

Press Release

ALASTAIR SAWDAY'S SPECIAL PLACES TO STAY BRITISH BED & BREAKFAST

Things we can do for you:

- Help with news stories
- Suggest ideas for features and compile them
- Extracts
- Giveaways and special offers

Coming soon:

- **India**
27th July
- **Green Places to Stay**
edition 1 – 28th September
- **British Hotels, Inns & Other Places**
edition 8 – 26th October
- **French B&B**
edition 10 – 2nd November
- **Croatia**
edition 1 – 30th November



Some of our readers write to tell us that they would never use another B&B guide because ours is 'their bible!' They like the beautiful houses, the fine breakfasts, the feeling that they're staying in someone's home rather than, horror of horrors, a prissy guest house; above all, they tell us how much they like the owners. No surprise to us because we feel the same – who could possibly resist?

- Artists, sculptors, judges, lords, ladies, lawyers, farmers, chefs, horse-breeders, architects and even the odd professional B&Ber opening their doors to guests.
- One of our hosts will lower down your breakfast in a basket – if you choose to stay in a yurt in her riverside garden.
- A damn fine cup of coffee for breakfast in Wiltshire – the owners ran their own coffee farm in Jamaica.
- A one-time professional baritone who just happens to be a superb cook and lives in a wild and windswept cliff-top house with his mama.
- A Herefordshire farmer who will only accept guests if they arrive on bicycle, foot, bus or train – now that IS green!

About Alastair Sawday Publishing

Our first guide, French B&B, was published in 1994 and celebrated homes owned and run by 'people' rather than corporations. The notion of 'special' is at the heart of what we do, and highly subjective. We take huge pleasure from finding people and places that do their own thing; places that are unusual and follow no trends; places of peace and beauty; people who are kind and interesting – and genuine. We now have 20 titles recommending around 5,000 special places.

Environmental policies are a priority at ASP and we are always looking at ways of improving our 'green' credentials.

Facts and Figures

Six special green full-page entries for owners who are making a particular effort to be eco-friendly.

Over 100 places have double rooms at £60 or less.

Each place that has pledged to serve an organic and/or locally-sourced breakfast is part of our Fine Breakfast Scheme and has a natty little egg cup symbol to prove it.

177 places where you can buy homemade produce including preserves, organic meat, eggs, honey and vegetables.

For more information or review copies, due late August, call: Sarah Bolton on 01275 395433 or email: sarah@sawdays.co.uk

- Publication date: 28 September 2006
- 675 entries with colour photos
- Price: £14.99
- 11th edition
- ISBN: 1-901970-72-8
- Pages: 432
- Maps: 22

Visit our web site to see a full range of books and places to stay.

There is also a press area where journalists can request review copies or download pdfs of the latest press releases.

www.specialplacestostay.com

Dorset

Whitfield Farm Cottage

The well-travelled Jackie and David make light of the practicalities of B&B; they and their 200-year-old cottage have much character and charm. Breakfast in the large, stone-tiled, beamed kitchen, or in the walled courtyard in summer. The twin with garden access is immaculate in its fresh white and blue checks; the sitting room is cosy with comfy sofas and pretty coral-checked cushions, inglenook fireplace and window seats. The River Frome – a chalk stream beloved by local fishermen – is 150 yards from the grounds; you can fish here for £20 a day. Convenient for the A35, yet peaceful.



rooms 3: 1 twin with separate (downstairs) shower; 1 twin with separate bath & shower; 1 single also available.
 price £60. Singles £40.
 meals Pub/restaurant 1.25 miles.
 closed Easter & Christmas.
 directions From r'bout at top of Dorchester, west on B3150 for 100 yds. Right onto Poundbury Rd (before museum). 1 mile; over another road; 2nd track on right by house sign. Cottage set back from road.

Jackie & David Charles
 Whitfield Farm Cottage,
 Poundbury Road,
 Dorchester,
 Dorset DT2 9SL
 tel 01305 260233
 fax 01305 260233
 e-mail dc.whitfield@clara.net
 web www.dc.whitfield.clara.net



Map 3 Entry 157

The Old Manor

Few B&Bs are as stately as this – Pevsner described the magnificent manor as being “refined to a point of perfection”. Plush window seats at mullioned windows, Jacobean fireplaces, vast staircases: the splendours are varied and the grounds a fair match. There’s something to delight at every turn: huge, carved, cup-and-cover four-posters, beautiful rugs on stone and wooden floors, lavish period fabrics, lush white bathrobes, lake views. Andrew and Mulu pamper you in great style; Mulu can even give you a professional massage or a beauty treatment in the salon. *Children by arrangement.*



rooms 3: 1 double with bath & shower; 1 twin, 1 four-poster, both with bath.
 price £96-£116. Singles £63-£73.
 meals Restaurant within walking distance.
 closed Mid-December-mid January.
 directions At r'bout on A35, 1 mile NE of Dorchester, follow sign to Kingston Maurward gardens & animal park. In grounds, follow estate road.

Andrew & Mulu Thomson
 The Old Manor,
 Kingston Maurward, Dorchester,
 Dorset DT2 8PX
 tel 01305 261110
 fax 01305 263734
 e-mail thomson@kingston-maurward.co.uk
 web www.kingston-maurward.co.uk



Map 3 Entry 158