

**kate & tom's**

*Extraordinary holidays, celebrations & adventures*



## Enjoying your stay at Midsummer Barn

*Everything you need to get the most out of your stay*

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# Arrival

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## Where We Are

Please note that 'Midsummer Barn' is the marketing name we use for the property that is known locally as The Carthouse please use The Carthouse if anything is delivered to the property.

Property Name:	The Carthouse
Address:	Nr Ledbury Herefordshire
Postcode:	HR8 1EU

## Check in and check out

Contact name for check in:	Mark Lodge
Contact number for check in:	07899890711

Check in time:	4pm
Check out time for 2 night weekend booking:	4pm Sunday
Check out time for 3 night weekend booking:	10am Monday
Check out time for 7 night week bookings:	10am Friday

# Arrival

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## Getting To Us

The best postcode to use with satnav is:

HR8 1EU

Nearest train station and distance:

Ledbury a 5 minute drive away

The nearest airport is:

Birmingham International

Reliable taxi service:

**Ledbury Taxi service**

Cardiff Cottages

Ledbury

HR8 1NE

01531 633596

# Cooking & dining - chef services

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## Taste Catering

### **Taste Catering**

Holmer Trading Estate, Hereford, HR1 1JS  
01432 273537 / 07799 002826  
email: [enquiries@tastemenu.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@tastemenu.co.uk)  
[www.tastemenu.co.uk/](http://www.tastemenu.co.uk/)

Taste Catering is an excellent catering service, specializing in creative, bespoke dining. All ingredients are sourced from local butchers, or farmers markets and created into culinary delights. With over 25 years worth of experience, the team are dedicated to making any occasion simply perfect.

## Bensons of Broadway

### **Bensons of Broadway**

01684 854406 / 07807 453308.  
5 Park Road, Gloucester, GL1 1LH  
e-mail: [info@bensonscateringltd.co.uk](mailto:info@bensonscateringltd.co.uk)  
[www.bensoncateringltd.co.uk](http://www.bensoncateringltd.co.uk)

Highly recommended by our guests, James Benson is a former Claridge's and Lygon Arms chef who uses fresh, Cotswolds produce. To add an extra special touch to your break, James can be your Chef for a night or, provide you with superb, ready to go meals or barbecue dishes dropped off for your convenience.

# Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

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## Nearest pub

### **The Robin Hood Inn**

Gloucester Road, Castlemorton, Malver,  
Worcestershire, WR13 6BS  
01684833212

The Inn is a fantastic pub located just outside Ledbury. They have a large, homely bar and a dining area, perfect for sampling the delicious menu. During the summer, why not sit the large beer garden, whilst enjoying a relaxed evening, with the stunning view.

## Best pubs

### **The Swan**

Hanley Swan, Nr Malvern, WR8 OEA  
[www.thehanleyswaninn.com](http://www.thehanleyswaninn.com)

A fantastic gastro pub, in an excellent location, for enjoying a drink with a beautiful view. The food here is well worth trying.

### **The Feathers**

25 High Street, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1DS  
[www.feathers-ledbury.co.uk](http://www.feathers-ledbury.co.uk)

Is the perfect place to relax, with an exceptional wine menu and an ever expanding whiskey list. The lounge is ideal for curling up by the fire in the winter months and the beautiful garden perfect in the summer.

### **The Swan**

Ledbury Rd Cres, Staunton, Gloucestershire GL19 3QA  
01452 840323  
[www.swanstaunton.co.uk](http://www.swanstaunton.co.uk)

This friendly, lively pub, is extremely warm and inviting. Offering a great selection of ales and wines. The food menu is worth checking out too!

### **The Retreat**

7 High St, Ledbury HR8 1DS  
01531 632766

Set in the beautiful town of Ledbury, this traditional pub is a great place to grab an ale and play pool. There is a pretty beer garden, perfect for pimm's in the sunshine and the food menu offers some homemade, locally sourced dishes.

### **The Horseshoe Inn**

The Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 1BP  
01531 632770

This rustic looking pub, is homely and friendly. They offer a wide selection of ales and are also well known for making the best wood fired pizzas.

# Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

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## Best restaurants

### Three Choirs Inn

Newent, Gloucestershire GL18 1LS  
01531 890223  
[www.three-choirs-vineyards.co.uk](http://www.three-choirs-vineyards.co.uk)

Nestled in 30 hectares of vineyard, this incredible restaurant offers delicious food, accompanied by incredible wine.

