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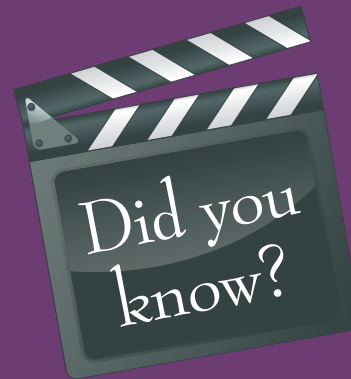


## Beverly Hills or Cotswold Hills?

The Cotswolds and Forest of Dean – Britain's Rural Capital of Culture, is full of surprises for film and TV fans. We've had some big productions here such as *Harry Potter*, James Bond in *Die Another Day*, *Bridget Jones's Diary* and *Doctor Who*. Film location managers and visitors alike love our rural scenes, historic pubs,

ancient buildings and market squares. The area attracts its share of celebrity residents too. Exactly where they live is secret of course, but we've dropped the odd hint – it really is surprising how often they're spotted at restaurants, attractions or pubs across the Cotswolds and Forest of Dean.

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## Some Film and TV connections in the Cotswolds and Forest of Dean



*Top Gear* presenter **Richard Hammond** lives near the Forest of Dean, and **Jeremy Clarkson** lives in the Cotswolds, near Chipping Norton.

Cookery connections include *The Two Fat Ladies*, *The Hairy Bikers* and *Rick Stein*, all of whom have filmed locally.

Wallace and Gromit's 'Stinking Bishop Cheese', used to revive Wallace in *The Curse of the Were-Rabbit*, is produced in Dymock, Gloucestershire, by Charles Martell. The cheese can be bought at delis and farm shops in and around the Cotswolds.

★ **Brum**, the little superhero car, lives at the Motor Museum in Bourton-on-the-Water. [www.cotswold-motor-museum.co.uk](http://www.cotswold-motor-museum.co.uk)

Did you know that **Joe Meek**, the legendary record producer from the 1960's, was from Newent, on the edge of the Forest of Dean? Joe's story is told in the 2009 film *Telstar*, starring Con O'Neill and Kevin Spacey.

TV's *Most Haunted* filmed an episode at Woodchester Mansion, the mysterious uncompleted Victorian mansion near Stroud. The place has its own colony of bats, and was used as the location of the 2007 TV drama *Dracula* with Marc Warren and Rafe Spall, based on Bram Stoker's famous Gothic novel. [www.woodchestermansion.org.uk](http://www.woodchestermansion.org.uk)

In *The Chronicles of Narnia* (2005) the character of Peter was played by actor **William Mosley**, who went to school in Stroud. He played the same character in *The Chronicles of Narnia – Prince Caspian* (2008).

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**J.M. Barrie**, author of *Peter Pan* was a frequent house guest at Stanway House, and contributed the thatched cricket pavilion which can still be seen in the village. [www.stanwayfountain.co.uk](http://www.stanwayfountain.co.uk)



Stroud based **Snow Business**, provide fake snow for films such as *Gladiator*, *Die Another Day*, *Bridget Jones*, *Harry Potter*, *The Day After Tomorrow* and *Band of Brothers*. Order some online! [www.snowbusiness.com](http://www.snowbusiness.com)

Look out for Cheltenham Town Hall as the Ballroom in *Pride and Prejudice* (1995 with **Colin Firth** and **Jennifer Ehle**) and *Vanity Fair* (1998 with **Philip Glenister** and **Natasha Little**).

**Adam Henson**, presenter on BBC *Countryfile*, is based at the Cotswold Farm Park, Guiting Power, where he is very much a working farmer and not a TV star. [www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk)

## Some famous residents – past and present



**J.K. Rowling**, author of the *Harry Potter* books, was at school at Tutshill and Wyedean

Comprehensive, both in the Forest of Dean area.

**Simon Pegg**, the British actor, (*Shaun of the Dead*, *Hot Fuzz* and *How to Lose Friends and Alienate People*) was born in Gloucester, and has received an honorary fellowship from the University of Gloucestershire.



