

INSTANT WEEKEND
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**THE FIVE ALLS FILKINS,
 GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

This sweet inn near Lechlade is well-placed to explore the Cotswolds' best antique shops



Built in the famous local Cotswold stone, this inn is as pretty as a chocolate box. Inside, cosy Chesterfields and Ikat cushions are accented with quirky touches - from gramophone pendant lights to stamped wallpapers - making the pub a great stopover for interiors lovers. And foodies will be happy too with the delicious lunch and dinner menus based on locally-sourced ingredients.

All the good food is crucial fuel for forays out into the locale. For an Arts and Crafts fix, the home of William Morris (kelmscottmanor.co.uk) in Lechlade is an inspiring visit with lovely gardens to explore. Meanwhile, Burford tops the list for local antiques. We spent a happy hour or two browsing the aptly titled Mad Hatter Bookshop (madhattersbooks.co.uk), with its fine mix of books and hats. For the sports enthusiast, Manfred Schotten (sportantiques.co.uk) is worth a visit to rummage through its wealth of sporting antiques, ranging from boules to skis. And Burford's pretty high street is an attraction in itself. Lined with picturesque tea rooms, antiques shops and, when we visited, an outdoor fair, it's the perfect place for a relaxed afternoon.

On the way back we popped into Stow-on-the-Wold - a town as pretty as its name suggests - where we discovered Vintage and Paint (vintageandpaint.com). Stocking a good array of industrial and pretty vintage wares, it also sells the indispensable Annie Sloan paint range.

❖ Rooms are £110 for a double with breakfast.
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Decorative living in the country

Here at H&A, we are thrilled to once again be sponsoring the Decorative Living Fair which returns to the gorgeous grounds of Eridge House in Kent after an interlude at Chelsea Town Hall. Dotted among the flower beds will be dozens of dealers selling everything from filigree tealight holders to weathered French planters. Talks will run throughout the day with a line up including stylist Selina Lake whose new book *Outdoor Living* is just out and Vintage Home Shop owner Minnie Craske. For the chance to win one of five pairs of early-bird tickets, worth £20 each, send a postcard marked 'Decorative Living Fair' with your name and full contact details to the address on p142.



FINE FOLK

There's a global spirit to Anthropologie's spring/summer collection and we can't help but love its bang on trend folk-style 'Palisade' collection. Kit yourself out with a full dinner service in the cheery pattern, or pick up a statement piece or two. The large platter (£68) could be all you need to serve a spectacular Easter roast. Prices from £12. 00800 0026 8476; anthropologie.eu

