

GUEST HOUSES AND B&B ACCOMMODATION

THE CORNERS INN, Kingsland, Leominster HR6 9RY
Traditional 16th Century black and white inn with beautifully appointed en suite accommodation offering quality home made food and local beers. Double £70.00, Single £45.00. Phone for brochure. MAP E6 VB****
Tel: 01568 708385 www.thecornersinn.com

THE FARMHOUSE B&B, Aymestrey HR6 9ST
Warm welcome at c1740 stone farmhouse. Heart of cycling, walking Mortimer Trail. Log fires, inglenooks, beams. Comfortable en suite accommodation, guests' lounge, pets welcome. Local organic food. MAP D5 VB**** Silver Award. Tel: 01568 708075
farmbreakfasts@tesco.net www.farmbreakfasts.com

LOWER BUCKTON COUNTRY HOUSE, nr Leintwardine SY7 0JU Home grown and local food for award winning breakfasts, delicious dinners, house parties, byo horse holidays all off the beaten track in quiet rural idyll. MAP C2 VB**** Silver Award.
Tel: 01547 540532 www.lowerbuckton.co.uk

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Early C17th farmhouse on a quiet lane amongst the Welsh border hills. Delicious AGA cooked food, comfortable rooms, guest lounge with log fire, beautiful gardens. Anne and Bill Brandrick. MAP D3 VB**** Tel: 01568 770223 www.sy7.com

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Relax and unwind at our traditional C18 family working farm. All rooms en-suite with Wi-Fi internet. From £32.50 -£35.00 pppn, single occupancy from £35.00 pppn. Using local quality produce. MAP E3 VB**** Tel: 01568 770230 www.marlbroomhall.co.uk

THE OLD HOUSE, Kingsland, Leominster HR6 9QS.
A lovely comfortable stay in a listed 16th Century home, where a warm welcome by Rick and Andrea Noordegraaf-Teeuw awaits you. Personal service, excellent rooms and AGA-cooked food, take a dip in our new natural swimming pool. MAP E6 VB****. Tel: 01568 709120. www.teacosy.nl

ROSECROFT, Orleton, SY8 4HN

Very comfortable 18th Century house with garden in the centre of picturesque village of Orleton. We offer a very relaxing atmosphere and delicious breakfasts. Always happy to make picnic lunches. MAP F4 VB**** Silver Award Tel: 01568 780565
www.stmem.com/rosecroft

UPPER BUCKTON, Upper Buckton, near Leintwardine, SY7 0JU

Elegant farmhouse in stunning peaceful location overlooking the River Teme. Log fires, luxury bedrooms and bathrooms. Imaginative dinners. Fine wines from Europe and the New World. MAP C2 VB**** Gold Award. Tel: 01547 540634. ghlloydco@btconnect.com

WALFORD COURT, Nr Leintwardine, SY7 0JT

Winners of Flavours of Herefordshire 'Best Breakfast' for the last 2 years, plus an Enjoy England Breakfast Accolade, you know you're in for a treat. Large stunning suites, beautiful countryside, AGA cooked candlelight evening meals from home grown and locally sourced ingredients, in this historic 500 year old courthouse. MAP D2 VB**** Silver Award Tel: 01547 540570 info@romanticbreak.com www.romanticbreak.com

WILLEY LANE FARM, Lower Willey, Presteigne LD8 2LU

18th Century beamed farmhouse, courtyard setting. Views to Mortimer Trail. All rooms en-suite. Guest Lounge. Conservatory dining/sitting room. Walkers and cyclists welcome. Gluten free available. MAP B4 VB**** Tel: 01544 267148 www.willeylane.co.uk

CARAVAN AND CAMPING

PEARL LAKE LEISURE PARK, Shobdon, Leominster HR6 9NQ

Touring and privately owned caravan holiday home park with 9 hole golf course, large fishing lake, bowling green, woodland walks, childrens play area, bar and restaurant. Holiday Home Hire available MAP C6 VB**** Tel: 01568 708326 info@pearllake.co.uk www.bestparks.co.uk