### Corse Lawn House Hotel

Corse Lawn, Gloucester, GL19 4LZ  
01452 780771  
[www.corselawn.com](http://www.corselawn.com)

The restaurant offers authentic, fantastic British cuisine and the menu is based around seasonal, local produce. The staff here are all extremely friendly and knowledgeable, offering advice on suitable wines according to the dish chosen.

### Butchers Arms

Lime St, Gloucester GL19 4NX  
01452 840381  
[www.thebutchersarms.net](http://www.thebutchersarms.net)

This Michelin Starred gastropub, offers a fantastic atmosphere as well as excellent dining. The menu is a selection of British classics with modern twists. A must visit!

### The Inn At Welland

Drake Street, Welland, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR13 6LN  
01684592317  
[www.theinnatwelland.co.uk](http://www.theinnatwelland.co.uk)

This open planned and stylish pub, is a mix of rustic charm and deigner touches. Expect pub classics and sandwiches, alongside generously sized modern British dishes, as featured in the michelin guide.

### Outlook

The Cottage in the Wood, Holywell Road, Malvern Wells, Worcestershire, WR14 4LG  
01684 588860  
[www.cottageinthewood.co.uk](http://www.cottageinthewood.co.uk)

The stunning views aren't the only feature at Outlook, this award winning restaurant has a comprehensive menu designed around its local suppliers.

### Old Rectifying House

North Parade, Worcester, WR1 3NN  
01905 619622  
[www.theoldrec.co.uk](http://www.theoldrec.co.uk)

As featured in the michelin guide, this friendly restaurant provided fine dining in a laid back environment. The food here is excellent with emphasis on seasonal and locally sourced produce.

### Venture Inn

Main St, Ombersley WR9 0EW  
01905 620552  
[www.theventurein.co.uk](http://www.theventurein.co.uk)

A fantastic restaurant with a beautiful simplistic, yet innovative menu. All meat and fish are carefully sourced and are all smoked expertly in house.

# Cooking & dining - shopping for food

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## Supermarkets

### Tesco

Orchard Lane, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1DQ  
0345 6779415  
[www.tesco.co.uk](http://www.tesco.co.uk)

### Waitrose

Edith Walk, Great Malvern, WR14 4WR  
01684 560007  
[www.waitrose.com](http://www.waitrose.com)

## Wine merchants

### Hay Wines

11 High Street, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1DS  
01531 634449  
[www.haywines.co.uk](http://www.haywines.co.uk)

Stocks wine to suit all occasions. They cater to dinner parties, too, and can offer advice on which wines to pick, plus they can deliver to the house. Contact them for further details.

## Delicatessens

### Four Oaks Fine Foods

70 The Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 1BX  
01531 631979  
[www.four-oaks.co.uk](http://www.four-oaks.co.uk)

Has a good range of French, Spanish, Italian and British luxury foods. Hams, game, poultry and fish are all available, plus they can put you in touch with some excellent local caterers.

## Bakery

### Homend Bakery Shop

46 The Homend, Ledbury HR8 1BT  
01531 632827

Homend Bakery Shop is a traditional, locally run bakery, with a vast selection of breads, cakes, pastries as well as savory options, that are all freshly prepared and baked in store.

## Butchers

### Ben Morton Meats

The Butchers Shop  
Ledbury Road, Staunton, Gloucestershire  
01452840572

This fantastic butchers offers a huge range of freshly cut and locally sourced produce.



# Things to do - activities & pampering

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## Outdoor activities

### Malvern Outdoor Elements

Old Hollow, West Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 4NR  
01684 574546  
[www.malvernoutdoors.co.uk](http://www.malvernoutdoors.co.uk)

Lots of activities to choose from here: quad biking, raft building, target shooting, tree trekking and adrenaline experiences. You can choose to do one of the activities or even opt for a multi-activity package.

### Wye Canoes

Ye Old Ferrie Inn, Symonds Yat West, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 6BL  
01600 890027  
[www.wyecanoes.com](http://www.wyecanoes.com)

Want to Canoe? Offer an opportunity to paddle your way down the River Wye, where you will expect to see spectacular views. There are several different routes as well as pick-up points and camping can be arranged between locations on request.