**Kate Winslet** and husband **Sam Mendes** divide their time between New York and the North Cotswolds, with a house in the Cotswolds near Stow-on-the-Wold.

**Dennis Potter**, doyen of TV playwrights, was brought up in the mysterious Forest of Dean, which had a profound effect on his work.

**Jilly Cooper**, the popular, raunchy novelist whose work is adapted for television lives in the beautiful village of Bisley.

**Keith Allen**, actor whose films include *Twin Town*, *Trainspotting*,



*Shallow Grave* and *The Others*, and whose TV credits include *Robin Hood*, lives in Slad. Oh and he's Lily's father too.

**Sir Ralph Richardson**, one of Britain's best loved film and stage actors, was born in Cheltenham.

**Laurie Lee**, author of *Cider with Rosie*, lived in Slad, near Stroud.

**Alex James**, bass player with Blur, is now an advocate for good food in the Cotswolds and produces his own lamb and cheeses – used at local pubs and farmshops.



**Reverend Awdry**, who lived in the Stroud Valleys, was the author of the *Thomas the Tank Engine* books. The Gloucestershire-

Warwickshire Railway at Toddington holds popular Thomas the Tank Engine Days, [www.gwsr.com](http://www.gwsr.com)



**Johnny Depp**, who stayed at The Cotswold House Hotel, Chipping Campden while filming *The Libertine*, and who loved the sticky toffee pudding whilst

there. He also enjoyed a pint in the Noel Arms over the road. [www.cotswoldhouse.com](http://www.cotswoldhouse.com)

Elton John helicoptered in to **Liz Hurley's** wedding at Sudeley Castle, near Winchcombe.

Liz lives in the South Cotswolds and is often spotted in Cirencester – even behind the counter at the Farmers' market – meat produced on her farm is sold there. [www.sudeleycastle.co.uk](http://www.sudeleycastle.co.uk) [www.fresh-n-local.co.uk](http://www.fresh-n-local.co.uk)

**Harry Potter**, as he walked amongst the cloisters at Gloucester Cathedral where filming took place for the *Harry Potter* movies. Look out for the Lavatorium on the North Walk where Harry and Ron hid from the giant troll. [www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

**Rick Stein**, who tucked into the delicious puddings at the Three Ways House Hotel, Mickleton, for his TV series *Local Heroes*.



The hotel is home of the famous Pudding Club. [www.puddingclub.com](http://www.puddingclub.com)

**Merlin**, the Arthurian legend, as he wandered through Puzzlewood and around Symonds Yat on location in the Forest of Dean. [www.puzzlewood.net](http://www.puzzlewood.net)

**Doctor Who**, (David Tennant) who came to Gloucester Docks for winter scene filming, also in Berkeley Street and around Gloucester Cathedral for the 2008 Christmas Special. [www.gloucesterdocks.me.uk](http://www.gloucesterdocks.me.uk)

**The Royal Family**, including The Queen and (local girl) Zara Phillips have appeared at the famous Gold Cup meeting in March at

Cheltenham Racecourse. Typically the meeting is the time for a bit of celebrity spotting with the likes of John Virgo, Jeremy Clarkson, Lawrence Dallaglio, assorted Coronation Street actors and Trinny Woodall enjoying the atmosphere. [www.cheltenham.co.uk](http://www.cheltenham.co.uk)

**Kate Moss** and **Kate Winslet** have each been spotted at Daylesford Organic Farmshop, near Stow-on-the-Wold. [www.daylesfordorganic.com](http://www.daylesfordorganic.com)

**Beatrix Potter**, and visit the House of the Tailor of Gloucester shop/museum which is just off Westgate Street next to the Cathedral in Gloucester. [www.tailor-of-gloucester.org.uk](http://www.tailor-of-gloucester.org.uk)

## Amazing Grace (2007)

Starring Ioan Gruffudd, Romola Garai, Benedict Cumberbatch, Albert Finney, Michael Gambon and Rufus Sewell

Partly filmed at **1 Gloucester Docks**, the film is about William Wilberforce, who campaigned to abolish slavery. The film was released 200 years after Britain outlawed slavery. Many other productions have filmed in Gloucester Docks, including the well loved TV series *The Onedin Line* in the 1970's, and a TV production of *Martin Chuzzlewit* in 1994. [www.visitgloucester.info](http://www.visitgloucester.info)