MIDWAY HOLIDAY PARK, Aymestrey, Hereford HR6 9SR

Caravan and Camping Certificated Site. Midway is set in the lovely countryside of Mortimer Country and is within walking distance of the Mortimer Trail. MAP D5 Te: 01568 708236 info@midwayholidaypark.co.uk www.midwayholidaypark.co.uk

SELF-CATERING ACCOMMODATION

THE BARN AT RYECROFT, Ryecroft, Richards Castle, Ludlow SY8 4EU

Unique, idyllic, rural hideaway 4 miles from Ludlow and half a mile from Mortimer Trail. MAP F3 VB**** Tel: 01584 831224 ryecroftbarn@hotmail.com www.ludlow.org.uk/ryecroft.

THE BUNGALOW, Lower Lye, Aymestrey, HR6 9TA

Fully equipped, modern bungalow in open farmland. Uninterrupted views. Walking, rivers, wildlife, good food nearby. Sky TV. Children, pets welcome. Wheelchair access. MAP D4 VB*** Tel: 01568 770582
Carol Price price2k@fsmail.net www.lowerlye.co.uk

THE BUZZARDS ORGANIC SMALLHOLDING, Kingsland, Leominster HR6 9QE

Three comfortable cottages – sleep 2/4. 16 Acres of attractive woodland, pasture land, orchards and ponds. Camping by prior arrangement. MAP D6 VB**** Tel: 01568 708941 www.thebuzzards.co.uk

LAVENDER COTTAGE, Clungunford, SY7 0PX

A lovely fully equipped converted barn, sleeps 3. Pets/ cyclists welcome. Local walks, rivers and wildlife. Evening meals available. Map C1 VB**** Tel: 01588 660631 www.rockecottagetearoom.co.uk kr.clarke@btinternet.com

MOCKTREE BARN, Leintwardine, SY7 0LY

Award winning country cottages around sunny courtyard. Sleeps 2/6. Gardens, splendid views, wildlife, lovely walks. Pets/children welcome. Disabled friendly. Open all year. £230 - £495 MAP D1 VB*** Tel: 01547 540441 Clive & Cynthia Prior www.mocktreeholidays.co.uk

THE MORTIMER TRAIL

Runs though Mortimer Country and follows the ridges of the North Herefordshire Hills, dropping down to river valleys through unspoilt and historic countryside. 4 Loop Walks lead off the trail to the local villages of Lingen, Shobdon, Wigmore and Yarpole. For more information www.herefordshire.gov.uk/ community and living. Follow the link to walking and cycling/circular walks.



WHO WERE THE Mortimers?

The Mortimers were a powerful medieval dynasty who held large tracts of land in Hereford, Shropshire and Wales. During the 14th century they were claimants for the English throne and a thorn in the side of several English monarchs. At the height of their power they held numerous castles and intermarried with princely Welsh families. Wigmore Castle became a main Mortimer power base.

EVENTS

Just some of the many EVENTS in and around Mortimer Country in 2010

- Clun Green Man Festival; 1-3 May
- Marches Transport Festival, Ludlow; 8-9 May
- Ludlow Food Festival Spring Event; 8-9 May
- Herefordshire Festival of Walking; 19-27 June
- Shobdon Food & Flower Festival; 25-27 June
- Ludlow Festival; 26 June - 11 July
- Mortimer Country Food Festival, Brampton Bryan; 10 July
- Scarecrow Sunday, Brampton Bryan; 1 August
- Presteigne Festival of Music and Arts; 26-31 Aug
- Herefordshire Arts Week; 11-19 September
- Ludlow Food Festival; 10-12 September
- Flavours of Herefordshire Food Festival; 23-24 October
- Ludlow Medieval Christmas Fayre; 27-28 November

EXPLORE Mortimer country

DIRECTIONS

The A49 is our main road link. M5 is 30 miles to the east. The nearest main line stations are Ludlow and Leominster, where there are excellent services from the north of England, North Wales and Scotland (via Crewe), the Midlands, London (via Hereford) and the south west of England and south Wales (via Newport or Cardiff). Details of public transport can be obtained on: 0870 608 2608.

