



Bob, Liz and Eliza Matthews warmly
welcome you to Lorne House.

Thank you for choosing to stay with us

We are a family run business and having lived in this area for over 20 years we are always happy to answer questions and share information with guests keen to explore both Bath and Wiltshire.

We live in the Annexe behind Lorne House and, outside of breakfast and check in hours, at least one of us is usually on site or not too far away. If you need something, have any questions or in the event of an emergency, please telephone us on:

MAIN TELEPHONE: 01225 742 597

MOBILE TELEPHONE: 07779 650 729

Lorne House – General Information for Guests

Wifi Name: Lorne House
Wifi Password: lornehousebox

Check In and Check Out

Check in is from 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Check out on day of departure is by 10.30am

If you wish to arrive earlier or leave later, please ask, as we may be able to offer some flexibility.

Room Information

We hope that you find your room comfortable. All rooms are equipped with tea & coffee making facilities, iron, ironing board, fan and a hairdryer. A non-slip bathmat is available in each bathroom and soap, shampoo, conditioner and shower gel are supplied. Cots can be provided free of charge upon request. (NB. If cot bedding is required then a charge of £10 is applicable). Your room key also has a front door key attached (plus a backdoor key if you are one of our lower rooms). Please ensure you always lock the exit doors behind you and return your key upon departure. There is a replacement charge of £25 for any key not returned.

Important Notice: Please do NOT put anything other than toilet paper down the toilet e.g. No Wet Wipes, Nappies, Nappy Liners, Sanitary towels or tampons, Make up Wipes or Dental Floss, etc.

We have a pump on the system to pump up to the mains drain that easily blocks with such items so please use the bin provided for these. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking

Cars may be parked on our driveway at any time but please park considerately and preferably park facing the road as turning can be tight when the car park is busy. Guests may park in the Drs' Surgery car park next door to Lorne House at the stated times:

Weekdays: Strictly between 5.00 pm and 8.30 am

Weekends: At any time

Cars may also be parked without restriction on the road in Bargates (the small road opposite the Doctor's Surgery).

Breakfast

Breakfast is served in the dining room (left of the front entrance door). Highchairs can be provided, if required. Breakfast service is between the following times:

Monday to Friday 7.30 am - 9.30 am

Saturday & Sunday 7.45 am – 9.30 am

We ask guests to complete a breakfast order form the night before and to confirm what time they would like to take breakfast.

We use locally sourced ingredients where possible. All eggs are free range from the village; our Wiltshire Dry Cure bacon and sausages are sourced from Sandridge Farms in Calne. If you have any specific dietary requirements, please let us know in advance and we will try to accommodate these.

Housekeeping

During your stay, your room will be serviced, bins will be emptied, teas and coffees etc replenished and used mugs replaced on a daily basis. Naturally, guests who are with us for longer stays will have their bedding changed during their stay and we will discuss the frequency of this at check in.

Ironing and Laundry

Ironing & laundry facilities are available on request.

We charge £15 per load (washing and drying only). All rooms are equipped with an iron and ironing board.

Children

We love well behaved children. Waterproof mattress covers are available for beds so please ask if you think your child may need one. Please note that our mattresses are expensive hotel quality mattresses and soiled mattresses will incur full replacement charges.

Smoking

Smoking is NOT permitted anywhere in Lorne House. If you are a smoker, you may smoke outside at the rear of the house but please dispose of your butt-ends responsibly. We have jam jars with lids for use as ashtrays, so please ask if you need one.

Books and DVDs

Books and DVDs are available for guests to borrow during their stay.

Pets

We regret that we are unable to accommodate pets, except for assistance dogs.

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Credit cards

We accept most major credit cards

For stays longer than one week we require payment on a weekly basis.

Fire Regulations:

If you Discover a Fire

1. Operate the nearest fire alarm point (there is one on each of the first three floors):

- Lower Ground Floor – by back door
- Ground Floor – by kitchen door
- First Floor – in the hall outside Room 2

2. Leave the premises by the nearest available exit.

3. Report to the assembly point at the Front Gate



If you Hear the Fire Alarm (n.b. The Fire Alarm is a very loud and continuous sound)

1. Leave the premises by the nearest available exit – these are The Front Door, The Rear Door on the Ground Floor by the kitchen and the Rear Door on the Lower Ground Floor

2. Report to the assembly point at the Front Gate.

Close all doors behind you. Do not stop to collect personal belongings and do not re-enter the building until advised that it is safe to do so.

Bottled Water

Cold bottles of water for guests are available and can be found in the large fridge in the kitchen. The water is perfectly drinkable tap water and is supplied in reusable glass bottles that are washed in the dishwasher after each use.

Damages

We aim to service our rooms to a very high standard. However, if there is anything missing, not clean or broken in your room please tell us so that we can attend to it. If anything is broken or accidental damage occurs during your stay, please tell us as soon as possible so that we can replace or clean as necessary.

Outside Space

Guests are welcome to use the large balcony outside the kitchen which benefits from the afternoon and evening sunshine. A parasol, table and chairs are provided for your comfort. As we are a semi-detached property and out of respect for our neighbours, we would ask that noise is kept to a minimum and that the balcony is not used after 10.30pm.

