



## 15 Fabulous Things to see and do in and around Stonehouse

Join us in celebrating our 15 year Anniversary at Stonehouse Court Hotel with our exciting range of activities and ideas for your 2019 get away

Call us on 01453 794950 to book

**1. 15 Year Anniversary Gin Tasting Party- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Booking essential.**

Join us for a celebratory Gin Tasting and canapes with our resident Gin expert. £35 pp  
Take your taste buds on a tantalizing trip through the world of Gin. This evening is to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Stonehouse Court Hotel's ownership. For £35pp you will receive five G&T's throughout your evening whilst enjoying a selection of Canapes.

Our Ginformation host will help broaden your Gin knowledge teaching you about garnishes and the difference they can make to what you taste in your glass.

**2. Bug Bioblitz – May Half Term Thursday 30 May, 10am to 1pm. Booking essential.**

Join Cotswold Canal and Gloucestershire Wildlife to look for otters, dragonflies, kingfishers and mammal tracks along the banks for the canal and River Frome. See [www.cotswoldcanalsconnected.org](http://www.cotswoldcanalsconnected.org) for booking details. Why not reserve a table on the terrace or restaurant for lunch on your return?

**3. Tales from the towpath – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 11am – Booking essential.**

Enjoy an engaging stroll along the towpath with pauses to hear instalments of a story set in the early days of the Stroudwater canal. Start and end at the Stonehouse Court Hotel.

Led by Fiona Eadie, storyteller and author of *Tales from the towpath: stories and histories of the Cotswold Canals*. ([www.fionaeadiestoryteller.com](http://www.fionaeadiestoryteller.com)). Approximate duration is 1.5 hours £15pp.

**4. Go Foraging Lunch! October 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am -1pm onwards. Booking essential.**

Meet Go Foraging expert Martin Bailey for a 3 hour foraging experience along the canal and local countryside. Learn how foraged ingredients are used with our specially created menu and enjoy a fabulous 3 course lunch. £69pp includes foraging experience, talk and lunch. Book accommodation with us on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> from £85 per room. Should the event not be sufficiently supported we reserve the right cancel, full refund will apply.

**5. Visit the Award Winning Stroud Farmers Market – Every Saturday 9am – 12pm**

Experience the delights of local produce and arts and crafts at the Stroud Farmers Market. Leave the car behind, walk or cycle along the canal path (behind Stonehouse Court) to Stroud and return for lunch on our lovely south facing garden terrace.

- 6. Win a family afternoon Tea\* with our Nature Photography Competition – May to June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Get all the family involved in spotting wildlife within the hotel gardens, along the canal and River Frome. E-mail your photos to [info@stonehousecourt.co.uk](mailto:info@stonehousecourt.co.uk) or post on Instagram, identifying your wildlife find and location spotted for your chance to win! Cotswold Canals are also running a photography walk on Wednesday 5 & 12 June. [www.cotswoldcanalsconnected.org](http://www.cotswoldcanalsconnected.org) \*prize applies to 2 adults and 2 children
- 7. Fancy Bee Keeping? Stroud Beekeepers are running a Taster Day on September 14<sup>th</sup>.**  
Learn all about looking after bees on this one day taster course, 9.30am to 4pm including lunch. [www.stroudbeekeepers.co.uk](http://www.stroudbeekeepers.co.uk) Spaces are limited so early booking recommended. Stonehouse Court Package for two persons including bee taster day, one night accommodation, 3 course dinner and breakfast from £247. (Dinner allowance £30pp) Booking essential.
- 8. Go Paddle-boarding on the Canal. 2 hour supervised instruction £25 pp, £15 p child\***  
Enjoy the delights of the Canal by Paddle board, the two hour lesson will take you from Stonehouse Court landing stage down to Ebley Wharf and back. Return for lunch or afternoon tea on the terrace. \*conditions apply. Booking essential.
- 9. English Wine Tasting and Tour with Woodchester Valley Vineyard.**  
Learn all about English Wine making with a 1 ½-2hour Tour around the vineyard. Includes tutored tasting, includes glass of wine on arrival. Package price for two people from: £185.50 includes wine tour at Woodchester Valley Vineyard\*, one night accommodation, 3 course dinner and breakfast. Room upgrades available. Booking essential. \*includes 15% discounted price for hotel guests.
- 10. Hire a bike and explore the Stroud Valley**  
Bikes can be hired from the hotel reception from £20 pp per day. All our bikes are provided by our partner The Access Bike Project [www.accessbike.org](http://www.accessbike.org) which teaches and mentors young people to fix and upcycle bikes. 50% of all bike hire proceeds goes back to the Access Bike Project to support young people. Don't forget to order your picnic!
- 11. Charity Fire Walk – Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 6pm**  
Join us for Allsorts Charity Fire Walk at Stonehouse Court Hotel. Join us for an evening of fun, games and BBQ as hardy fund- raisers walk the Fire Walk! Stay over with us from £137 per room.
- 12. Enjoy a fabulous family day out at Slimbridge Wetland Centre,**  
Experience the amazing wildlife at Slimbridge Wetlands Centre: from ducks and geese to pink flamingos and otters. Let the kids go wild in Welly Boot Land.  
Book direct at [www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/slimbridge](http://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/slimbridge)
- 13. Art Unbound: Landscape Painting and Stone-carving at the historic Rocco Gardens**  
Rocco gardens are running an exciting programme of painting and stone-carving courses in the magnificent gardens. Find out more at [www.rococogarden.org.uk](http://www.rococogarden.org.uk) . Make a weekend of it; book our accommodation from £99 B&B based on two sharing

**14. Discover our Textile Heritage and Visit Gigg and Dunkirk Mills**

Experience the huge water wheel powering textile machinery at Dunkirk or try weaving at Gigg Mill. Open 2pm-4pm on selected weekends April to September, see website for details <http://stroudtextiletrust.org.uk/events-mill-openings>

**15. Visit National Trust Woodchester Mansion and Park**

Enjoy fabulous countryside walks, wildlife and a woodland play trail with wobble beams, stepping logs, a see-saw, wooden hop-scotch, balance bridges, rope swings and of course a climbing frame or two. [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/woodchester-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/woodchester-park)