## Horse riding

### Hayeswood Riding

Redmarley D'Abitot, GL19 3NJ  
07799 740820  
[www.hayswoodequestrian.co.uk](http://www.hayswoodequestrian.co.uk)

Hayeswood Riding is a small horse riding centre, located right on the edge of the Forest of Dean. They offer riding lessons for all abilities, in a large outdoor arena and they have fantastic opportunities for trekking in the Forest of Dean.

## Landrover Experience

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The Bothy, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 1RL  
01531 638779  
[www.eastnor.landroverexperience.co.uk](http://www.eastnor.landroverexperience.co.uk)

This is an exhilarating way to explore the countryside at high speed. The perfect day out for adrenaline junkies! There are a variety of options available, including full days, half days as well as night time driving,

## Hot air ballooning

### Wicker World

01889 882222  
Eastnor Castle, Ledbury, HR8 1RL- 20 miles  
[www.wickerworld.co.uk](http://www.wickerworld.co.uk)

One of the best ways to experience the gorgeous Herefordshire and Worcestershire countryside, is from up above. Taking off in nearby Ledbury, you will rise up above the historic Eastnor Castle and glide over the patchwork fields and wooded vales, which make up the quintessence of these two great counties.

# Things to do - activities & pampering

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## Malvern Theatre

Grange Rd, Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 3HB  
01684892277  
[www.malvern-theatres.co.uk](http://www.malvern-theatres.co.uk)

A fantastic venue with excellent facilities, the theatre boasts a highly diverse range of music, plays, comedy, dance and many more. For film fanatics head to the cinema for a selection of new releases.

## Tennis, squash and gym

**Ross on Wye Tennis Centre**  
Ashfield Park Road, off Walford Road HR9 5AR  
01989 566607

Excellent facilities, offering a variety of programmes and lessons for all ages and abilities.

## Pampering

**Wye Valley Spa**  
Leys Hill, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 5QU  
01600 890109  
[www.wyevalleyspa.co.uk](http://www.wyevalleyspa.co.uk)

The Wye Valley Spa is set in an exquisite, private location in the Wye Valley. They offer a selection of spa treatments, luxurious facilities and excellent food also.

**The Malvern Spa**  
Groewood Rd, Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 1GD  
01684 898290

This finalist of the Best Spa award in the Midlands and east, offer a huge variety of spa treatments as well as access to a hydrotherapy pool and a 22m indoor swimming pool. The facilities here are brilliant and you're really spoilt for choice with treatments and packages.

# Top things to do with children

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## Clearwell Caves

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The Rocks, Coleford, Gloucestershire GL16 8JR  
01594 832535  
[www.clearwellcaves.com](http://www.clearwellcaves.com)

Clearwell caves are a working mine museum, exhibiting impressive hand created caverns as well as the tools and machinery used to create them. This is a fantastic day out for the family!

## Visit a Butterfly Zoo

### Wye Butterfly Zoo

Jubilee Park, Ross on Wye, HR9 6DA  
01600 890360  
[www.wyevalleyvisitorcentre.co.uk](http://www.wyevalleyvisitorcentre.co.uk)

You can walk with butterflies from around the world. Wye Valley Butterfly Zoo is indoors, it's tropical and it's teeming with exotic butterflies. Living butterflies fly around as you discover their fascinating lives in close-up. They're amazing!

## Go Ape

### GoApe

Mallards Pike Lake, Lydney, Gloucestershire GL15 4HD  
0845 643 9215  
[goape.co.uk](http://goape.co.uk)

This award winning forest activity set 15m above the ground, is an exhilarating adventure. From leaping off a platform, to rope walks and zip wires, there is an activity for everyone.

## Dick Whittington Farm Park

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Little London, Longhope, Gloucestershire GL17 0PH  
01452 831000  
[www.dickwhittington.org](http://www.dickwhittington.org)

The perfect location for a fun family day out with plenty to see and do. From nature trails to tractor rides, giant sand pits and soft play areas. There is something for everyone.

## Explore Eastnor Castle

### Eastnor Castle

Eastnor Castle, Ledbury, HR8 1RI  
01531633160  
[www.eastnorcastle.com](http://www.eastnorcastle.com)

Eastnor Castle is a 19th-century revival castle, by the village of Eastnor. Currently in residence is the family of James Hervey-Bathurst. The castle is a Grade I listed building. The grounds are the location of the Land Rover vehicle test track, allowing visitors the chance to try off-roading in the company's latest models.

# Top places to visit & shop nearby

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## Hereford

With a friendly market town atmosphere, Hereford is the market and commercial centre of Herefordshire farming communities for hundreds of years.