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PLACES TO VISIT

AARDVARK BOOKSHOP AND CAFE, The Bookery, Manor Farm, Brampton Bryan SY7 0DH
 Now in superb 4,000sq ft premises; Over 50,000 titles across all categories. A must for all book lovers. Open Monday – Saturday. Open Sunday July, August, and December. MAP C2
Tel: 01547 530888 aardvark@btconnect.com www.aardvark-books.com

COQUETTE COUTURE MILLINERY, The Reading Room, Brampton Bryan, Bucknell SY7 0DH
 Original, stylish, handmade hats and fascinators. Bespoke and ready to wear for all occasions. Personal service. Bridal parties catered for. Open by appointment. MAP C2 **Tel: 01547 529194 www.coquette-hats.co.uk**

THE DRAWING GALLERY, The Old Chapel, Walford SY7 0JT
 The Drawing Gallery shows and sells the work of international and emerging contemporary artists through a programme of themed and solo exhibitions. (web/ phone for opening times.) 8 miles west of Ludlow. MAP C2 **Tel: 01547 540454 www.thedrawinggallery.com**

MORTIMERS CROSS MILL AND BATTLE MUSEUM
 Part working water mill, Battle Centre and Tea garden. Please check web site for opening times. Group tours a speciality. MAP D5 **Tel: 01568 708820 www.mortimerscrossmill.com**

SHOBDON FOOD & FLOWER FESTIVAL, Shobdon.
 Now a huge annual event, this year on the 25-27 June in the grounds of Shobdon Church, North Herefordshire. For further details contact Terry Teale **Tel: 01568 708725 (m 07971 046373) MAP D5 shobdonfoodfestival@yahoo.co.uk www.shobdonfestival.co.uk**



Wigmore



Shobdon Food Festival

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FOOD AND DRINK

BARON AT BUCKNELL, Bucknell, SY7 0HA
 A charming country inn offering succulent homemade food, local real ales, log fire and a fantastic beer garden. Explore the beautiful scenery with our book of 8 walks that start at the Baron at Bucknell. MAP B2
Tel: 01547 530549 www.baronatbucknell.co.uk

FIDDLERS ELBOW FISH BAR, Rosemary Lane, Leintwardine. SL7 0LP
 Freshly cooked to order. Open 12 noon – 2.00pm Tuesday to Saturday. 5.30pm – 8.30pm Tuesday – Thursday; 5.00pm – 9.00pm Friday and Saturday. Phone orders welcome. MAP D2
Tel: 01547 540610 fiddlerselbow@btconnect.com.

THE ROYAL GEORGE, Lingen SY7 0DY
 Village pub set in scenic surroundings, serving traditional homemade pub food and drink. Real ales. Log fires. Friendly atmosphere. Large beer garden. MAP C4
Tel: 01544 267322

SUN INN, Rosemary Lane, Leintwardine, SY7 0LP.
 The unique Sun Inn possibly the last remaining Parlour Pub in Britain. Open Evenings and weekends. If travelling we would suggest that you contact us. MAP D2
beer@suninn-leintwardine.co.uk www.suninn-leintwardine.co.uk



Brampton Bryan

SOMETHING TO DO

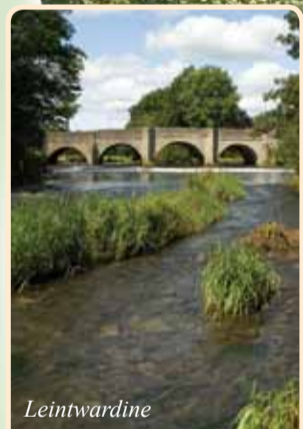
COOKING GOOD AND FOOD SAFARIS, based at Lower Buckton, SY7 0JU
 Enlightening cookery courses with local, seasonal artisan produce and food tours adventures exploring Herefordshire's food and drink heritage. MAP C2
Tel: 01547 540532 www.cookinggood.co.uk www.foodtourism.co.uk