Recycling

We recycle as much as we can, and separate bottles, paper and cans for kerbside recycling. If you need to dispose of any such items, please let us know so that we can ensure they are recycled appropriately.

Eating In

If you do bring food back or order a takeaway, please feel free to use the kitchen or dining room (or balcony). We would prefer that guests refrain from eating in the bedrooms. Cutlery and plates can be found in the kitchen or dining room and glasses are in the sitting room cupboards.

Any other questions?

We hope that the above covers most things that you may need to know during your stay but if there is anything that we've missed please don't hesitate to ask us.

Finally...

Do check out our social media accounts – and tag us on any posts during your stay



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And don't forget to check out the blogs on our website for local information and suggestions on places to go and things to do.

Breakfast Order Form

www.lornehousebox.co.uk Wifi code: lornehousebox

Please make your requests from the menu below and your breakfast will be served at your table. Our breakfast is served between 7.30am and 9.30am. We will endeavour to serve at your preferred time but due to space constraints we may need to ask you to amend your preferred time slightly.

Name	Room Number	Number of Guests	Time Preference

Please advise us of any dietary requirements e.g vegetarian, glutenfree etc	
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Please note below your order and add any comments		
Item	Number	Comments/Preferences
Orange Juice		
Apple Juice		
Coffee (pot)		
Decaffeinated Coffee (pot)		
English Breakfast Tea (pot)		
Earl Grey Tea (pot)		
Herbal Tea (pot)-green, mint, camomile, fruit		
Hot Chocolate (jug)		
Fresh Fruit Salad		
Toast – white		
Toast – brown		
Greek Yoghurt		
Hot Porridge		
Wiltshire Full English – Bacon, Sausage, Tomatoes, Beans, Mushrooms, Eggs (fried, poached or scrambled – please specify your preference)		
Baked Beans on White or Brown Toast		
Eggs Benedict – Bacon <u>or</u> Salmon with Poached eggs & Hollandaise sauce		
Scrambled Eggs & Smoked Salmon		
Omelette – please specify filling: plain/cheese/onion/ham/mushroom		

All breakfasts are cooked to order using locally sourced ingredients where possible. All eggs are free range

Please use the reverse of this sheet if necessary for specific orders

Local Shops and Services

McColls Supermarket - General grocery and Off Licence 01225742343

McColls is open from 8am – 10 pm 7 days a week

Esso Garage & Budgens Supermarket Petrol and Groceries – Cash Dispenser 7am -10pm 7 days a week Right out of drive, ¾ mile on left

Post office - and General Store 01225 742221 8 am – 6pm Monday – Saturday 7am – 12 noon Sunday

Chemist 01225 742552 9am – 5.30pm Monday –Friday 9am – 1pm Saturday

Hairdresser 01225 743267 Mon – Friday 9am – 5pm. Saturday 9am -1pm

Butchers 01225 743312 9am- 5pm Tuesday – Friday 9am – 1pm Saturday - Monday

Corsham
Corsham is 3 miles up the road (east) and has a full range of shops and a Co-op.
Sainsbury's superstore is 5 miles up the road towards Chippenham on the A4.
On the 1st big roundabout

Bath
Bath is 5 miles west on the A4
Full range of most major high street shops and restaurants

Doctors Surgery
Enquiries 01225 742361 - Appointments 01225 743763
Mon - Fri 8am - 12.30pm. 2pm - 6.30pm
The Doctors surgery is next door - Box Surgery, London Rd. Box

The nearest A+E department is at the Royal United Hospital in Bath
There is a small Minor Injuries Unit at Chippenham Hospital

Pubs & Restaurants

There are many wonderful restaurants in Bath, please ask for recommendations or look on the various tourist web sites. If you wish to eat locally here are the closest options. Please DO BOOK IN ADVANCE, especially at weekends, to avoid disappointment.

Quarryman's Arms (30 minute walk up steep hill or 5 minute drive)

Box Hill, Corsham, SN13 8HN

01225 743569

Traditional country pub with good food and wonderful views.

Turn left out of drive, immediately turn right into Bargates, turn left at end, up the hill, turn left at top (grass triangle with yellow grit box) 200yds on left.

The Bengal Bear (7 minute walk or 3 minute drive)

High St, Box

01225 743 126

Excellent Indian cuisine. No alcohol sold but guests may bring their own wine, beer etc
nb: no corkage charges and alcohol can be purchased from McColls (open until 10pm)

Eat in or takeaway – usually busy on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Northey Arms (20 minute walk or 5 minute drive)

Bath Rd, Box

01225 742333

Nice bar area and indoor restaurant. Outdoor seating in heated pods. Child Friendly
On A4 1 mile west of village towards Bath.

Queens Head (5 minute walk)

High St, Box

01225742340

Traditional no frills pub with garden and occasional live music sets
No food served but guests may take in their own food or takeaways
On high street, west end of village (heading right from Lorne House).

The Longs Arms (10 minute drive) (Our favourite!)