Hereford is a lovely city with a lively feel. There are lots of things to do, not least indulging in some shopping! Wander around the independent stores in the historical centre and call in to the prestigious Old Market, built on the site of the old livestock market. The livestock market has a new, modern home just outside Hereford on Roman Road featuring regular auction sales of the region's livestock..

Why not soak up the rich historic heritage by visiting The Old House, the striking black and white veneer is prime example of Jacobean architecture or head to the Cathedral and gaze upon its magnificence.

### **The Old House**

High Town, Hereford HR1 2AA  
01432 260694  
[www.herefordshire.gov.uk/museums](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/museums)

### **The Cider Museum Hereford**

Pomona Place, Hereford HR4 0EF  
01432 354207  
[www.cidermuseum.co.uk](http://www.cidermuseum.co.uk)

### **Old Market Shopping Centre**

Newmarket St Hereford HR4 9HR  
01432 264109  
[www.oldmarkethereford.co.uk](http://www.oldmarkethereford.co.uk)

## Ross-on-Wye

Draped on a hill, the centre of Ross is rapidly gaining a reputation as a town that celebrates independent shops. From clothing and couture to furnishings, food, and fantastic places to stop and unwind – it's a thriving place for those who prefer their high street a little less corporate.

There's a rich local history in these 'ere parts with the 17th Century Market House in the very centre of Ross still sheltering twice weekly markets beneath its sandstone arches.

There's no mistaking Ross-on-Wye in south Herefordshire as a market town. St Mary's Church spire has shaped the skyline of Ross-on-Wye for over 700 years.

### **Wilton Castle and Gardens**

Wilton, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 6AD  
01989 565759  
[www.wiltoncastle.eclipse.co.uk](http://www.wiltoncastle.eclipse.co.uk)

### **Ross Old Books**

51-52 High St Ross-on-Wye, HR9 5HH  
01963 350917

### **Tudor Sweets**

Tudor House, High Street, Ross-on-Wye HR9 5HL  
01989 566449  
[www.tudorsweetsofross.com](http://www.tudorsweetsofross.com)

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## Ledbury

Nestled at the foot of the Malvern Hills, Ledbury is a haven for poetry and culture. The area has seduced its fair share of notable Poets. It's not hard to see why. Big enough to be bustling and vibrant, but small enough to keep a strong sense of community, Ledbury is a market town with a unique feel. Ledbury's market hall is one of the finest examples in England and still hosts markets on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

### **The Market Theatre**

Market St, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2AQ 07967 517125

[www.themarkettheatre.com](http://www.themarkettheatre.com)

### **Handley Organics**

31 The Homend , Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1BN 01531 633448

[www.handleyorganics.co.uk](http://www.handleyorganics.co.uk)

# Useful information

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## Midsummer Barn at a glance

### Bedrooms and Bathrooms

- Sleeps up to 4 guests
- Two bedrooms
- One ground floor, king size bedroom with ensuite
- One single room with zip and link

### Cooking and Dining

- Dining table seats up to 8 guests comfortably
- Fantastic chef available for a special meal or throughout the weekend
- Drop-off meals available
- AEG cooker
- Induction hob
- Microwave
- Fridge
- Coffee Machine
- Washing machine and dryer

### Where we are

- Herefordshire
- The postcode is HR8 1EU
- The nearest station is Ledbury, an 5 minute drive away
- The nearest airport is Birmingham International
- Taxis available
- Plenty of parking available

### Things to do inside

- TV with freeview
- DVD player
- DVD library
- Wifi
- Children toys and board games

### Things to do Outside

- Large garden
- 300 acres of land

### Activities

- Quad biking
- Horse riding
- Fishing
- Golf
- Pampering and beauty treatments at the house

# Useful information

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## Top Things to do for Children

- Llama trekking
- Shortwood family farm
- Broomy Hill miniature railway

## Payment Process

- We take a one third deposit at the time of booking
- The balance is due three months before the date booked

## Cautionary Deposit

- £1,000 refundable deposit

## House restrictions

- Not suitable for stag parties
- Not suitable for hen parties
- Noise policy in place
- Dogs are welcome at a £50 additional charge per dog

## Arrival and Departure

- Check in 4pm
- Check out 4pm on Sunday
- Check out 10 am on other days

## What's included

- Linen
- Towels
- Welcome Hamper
- Toiletries
- Essentials
- Log basket