



COTSWOLD TOURISM AWARDS – WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Winners of the first ever Cotswold Tourism Awards have been announced.

The 2010 awards are co-ordinated by the local tourist board (Cotswolds and Forest of Dean Tourism) and were selected by a knowledgeable and fiercely independent group of judges.

Above all, the awards celebrate our hardworking local tourism industry in 2010.

The judges were Katie Jarvis (Guide book and *Cotswold Life* author); Rob Rees (The Cotswold Chef and VisitEngland Board Member), Shane Blackwell (Quality in Tourism (Accommodation Inspection agency), Edward Gillespie (Cheltenham Racecourse and Chair of Cotswolds And Forest of Dean Tourism), Anne Bartlett (Blue Badge Guide), Chris Dee and Sarah Tyler – Cotswolds and Forest of Dean Tourism.

Chris Dee, Tourism Manager for Cotswolds and Forest of Dean Tourism commented: 'Tourism in the Cotswolds is a continuing success story and these awards are our way of highlighting some of the many business who have raised standards and achieved something new for 2010'.

Our own Katie Jarvis said "As I go about my *Cotswold Life* work, I'm constantly impressed by the dedication and devotion of the people I come across – people who run hotels, attractions, B&Bs and pubs; others

The Mad Tea Party is the staff at Gloucester Antiques and Collectors centre – silver winner in the Cotsie Awards.



who put on the most amazing events. What's truly awe-inspiring is the fact that they're not simply there to make money. They often want to give visitors the best experience possible – and that's one of the elements that makes the Cotswolds so attractive. For that reason, I was delighted to be part of these awards. And what better accolade could there be than an award from those in the know: Chris Dee and Cotswold Tourism."

COTSWOLD TOURISM AWARDS 2010 – THE RESULTS

- **Hotel of the Year:**
Gold – Barnsley House
Silver – Holiday Inn Express, Cheltenham
Silver – Hare and Hounds, Tetbury
- **B&B of the Year:**
Gold – Windrush House
Silver – East House
Silver – Kissing Gate
- **Self-Catering Business of the Year:**
Gold – Westley Farm
Silver – Broadway Manor
Silver – Railway Cottages
- **Visitor Attraction of the Year:**
Gold – WWT Slimbridge
Silver – Gloucester Guild Hall
Silver – Cotswold Farm Park
 (Special honorary mention for Paul Barnett's guided walks of the Purton Barge Graveyard)
- **Large Event of the Year:**
Gold – Science Festival
Silver – Tewkesbury Food and Drink Festival
- **Small Event of the Year:**
Gold – Stroud International Textile Festival
Silver – Winchcombe Walking Festival
- **Pub of the Year:**
Gold – Woolpack, Slad
Silver – The Royal Oak, Prestbury
Silver – The Crown at Frampton
- **Retail Tourism Award:**
Gold – Beatrix Potter shop
Silver – New Brewery Arts
Silver – Gloucester Antiques Centre
- **Tourism Business of the Year:**
Gold – Cotswolds Inns & Hotels