South Wraxall, Bradford on Avon, BA15 2SB

01225 864450

Superb village pub with really superb food – holder of a Michelin Bib Gourmand
Right out of drive, left just before traffic lights to Melksham A365, up hill, to traffic lights, right to BOA B3109, then 2nd right (3 miles) Booking essential.

NB: Open Thursday – Sunday only

The Methuen Arms (10 minute drive)

2 High Street, Corsham SN13 0HB

01249 717060

Excellent Pub and restaurant for lunch or dinner.

Turn left out of drive and carry on up the hill for 2miles. Turn right at the Hare & Hounds pub, over 2 mini roundabouts, the Methuen is 200yds on left.

Timbrells Yard (12 minute drive)

**49 St Margaret's St, Bradford-on-Avon BA15 1DE
01225 869492**

Really lovely restaurant in the heart of Bradford on Avon

Right out of drive, left just before traffic lights to Melksham A365, up hill, to traffic lights, right to Bradford on Avon. Just over the bridge turn left into public carpark. Restaurant is on far left of carpark. Booking advised.

The Bathampton Mill (10 minute drive)

**Mill Lane, Bathampton, BA2 6TS
01225 469 758**

Lovely riverside restaurant with outside seating

Right out of drive towards Bath. At the 1st roundabout turn right into Batheaston village. Go through the village and turn left (signposted Bathampton and Toll Bridge). Pay a cash toll (80p), cross the bridge and the Mill is the first right.

The Pear Tree Inn (10 minute drive)

**Whitley SN12 8QX
01225 704 966**

Quintessential English village pub with good dining

Turn right out of drive and then left at Chapel Lane and left at the top onto the A365 Devizes Road After 5 miles you arrive in Atworth village. turn left after the mini roundabout (signposted Purlpit). The pub is half a mile along this road on the left. Booking essential.

Mother and Wild (10 minute drive)

**8 High Street, Corsham SN13 0HB
01249 716 777**

Café, Restaurant and Bar – speciality Pizzas.

Turn Left out of drive, up hill 2miles, turn right at Hare & Hounds pub, over 1st and 2nd mini roundabout. Turn next left and park in village carpark. Mother and Wild is on the pedestrianised main street.

The Crown at Bathford (7 minute drive)

**2 Bathford Hill, Bathford, BA1 7SL
01225 852426**

Pub with food 12-3pm 6-9.30pm 7 days a week

Turn right out of drive, through traffic lights towards Bath. After 1 ½ miles turn 1st left at the roundabout, under railway arch, then immediately left. Pub on your right.

The Bunch of Grapes (12 minute drive)

**14 Silver Street, Bradford on Avon, BA15 1JY
01225 938 088**

Lovely family run restaurant with excellent food and charming ambience

Right out of drive, left just before traffic lights to Melksham A365, up hill, to traffic lights, right to Bradford on Avon. At the bottom of the hill turn left on the mini roundabout. The Grapes is halfway up the street on your left.

Local Transport Services

Bus Service: X31 Chippenham – Corsham – Box – Bath

This service goes to between Bath and Chippenham Railway Stations.

For buses to Bath, turn right out of Lorne House and walk 100 metres. Cross the road at the Zebra Crossing and you will see the bus stop. Return X31 buses leave from Bath Bus Station or opposite The Guildhall (near to the back of Bath Abbey). The bus stop for Lorne House is just past us, 100 metres up the road opposite Box Tunnel.

For buses to Corsham or Chippenham, turn left out of Lorne House and walk 100 metres. The bus stop is just past the first road on the left, The Wharf. The return bus stop is 100 metres past Lorne House, by the Zebra Crossing in the village centre.

The current bus timetable for this service is included in this information pack.

Local Taxi Services:

Adrian's Taxi	07967 333490
Corsham Taxis	01249 701111
V Cars Chippenham	01249 656565
Kate's Taxi	01249 810404
Beeline Taxi Co	01225 433946
	0794 1435206

Bath based Taxi Services:

Abbey Taxi	01225 444444
V Cars Bath	01225 464646
Widcombe Cars	01225 319959

MONDAY TO FRIDAY except public holidays

Bath Bus Station Bay 6		0657	0727	0757	then at these mins	27	57		1427	1457	1527	1557	1627	1650	1720	1750	1820	1850	1950	2100	2305	
Batheaston Stambridge		0711	0743	0813		43	13		1443	1513	1543	1614	1644	1707	1737	1807	1837					
Box Northey Arms	0641	0716	0748	0818		48	18		1448	1518	1548	1619	1649	1712	1742	1812	1842	1906	2006	2116	2320	
Box The Bassetts	0643	0718	0750	0820		50	20		1450	1520	1550	1621	1651	1714	1744	1814	1844	1908	2008	2118	2322	
Leafy Lane Trenchard Avenue	0616	0646	0721	0753		0823	53		23	1453	1523	1553	1624	1654	1717	1747	1817	1847	1911	2011	2121	2325
Rudloe Tophill Crescent	0618	0648	0724	0757		0827	57		27	1457	1527	1557	1628	1658	1721	1751	1821	1851	1915	2013	2123	2327
Corsham Furzehill Charlwood Rd	0623	0653	0730	0803		0833	03		33	1503	1533	1603	1634	1704	1727	1757	1827	1857	1921	2018	2128	2332
Corsham Newlands Rd	0629	0659	0736	0810		0840	08		38	1508	1539	1609	1642	1712	1735	1804	1834	1902	1926	2023	2132	2336
Corsham Coulston Road	0631	0701	0738	0812		0842	10		40	1510	1541	1611	1644	1714	1737	1806	1836	1904	1928	2025	2134	2338
Sainsbury's A4	0636	0706	0744	0818		0848	16		46	1516	1547	1617	1650	1720	1743	1812	1842	1910	1933	2030	2138	2342
Brook Street Redland School	0642	0712	0752	0826	0856	23	53	1523	1554	1624	1657	1727	1750	1819	1849	1916	1939	2036	2144	2348		
Chippenham Railway Station	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		
Chippenham Bus Station Bay 8	0650	0720	0802	0837	0907	33	03	1533	1604	1634	1707	1737	1800	1828	1858	1925	1948	2044	2152	2356		

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Bath Bus Station Bay 6	0700	0800	0830	0900	0930	then at these mins	00	30	until	1700	1730	1800	1830	1900	1930	2100	2305	
Batheaston Stambridge	0713	0813	0845	0915	0945		17	47		1717	1747	1817	1847	1917	▼	▼	▼	
Box Northey Arms	0620	0718	0818	0850	0920		0950	22		52	1722	1752	1822	1852	1922	1947	2117	2322
Box The Bassetts	0622	0720	0820	0852	0922		0952	24		54	1724	1754	1824	1854	1924	1949	2119	2324
Rudloe Tophill Crescent	0627	0725	0826	0859	0929		0959	31		01	1731	1801	1831	1901	1931	1955	2124	2329
Corsham Furzehill Charlwood Rd	0632	0730	0832	0905	0935		1005	37		07	1737	1807	1837	1907	1937	2001	2129	2334
Corsham Newlands Rd	0636	0734	0836	0911	0941		1011	43		13	1742	1812	1842	1911	1941	2005	2134	2339
Corsham Coulston Road	0638	0736	0838	0913	0943		1013	45		15	1744	1814	1844	1913	1943	2007	2136	2341
Sainsbury's A4	0643	0741	0844	0919	0949		1019	51		21	1749	1819	1849	1919	1949	2011	2140	2345
Brook Street Redland School	0648	0746	0850	0926	0956	1026	58	28	1755	1825	1855	1925	1955	2017	2146	2351		
Chippenham Railway Station	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
Chippenham Bus Station Bay 8	0656	0755	0900	0936	1006	1036	08	38	1805	1835	1905	1935	2005	2027	2154	2359		

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SUNDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Bath Bus Station Bay 6	0955	1125	1255	1425	1555	1725	1830	1940
Box Northey Arms	1012	1142	1312	1442	1612	1742	1845	1955
Box The Bassetts	1014	1144	1314	1444	1614	1744	1847	1957
Rudloe Tophill Crescent	1020	1150	1320	1450	1620	1750	1852	2002
Corsham Furzehill Charlwood Rd	1026	1156	1326	1456	1626	1756	1857	2007
Corsham Newlands Rd	1032	1202	1332	1502	1632	1802	1901	2011
Corsham Coulston Road	1034	1204	1334	1504	1634	1804	1903	2013
Sainsbury's A4	1039	1209	1339	1509	1639	1809	1908	2018
Brook Street Redland School	1046	1216	1346	1516	1646	1816	1913	2023
Chippenham Railway Station	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Chippenham Bus Station Bay 8	1058	1228	1358	1528	1658	1828	1923	2033

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY except public holidays

Chippenham Bus Station Bay 8	0610	0640	0710	0740	0820	0910	0940	then at these mins	10 40	until	1610	1640	1710	1740	1810	1840	2000	2200
Chippenham Railway Station	0615	0645	0715	0746	0826	0916	0946		16 46		1616	1646	1716	1746	1815	1845	2005	2205
Brook Street Redland School	0620	0650	0720	0751	0831	0921	0951		21 51		1621	1651	1721	1751	1821	1850	2010	2210
Sainsbury's A4	0626	0657	0727	0759	0839	0929	0959		29 59		1629	1659	1729	1758	1828	1856	2016	2216
Corsham Coulston Road	0602	0631	0702	0732	0804	0844	0934		34 04		1634	1704	1734	1803	1833	1900	2020	2220
Corsham Newlands Rd	0606	0634	0707	0737	0809	0849	0939		39 09		1639	1709	1739	1808	1839	1904	2024	2224
Corsham Furzehill Charlwood Rd	0609	0637	0710	0740	0812	0852	0942		42 12		1642	1712	1742	1811	1842	1907	2027	2227
Rudloe Toghill Crescent	0615	0643	0717	0747	0819	0858	0948		48 18		1648	1718	1748	1816	1847	1912	2032	2232
Box Post Office	0621	0649	0726	0756	0826	0904	0954		54 24		1654	1724	1754	1821	1852	1917	2037	2237
Box Northey Arms	0623	0651	0728	0758	0828	0906	0956		56 26		1656	1726	1756	1823	1854	1919	2039	2239
Batheaston Stambidge	▼	▼	0734	0804	0834	0912	1002	1032	02 32		1702	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
Bath Bus Station Bay 6	0640	0710	0750	0822	0852	0927	1017	1047	17 47		1717	1742	1812	1839	1910	1935	2055	2255