## Bridget Jones's Diary (2001)

Starring Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth and Hugh Grant

This was a column in *The Independent* newspaper by Helen Fielding and then a book before it became a film. Remember the bit where Bridget is at her parents home and there is carol singing in the snow? The snow scene was filmed in June at **2 Snowhill** – an idyllic Cotswold village. [www.cotswolds.com](http://www.cotswolds.com)



## Brum (1991–2001)

From the makers of the *Teletubbies*, Brum was a brave superhero car who comes to the rescue in each episode. Children love him, and his home is at the **20 Cotswold Motoring Museum & Toy Collection** at Bourton-on-the-Water, a great day out for families. [www.cotswold-motor-museum.co.uk](http://www.cotswold-motor-museum.co.uk)



## Butterflies (1978–1983)

Starring Wendy Craig, Geoffrey Palmer and Nicholas Lyndhurst

Set in **3 Cheltenham**, this hugely popular TV series featured Wendy Craig as the long suffering wife who yearns to break free from the limitations of her suburban life. In a time when feminism was making waves, the programmes gentle humour, wry insights and empathy into family life struck a chord. It also featured Nicholas Lyndhurst, before he went on to star in *Only Fools and Horses*. [www.VisitCheltenham.info](http://www.VisitCheltenham.info)

## Champions (1983)

Starring John Hurt

This film is the true story of how jockey Bob Champion survived cancer and went on to win the Grand National. It was filmed at **3 Cheltenham Racecourse** – which hosts meetings from October to May, but is best known as the venue for the National Hunt Festival in March, one of the renowned events of the equestrian year, when Cheltenham and its surroundings buzz with the energy of race days. [www.cheltenham.co.uk](http://www.cheltenham.co.uk)



## Countryfile (1980's onwards)

Presenters: Julia Bradbury, John Craven, Matt Baker and Adam Henson

This very popular BBC series highlights people, places and stories about the countryside. Regular presenter Adam Henson is at the helm of the **5 Cotswold Farm Park** at Guiting Power. Adam is a farmer and countryside expert, and his Farm Park contains rare breeds, some of which have starred in films such as *Braveheart* and in TV series such as *Time Team*. *Countryfile* also frequently films in the Cotswolds area. [www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk)



## Die Another Day (2002)

Starring Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Rosamund Pike, Toby Stephens, Judi Dench, Samantha Bond and John Cleese

The final set piece of one of the most popular *James Bond* films was on ice. This was filmed at the **6 Little Rissington** disused airbase, with the glacial conditions provided by Snow Business of Stroud. [www.snowbusiness.com](http://www.snowbusiness.com)

## Doctor Who

The Christmas Invasion (2005), The Satan Pit (2006), The Fires of Pompeii (2008), The Next Doctor (2008)

Starring David Tennant, Billie Piper and Catherine Tate

The hugely popular BBC series has been filmed in **7 Clearwell Caves** in the Forest of Dean, and **1 Gloucester**. *The Christmas Invasion* introduced David Tennant to the series. *The Next Doctor* hinted that David's tenancy in the role might be nearing the end. [www.clearwellcaves.com](http://www.clearwellcaves.com) [www.visitgloucester.info](http://www.visitgloucester.info)



## Harry Potter

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (2001) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002) Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (2009)

Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Alan Rickman, Robbie Coltrane and Maggie Smith

For all three films the vaulted cloisters of **1 Gloucester Cathedral** became the corridors leading to Gryffindor House, part of Hogwarts School. There is a **8 Dursley** in the county as well – the village rather than the unattractive family featured in the books. [www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

## Cider with Rosie (1998)

Starring Juliet Stevenson

A TV drama. The book, by Laurie Lee, is one of the most well loved of English classics, and concerns his childhood in **4 Slad**, a small village in the **Stroud Valleys**. Laurie captured a way of life that was about to change forever, and he did it in a lyrical and memorable way. Unusually for such a famous author he chose to return to the village where he was brought up, where he spent the last years of his life. You can still visit the Woolpack pub, where he was a regular, and he is buried in the churchyard opposite. [www.cotswolds.com](http://www.cotswolds.com)