MORTIMER LEISURE CENTRE, Wigmore. HR6 9VW
 Friendly local leisure centre, open to all. Located at Wigmore School, catering for most indoor/outdoor sports. Well equipped fitness suite, viewing gallery. Weekday 7.00pm – 10.00pm. Weekends on request. MAP D3 **Tel: 01547 540177 and 01547 770677**

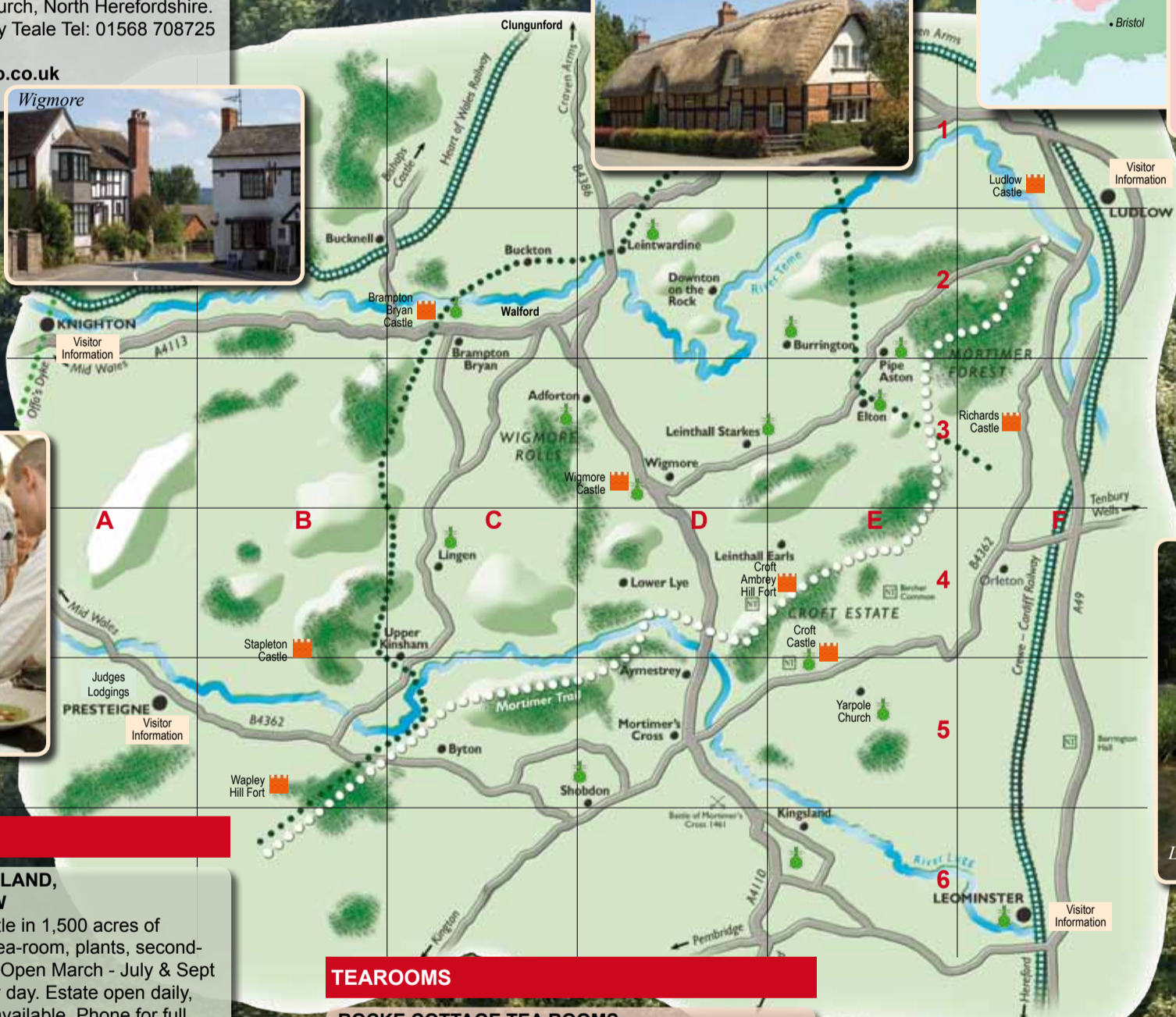
WHEELY WONDERFUL CYCLING, Petchfield Farm, Elton. SY8 2HJ
 Visit our award winning Cycle Hire Centre in the beautiful Teme valley. Explore idyllic county lanes and forest tracks. Open every day Easter to September. MAP E3
Tel: 01568 770755 www.wheelywonderfulcycling.co.uk