SATURDAY

Chippenham Bus Station Bay 8	0705	0735	0805	0835	then at these mins	05 35	until	1715	1800	1900	2000	2200
Chippenham Railway Station	0710	0740	0810	0841		11 41		1721	1805	1905	2005	2205
Brook Street Redland School	0715	0745	0815	0846		16 46		1726	1810	1910	2010	2210
Sainsbury's A4	0721	0751	0821	0854		24 54		1734	1817	1916	2016	2216
Corsham Coulston Road	0618	0726	0756	0826		29 59		1739	1822	1920	2020	2220
Corsham Newlands Rd	0621	0730	0800	0831		34 04		1744	1825	1923	2023	2223
Corsham Furzehill Charlwood Rd	0624	0733	0803	0834		37 07		1747	1828	1926	2026	2226
Rudloe Toghill Crescent	0629	0739	0809	0840		43 13		1753	1833	1931	2031	2231
Box Post Office	0635	0745	0815	0846		49 19		1759	1838	1936	2036	2236
Box Northey Arms	0637	0747	0817	0848		51 21		1801	1840	1938	2038	2238
Batheaston Stambidge	▼	0753	0823	0854	0927	57 27		1807	1845	▼	▼	▼
Bath Bus Station Bay 6	0653	0808	0840	0911	0945	15 45		1823	1859	1954	2054	2254

SUNDAY & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Chippenham Bus Station Bay 8	0830	1000	1130	1300	1430	1600	1720	1840
Chippenham Railway Station	0835	1005	1135	1305	1435	1605	1725	1845
Brook Street Redland School	0841	1011	1141	1311	1441	1611	1731	1851
Sainsbury's A4	0848	1018	1148	1318	1448	1618	1737	1857
Corsham Coulston Road	0853	1023	1153	1323	1453	1623	1742	1902
Corsham Newlands Rd	0857	1027	1157	1327	1457	1627	1745	1905
Corsham Furzehill Charlwood Rd	0900	1030	1200	1330	1500	1630	1748	1908
Rudloe Toghill Crescent	0906	1036	1206	1336	1506	1636	1753	1913
Box Post Office	0912	1042	1212	1342	1512	1642	1758	1918
Box Northey Arms	0914	1044	1214	1344	1514	1644	1800	1920
Bath Bus Station Bay 6	0934	1104	1234	1404	1534	1704	1816	1936

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Thomas the Tank Engine and Lorne House



The Reverend Wilbert Vere Awdry, author of the Thomas the Tank Engine stories, spent his childhood here at Lorne House between the years of 1920 – 1928.

Lorne Villa was it was then known, was renamed "Journey's End" by Wilbert's father, (with foresight, as it turned out, as he died here 8 years later).

For young Wilbert, the position of Journey's End was to have a profound influence. It lay 200 yards from the road bridge of the A4 which crossed the Great Western Railway's London to Bristol Route passing through Isambard Kingdom Brunel's great Box Tunnel.



In those days, a banking engine was retained at Box to bank all the heavy freight

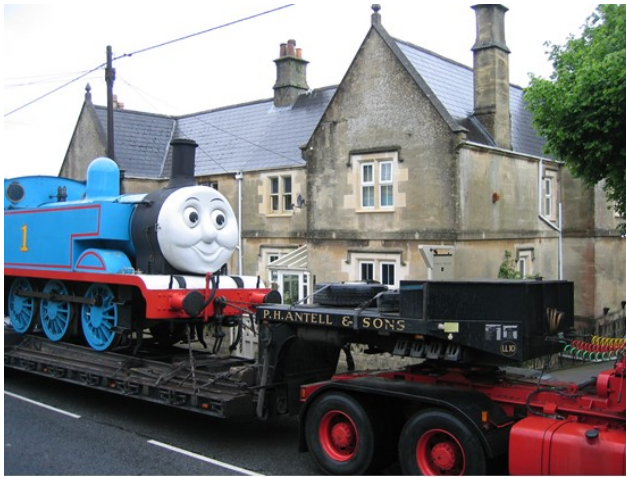


trains through the tunnel and Wilbert and his brother George (left) took great interest in all the railway activities so close to their home.

These trains usually ran at night and the young Awdry could hear them from his bed, listening to the coded whistle signals between the train engine

and the banker as well as the sharp bark from the locomotive exhausts as they fought their way up the incline. Awdry related: "There was no doubt in my mind

that steam engines all had definite personalities. I would hear them snorting up the grade and little imagination was needed to hear in the puffings and pantings of the two engines the conversation they were having with one another: 'I can't do it! I can't do it! I can't do it!' 'Yes, you can! Yes, you can! Yes, you can!'" Here was the inspiration for the story of Edward helping Gordon's train up the hill, a story that Wilbert first told his son Christopher some 25 years later, as he recovered from a bout of measles and which appeared in the first of the Railway Series books.