## The House of Elliott (1991–1994)

Starring Stella Gonet and Louise Lombard

This BBC series followed two sisters who start a dressmaking business, their grit and determination see the rise of a successful London fashion house. Set in the early 1920's, this series was filmed in part at Pittville Pump Room and **3 Cheltenham**.  
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## Lark Rise to Candleford (2008–2009)

Starring Dawn French, Julia Sawalha and Liz Smith

Flora Thompson's book is an evocation of Victorian life in small village communities, and she said of the people she grew up with that they "had never lost the secret of being happy with little". The popular BBC series was filmed in part at **9 Chavenage House** near Tetbury.  
[www.chavenage.com](http://www.chavenage.com)

## Pennies from Heaven (1978)

Starring Bob Hoskins, Cheryl Campbell and Gemma Craven

**The Singing Detective** (1986)  
Starring Michael Gambon, Patrick Malahide, Bill Paterson and Imelda Staunton  
These two ground-breaking (and at the time controversial) BBC productions by Forest of Dean author Dennis Potter were filmed in the **13 Forest of Dean**.  
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## The Libertine (2004)

Starring Johnny Depp and John Malkovich

The film, a dark morality tale, is about The Earl of Rochester, the Libertine of the title, who enjoyed a ruinous lifestyle of debauchery in the 17th Century. John Malkovich played Charles II and also produced the film. This was partly filmed at **10 Stanway House**, a Cotswold manor house which is open on certain days in July and August. Stanway House has been the location for many other films, including *The Buccaneers*, a TV series based on Edith Wharton's classic book.  
[www.stanwayfountain.co.uk](http://www.stanwayfountain.co.uk)



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## Memphis Belle (1990)

Starring Matthew Modine, Eric Stoltz, Billy Zane, John Lithgow and Jane Horrocks

This film, set in the 1940's, was inspired by real events. The crew of an American bomber prepare for their 25th mission. The film depicts the day leading up to the crew's final mission, as well as the mission itself. Filmed in **6 RAF Little Rissington**, in the Cotswolds.  
[www.cotswolds.com](http://www.cotswolds.com)



## Shadowlands (1993)

Starring Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger

Directed by Richard Attenborough, and with some scenes filmed close to the beautiful area around **14 Symonds Yat** in the Forest of Dean, this is based on a true story in the 1950's. C.S Lewis, a world-renowned English Oxford academic and writer (his works included the *Narnia* books) leads a passionless life until he falls for spirited American poet Joy Gresham.  
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## Stardust (2007)

Starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert De Niro

Based on the book by Neil Gaiman, *Stardust* is an adult fantasy of the mythical variety, a romantic story that struck an original and eccentric note. It was filmed at **15 Bibury**, one of the loveliest villages in the Cotswolds.  
[www.cotswolds.com](http://www.cotswolds.com)

## Merlin (2008)

Starring Richard Wilson and Colin Morgan

BBC series in which the myths of Merlin, Arthur and Camelot are given a new lease of life and made magical for a family audience. Episodes were filmed at **11 Puzzlewood** in the Forest of Dean, a mysterious place with ancient woodland and paths winding through deep gulleys and moss covered rocks.  
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## The Other Boleyn Girl (2003)