Cycling in Mortimer Country



Leintwardine



DELVE INTO HISTORY

CROFT CASTLE AND PARKLAND, The National Trust. HR6 9PW
 Fascinating 17th Century Castle in 1,500 acres of stunning parkland. Gardens, tea-room, plants, second-hand bookshop and gift shop. Open March - July & Sept - 1st Nov Wed-Sun. Aug every day. Estate open daily, walks and family trail leaflets available. Phone for full events programme. MAP D4 **Tel: 01568 780246.**

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, Kingsland.
 13th Century. Built by Mortimers. Battle of Mortimer's Cross remembered in Volke Chapel. Centre of village community – cards and gifts on sale. Also St John the Baptist, Aymestrey "a Mortimer Church". MAP E6
Tel: 01568 708255 www.kingslandgroup.org.uk

THE NINE CHURCHES IN WIGMORE ABBEY PARISH are beautiful buildings and tell a fascinating story. Wigmore has an exhibition on the Mortimer family; Brampton Bryan is a Commonwealth church; Leintwardine has a conservation churchyard.
Visit www.wigmore-abbey.org.uk

WIGMORE CASTLE.
 The medieval ruin of Wigmore Castle is a sheer delight with access on foot from the village. The castles at Stapleton and Brampton Bryan are also rich in history but are not open to the public. MAP D3

There are also delightful churches at Shobdon (Strawberry Hill Gothic interior), Lingen, Leinthall Earls and Croft Castle. Come and visit them; they each have a story to tell.

TEAROOMS

ROCKE COTTAGE TEA ROOMS, Abcott, Clungunford, SY7 0PX
 A delightful period tearoom set in the 1930's with delicious homemade cakes, scones and light lunches. Real leaf tea and quality coffee. Ideal place to relax. MAP D1 **Tel: 01588 660631 www.rockecottagetearoom.co.uk kr.clarke@btinternet.com**

WALFORD COURT TEAROOM AND GARDEN. SY7 0JT
 Enjoy the birdsong in the garden or sit in our 500 year old tearoom. Home cooked, home grown food. Award winning breakfasts, soups and specials. Recommended in Margaret Thornby's Tea Room Guide. Finalists in Flavours of Herefordshire Awards. MAP D2
Tel: 01547 540570 www.romanticbreak.com

THE WATERING HOLE CAFE, Hill Barn Bungalow, Aymestrey
 Excellent home produced food in this attractive venue, a friendly welcome awaits. Hearty breakfasts, lunchtime specials, cream teas, cakes, scones and more. Try us! MAP D5 **Tel: 01568 708236**

VILLAGE SHOPS/SERVICES

A H GRIFFITHS, Butcher, Leintwardine SY7 0LB
 High quality own-produced meats. Game in season. Homemade pies, sausages and burgers. Barbeque specials. Speciality meats and advice on cuts and cooking. Also at Bull Ring, Ludlow. MAP D2
Tel: 01547 540231.

MORTIMER COUNTRY STORES, Broad Street, Wigmore. HR6 9UJ
 A bustling community owned shop well stocked with local produce, seasonal fruit and vegetables, high quality meats and dairy produce. Ideally suited for light refreshments whilst exploring the countryside. MAP D3
Tel: 01568 770307