In June 2009, Thomas the Tank Engine was present at the annual Box Revels and stopped outside the house to pay tribute to his creator.



On Saturday August 11th, 2012 a blue plaque commemorating the life of Reverend W.V. Awdry and his association with Lorne House. The unveiling ceremony was performed by his children, Christopher, Hilary and Veronica.

LORNE HOUSE – SUGGESTED WALK

Quarry Woods, Hazelbury Manor and Box Tunnel

Distance: 3.75 kilometres (2.3 miles)
Difficulty: Leisurely – hill climb to begin (may be muddy in parts following wet weather)
Time: 1 hour

1. Turn right out of Lorne House and walk towards the village centre. Cross the road at the zebra crossing.
2. Take the first turning on your left into Bulls Lane and walk up the hill. After 50 metres the road becomes Quarry Hill. Continue ahead 10 metres.
3. Take the turning right into Barn Piece. Walk up this road to the top.

On your right – look out for England's only Tennis Ball factory, Prices of Bath

4. Immediately past the last house on the left, take the footpath on its left which takes you up and into Quarry Woods.

You will see quarried stone & the quarry entrances all through Quarry Woods. Stone from here was quarried by hand for the building of Box Tunnel



5. Follow this path, through the wood keeping right, and take its first right fork up the hill. As you see the wall at the top, follow the path to the right and on to the corner of the wood where you will see the path continue ahead into the open.

6. Go straight ahead, following the path across the field for 500m. **Listen! SKYLARKS!**

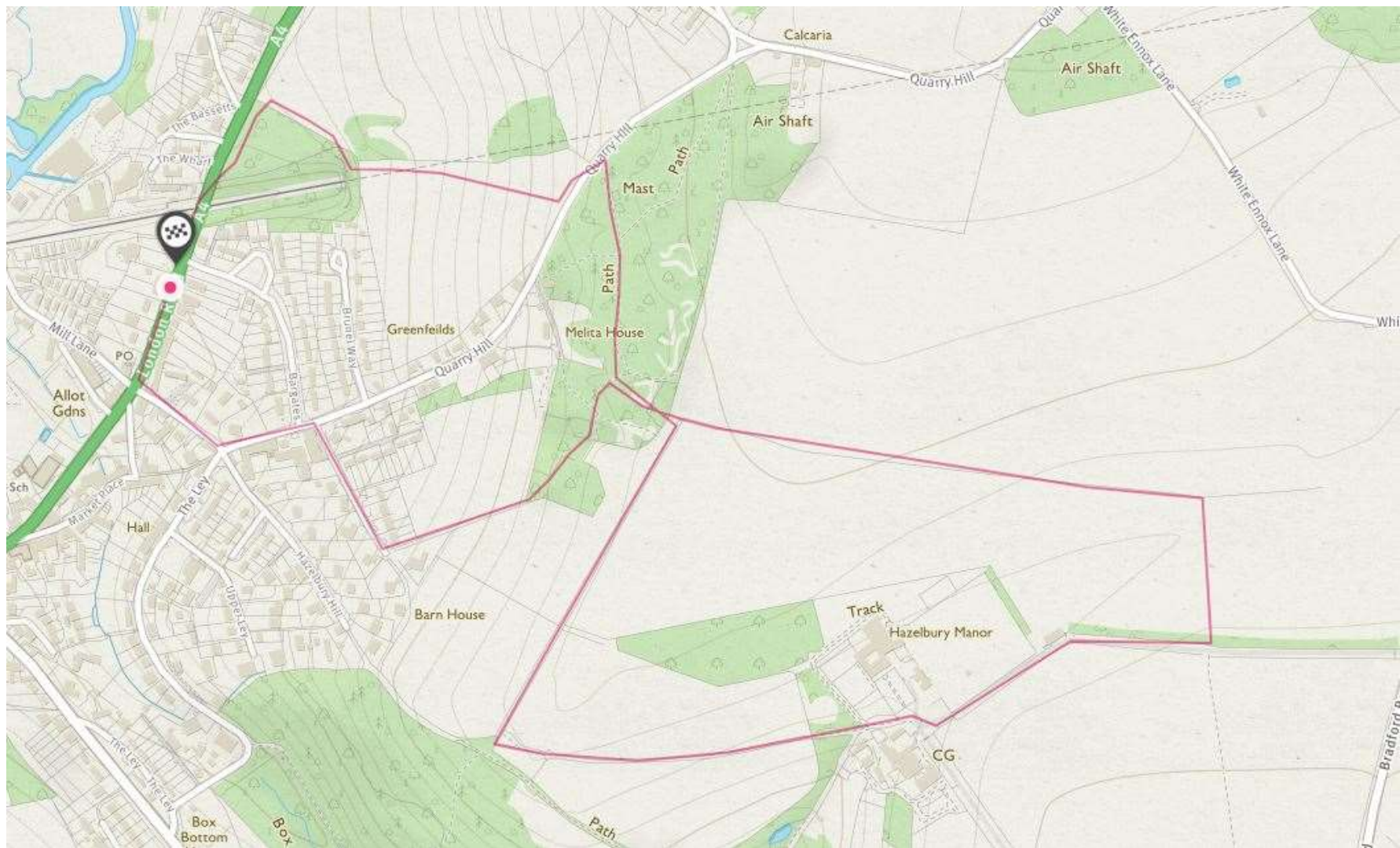
7. You will come to barriers parallel to the dry stone wall. Here turn right, following the path as it crosses the neighbouring field on the right.

