

TOP 10  
AFTERNOON TEA WALKS

# The George Hotel

So, what makes number five special? Christopher Fisher says the George Hotel provides traditional elegance

**Round & About's top 10** afternoon tea walks has already led the way to great teas! So, here is a quick recap.

At **number 10**: Oxfordshire beauty combined well with fresh produce in Stanton St. John.

Striding in at **number 09** was traditional Hartwell House.

**Number 08** took in a secret garden and the Lamb's Inn.

Oxford doesn't just have intellectual surroundings but the Old Parsonage pouring tea onto **number 07!**

Sonning Common was a striking **number 06** thanks to Fresh as a Daisy.



The George Hotel  
PICTURE: Tim Beuzeval



Cholsey and Wallingford Railway  
PICTURE: Mike Cole

## WALKING INFORMATION:

A fairly easy sixty minute walk. Be careful, especially with young children, as the walk travels along the A4130 and A329 roads, a railway line and rivers.

1. The walk starts at The Red Lion pub in Cholsey. When you are ready, leave the pub, turn right onto Wallingford Road. When you reach a junction with church road turn right again.
2. Go straight ahead, crossing over Cholsey and Wallingford Railway. Straight after this, look out for a footpath leaving on your right.
3. The footpath will run parallel with the railway for this stretch of the walk. Ignore four footpath turnings to the left, cross back over the railway line and continue onto a minor road.
4. The minor road will cross the A4130, Nosworthy Way, as it progresses towards Winterbrook.
5. You will connect to Winterbrook Lane, go straight ahead until you meet a junction with Winterbrook.
6. Turn left and go straight ahead: the name will change to Reading Road. Ignore two roads leaving to the left, St. John's Rd and Mill Lane. You should take the third road, Goldsmiths Lane.
7. The lane will briefly go straight ahead, but then bend to the right and will connect to the High Street.
8. Turn right here, passing by Wallingford Museum to your left. You will also cross a road leaving to the left, before arriving at The George Hotel, which is also located on your left.
9. Once all the scones have gone, and you have no choice but to leave, turn left out of the hotel and continue along the High Street, crossing over Wallingford Bridge along the way. Immediately after the bridge, take the first footpath that leaves on your right.
10. The footpath will pass by a camping site on your left and run alongside the River Thames: when you reach a footpath leaving to your left take this. The footpath will cross a stream before reaching a footpath t-junction. Turn right here, follow the footpath to a minor road junction, which is immediately opposite Newnham Farm.
11. Turn right here, walking in the direction of a church. The road will become a footpath, which is also close to the church. Take this. The track will pass by the international agricultural information centre and cross a footpath crossroads at Ridgeway.
12. The track will connect you to a junction with the A4130, Nosworthy Way. You should take extra care here. turn right, walk along the A4130 as you cross over the River Thames again. Immediately after the River Thames take a footpath leaving on your left.
13. Follow the Thames path as far as a footpath leaving to your right, close to bow bridge. The track will bend to the right as it connects to the A329, Reading Road.
14. Take extra care at this junction, turn left, and follow the road for a few minutes until you meet a footpath leaving to your right. Take this track, which will lead you in the direction of Cholsey.
15. The footpath will join a minor road, which will then change name to Ilges Lane. Follow the road to its end, at the Station Road/Church Road junction turn right passing a post office to your left. Just past the post office you will find Wallingford Road leaving to your right. Turn right here, where you will reach your starting point, The Red Lion, on your left.