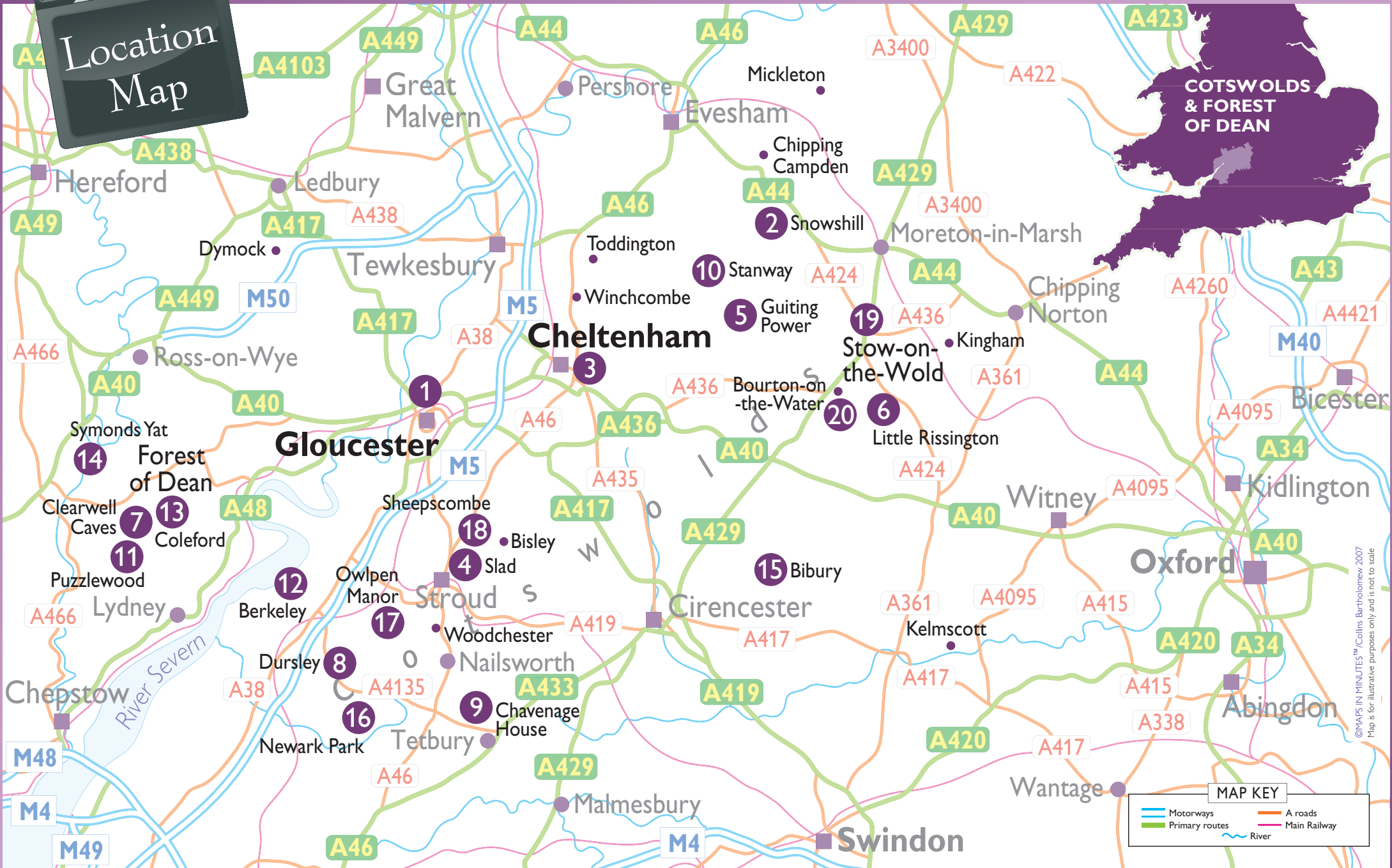
Starring Yolanda Vasquez, Jared Harris, Natascha McElhone and Steven Mackintosh

This TV drama was the story of Anne Boleyn, one of Henry VIII's six wives, and her sister Mary. It was filmed at **12 Berkeley Castle**, which has been used for other filming, and is a fascinating place to visit.  
[www.berkeley-castle.com](http://www.berkeley-castle.com)

## Tess of the d'Urbervilles (2008)

Starring Gemma Atherton and Hans Matheson

This is one of Hardy's best known and most tragic rural tales, in which Tess falls from grace after being seduced by someone of a different class from her. It was filmed at **17 Owlpen Manor**, **16 Newark Park** and **9 Chavenage House**. *Far From The Madding Crowd* (1997) was filmed at **18 Sheepscombe** in the Stroud Valleys, and *The Mayor of Casterbridge* was filmed at The Kings Arms, **19 Stow-on-the-Wold**.  
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