8. At the end of this field is a road. Turn right and follow this small road to the end
9. Turn right and you will see Hazelbury Manor immediately in front of you. Follow the road to the left of the Manor past the outbuildings on the left (where there may be goats!)

Hazelbury Manor is Grade 1 listed; parts of it date back to the 15th Century. It has 8 acres of landscaped garden some of which can be seen adjacent to the path.

10. The path splits here but keep right and cross the stile, following the path through the fields which are fenced off either side of the path.
11. At the end of the path cross the stile and turn right, following the path to the end. **VIEW ALERT!**
12. Turn left and you will find yourself back in Quarry Woods.
13. Follow the path down the slope and where it meets the next path turn right and follow this through the woods until you come out onto Quarry Hill Road.
14. Turn left and walk down Quarry Hill Road for just a short distance. **VIEW ALERT!**
15. On your right you will see a stile and footpath sign – cross the stile and descend the hill all the way down to where it sits on top of Box Tunnel entrance.
16. Turn right through the gate and carry on down through the field.
17. Just before the gate to the road you will see a stile to your left – cross this stile and take the path through Lacy Woods. The gate at the end will take you out onto the A4 London Road. Cross the road and head left. Lorne House is a short walk along on the right.

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LORNE HOUSE – SUGGESTED WALK

Box Church, Two Tunnels & Railway Bridges.

Distance: 3.6 kilometres (2.2 miles)
Difficulty: Leisurely – small hill climb (may be muddy in parts following wet weather)
Time: 1 hour

1. Turn right out of Lorne House and walk through the village
2. Just after the Queens Head pub take the second turning right into Church Lane and follow this road to the end.
3. Take a moment to visit Thomas á Becket Church – there has been a church here for 800 years. In the top left of the churchyard look for the Pyramid Gravestone – designed so that the incumbent's wife couldn't dance on his grave! Opposite the churchyard is The Wilderness – the former Rectory where Rev Awdry's family lived before they bought Lorne House.
4. Take the track on the right to the bottom into the field
5. Walk left through the middle of the field, through the gate and continue straight on through the middle of the next field.
6. At the end of the field go through the gate and continue under the Railway Bridge and on past the field of hens, ducks and geese – look out for the rhea! Carry on past the house, to the road.
7. Turn right and walk up the road until you reach Ardgay House on your right.
8. Take the footpath on the right, immediately after and alongside the grounds of Ardgay House.
9. Go through the gate and, staying at the top of the field, walk straight across it to the corner and through the next gate into the next field. **VIEW ALERT!**
10. Walk into this field and on the bottom right you will see the west entrance of MiddleHill tunnel.
 11. Walk straight across this field to the other end to see the east entrance to the tunnel and the railway line heading straight towards Box Tunnel.
 12. Retrace the path a few steps back, beyond the bushes, and head down to the gate and into the next field; then, head left through this field to the gate at the end.
 13. Beyond the gate, follow the path along the Bybrook and onto Mill Lane.
 14. Turn left on Mill Lane and walk under the Railway Bridge.
 15. Take the path on the right immediately after the Railway Bridge and follow this path. On the other side of the wall to the left left is Peter Gabriel's Real World Recording Studios.
16. At the end of this path, turn right and walk up The Wharf to the A4, London Road.

