the introduction of stainless steel cutlery to the UK and gained a reputation for excellence in both design and manufacture. His designs are displayed the V&A Museum, British Museum, MoMA in New York and KODE Art Museums of Bergen, Norway.

Sunday Lunch - Various venues or nothing at all!

Nothing has been booked for lunch but there is a wide variety of pubs and restaurants in Chipping Campden where you can have lunch if you wish. Particularly recommended are:

Lygon Arms High Street, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, GL55 6HB 01386 840318
Eight Bells Church Street, Chipping Campden, GL55 6JG 01386 840371
Eatery Old Kings Arms, High Street. Chipping Campden, GL55 6HB 01386 840934

Travel & Parking

You can be picked up from a nearby train station (with advance notice). The nearest train stations are:

Honeybourne	WR11 7GL	5 miles	15 minutes
Moreton-in-Marsh	GL56 0AA	8.5 miles	20 minutes
Evesham	WR11 4JG	11.5 miles	25 minutes

Broadway Tower is on the A44 Evesham/Moreton in Marsh route, 1 mile south-east of Broadway. Only 10 minutes (8 miles) drive from Chipping Campden. To assist those who do not have a car and to do our bit for the environment please state on your booking form if you can offer a lift and to how many. No pressure.

Everything else is within a short walk of the Noel Arms. Please take care crossing the road!

There is plenty of parking at the Noel Arms. If you are not resident then there is free public parking available at the secondary school: **Chipping Campden School, Cidermill Lane, Chipping Campden, GL55 6HU**. Parking is also available in The Square (opposite Noel Arms and Cotswold House) but is short term pay and display.

Driving to the Saturday night dinner: A car park at the rear of the Cotswold House Hotel. The entrance to the car-park is not immediately obvious but directions are: "Turn right into the High Street leaving the hotel on your right. After a short distance, turn right at St Catherine's Church into Hoo Lane and take the next right into Back Ends. The hotel car park entrance is 75 metres on the right and is marked with a sign."

Access and Mobility

The Noel Arms:	No lift but courtyard rooms are available, there are a few steps into function room
Broadway Tower:	Three flights of stairs to top
Nuclear bunker:	Access to the bunker is via a ladder
Lygon Arms:	Few steps up to function room
Bantam Tea Rooms:	A few steps into tea room, few steps to toilet down corridor, not disabled toilet
Cotswold House:	2-3 steps up to dining area and down to toilet
Robert Welch:	Ground Floor

Sartorial Advice

The whole weekend is casual except for Saturday night which is black tie (medals & decorations) for men. Ladies long/short/trousers, smart and elegant as usual. Sensible shoes for Saturday daytime, particularly if you are going into the nuclear bunker.

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