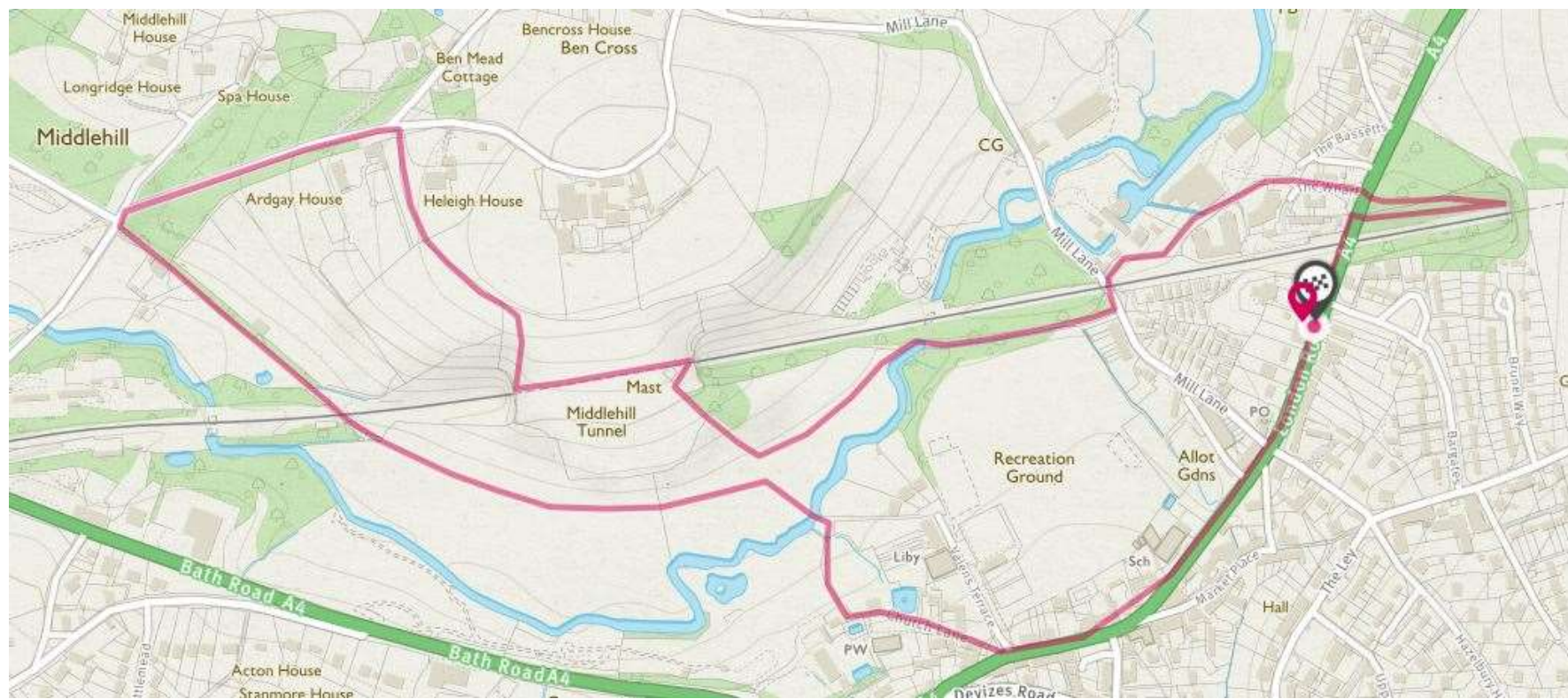
On your right – you will pass Box's Blind House where drunken villagers were locked up! Hence the saying "blind drunk."



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17. Cross the A4 into Lacy Woods. Box Tunnel is on your right.

18. Return to the A4, cross the road and head left. Lorne House is a short walk along on the right.



We Recommend...

We are often asked for our suggestions and recommendations for the best places to visit and things to do locally. The following are some of our personal recommendations

1. Avebury is better than Stonehenge

Controversial, we know, but in our opinion the village of [Avebury](#) with its henge and stone circle offers a much more interesting visit than the more famous Neolithic site of Stonehenge. Avebury (40 minutes' drive away) is closer to here than Stonehenge (50 minutes' drive) and unlike Stonehenge, visitors can walk around and between the stones and touch them. There is a fascinating museum, the Alexander Keiller Museum which holds important prehistoric archeological exhibits and tells the story behind the excavations at Avebury. Plus, very close to Avebury there is the West Kennett celtic Longbarrow – one of the largest and most impressive Neolithic chambered tombs in Britain. Visitors can walk inside as it is fully accessible. There is also the mysterious Silbury Hill – the largest man-made mound in Europe and to this day no one knows why it was created.

2. The best views of Bath

As it is surrounded by hills, there are some stunning views of Bath. Most of these require a climb although many are accessible by car. [Alexandra Park](#) offers one of the most beautiful views of Bath; a steep walk (or short drive) from the city the views from the park are well worth the climb. Alexandra Park also has one of the most attractive allotment sites you could wish to see. The National Trust owned [Prior Park Landscape Gardens](#) also offer a famous view of the city. Stand in front of Prior Park Mansion and look down over the Capability Brown designed landscape and the Palladian Bridge to the city below. The [Bath Skyline walk](#) is a 6 mile walk around the skyline hills above Bath and its beautiful surrounding countryside.

3. Country Houses and Gardens

In addition to the many well-known National Trust and English Heritage properties in this area there are a few less well-known but equally fabulous houses and gardens close to us which are well worth a visit. [Great Chalfield Manor](#) is a wonderful 15th century mediaeval Manor House with an Arts and Crafts Garden that is just minutes from us. Equally [Corsham Court](#) is a delightful country house dating back to 1582. Part of it was designed to house an impressive art collection and its parkland was designed by Capability Brown and Humphrey Repton. Finally, [Iford Manor](#)'s extraordinary Italianate Peto Garden is one of this area's best kept secrets. Set in quiet countryside it is a perfect gem and definitely won't disappoint.

4. Sport Activities

Should your interests extend to going to a Bath rugby match, watching village cricket, playing golf, clay pigeon shooting, horseriding or cycling along the Kennet and Avon canal, do ask us and we'd be pleased to point you in the right direction.