

Finding a unique gift for your nearest and dearest can seem like a monumental task, especially as the festive period draws closer and closer. But what if everything you'd ever want was under one roof, over three days and to top it all off, a percentage of the proceeds go to charity? In steps The Christmas Fair in The Cotswolds, in aid of WellChild – the one-stop shop for all your Christmas needs, from interiors, to clothing, to food and gifts, all championing the wonderful brands this region has to offer. 2019's Fair will welcome over 40 percent of new stallholders, bringing with them their exclusive and bespoke offerings for your Christmas compendium. Each year, local artisans are chosen for their inspirational products, bringing that little something different to Christmas, that you never thought you needed, so we've taken a closer look at a few of these exciting brands, taking to centre stage this Christmas. ♦

## 100 ACRES APOTHECARY

100 Acres was created by Georgie Pearman originally for their hotels and restaurants but is now stocked in over a 100 luxury hotels, lifestyle boutiques and shops. Each natural product within the range is made here in the English countryside, and each individual oil and botanical in it, is chosen for its healing, calming or uplifting properties. The products are not tested on animals and are suitable for vegetarians (although not to eat!).

[100acres.co.uk](http://100acres.co.uk)

## THE ARTY CRAFTY PLACE

Based in the Oxfordshire countryside, mother and daughter team, Maggie and Tess are busy working in their Textile Printing Studio which specialises in Indian Block Printing. Their contemporary twist on this traditional form of printing makes it accessible for all ages and abilities, focusing on printing items such as Tea Towels and Bags and this craft appeals to those interested in creating interior textiles but also those who love to make handmade gifts!

[www.theartycraftyplace.co.uk](http://www.theartycraftyplace.co.uk)



# The Cotswolds does Christmas

The Christmas Fair in The Cotswolds embraces local charm this festive season



## BRIDGE IN A BOX

This year Bridge in the Box is celebrating its 10th Anniversary, producing beautiful playing cards in bright colour that are lovely to take on holiday or as simple and unusual gifts. The company has continued its tradition of producing high quality products and are now producing a larger product range, for all the family to enjoy.

[www.bridgeinthebox.co.uk](http://www.bridgeinthebox.co.uk)

## SO SOUK

So Souk is an artisan homeware and lifestyle store set up by two friends, Petrina and Jo.



Their love for travel inspired the initial collection from Morocco and has now expanded to include their own range of handblocked homeware and textiles from India. Their collection includes bedding, bathmats, pyjamas and lots of other home accessories.

[www.sosouk.co.uk](http://www.sosouk.co.uk)

## COTSWOLD BABY CO

Cotswold Baby Co is run by two local mums from the Cotswolds, Kate and Rachael who design and curate collections of unique and affordable clothing for little people aged 0 to 4 years. They take inspiration from the beautiful



Cotswolds for their designs and best-selling collections include Fantastic Fox and At the Farm.

[www.cotswoldbabyco.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldbabyco.co.uk)



## CASPIAN CAVIAR

Caspian Caviar was founded 20 years ago. From its base in the Cotswolds, Caspian Caviar has become the largest UK caviar retailer outside of London. They offer a full range of classic caviars, as well as caviars from more unusual species of sturgeon.

[www.caspiancaviar.co.uk](http://www.caspiancaviar.co.uk)

## YARA'S FUDGE

Yara Hartkoorn has been making and selling tablet fudge in the Cotswolds since 2005. From the first stall selling just Vanilla fudge, the brand has grown and Yara's Fudge now makes around 15 different varieties, including bestsellers like Salt Flake City fudge and the now famous Chilli & Lime fudge.

[www.facebook.com/YarasFudge](http://www.facebook.com/YarasFudge)

## SALT AND STEEL

One of the Cotswolds newest brands, Salt and Steel, showcases everything monochrome and textural, and features unique products many of which are not available elsewhere. Owner Sarah has chosen UK craftspeople including potters, furniture and candle makers to add to the collection and loves supporting small business.

[www.saltandsteel.co.uk](http://www.saltandsteel.co.uk)



## TEAM TEA

Passionate about real tea, Valerie launched Team Tea in early 2018 after training as a Tea Sommelier, because she wanted to banish boring brews and showcase the immense diversity that this single plant has to offer.

Whether you are new to tea, stuck in a tea rut or a connoisseur, Team Tea can be there with you on your tea journey.

[teamtea.co.uk](http://teamtea.co.uk)

## THREAD TALES

Thread Tales was founded by Cotswold-born Katherine Maunder as a response to her growing disillusion working in high-street fashion. In her Oxfordshire-based studio, Katherine designs travel blankets, wraps, scarves and kaftans, hand-woven in Nepal and Myanmar, providing the communities that hand-weave her exceptional quality pieces, with a hand-up, not just a hand-out.

[www.threadtalescompany.com](http://www.threadtalescompany.com)



## MG RIVERS

Launched at The Christmas Fair in 2018, MG Rivers has had an adventurous year, with their 100 percent natural, biodegradable and renewable fibre jumpers seen being sported by the likes of trend-setters the world over. The brand embraces men's fashion with a whimsical edge, injecting a small splash of colour into every day life in a way that doesn't necessarily make too much of an overstatement, but brightens even the dullest board room. Stylish Men's jumpers, that sassy women wear too.

[www.mgrivers.com](http://www.mgrivers.com)



## DUNTISBOURNE STUDIOS

Sarah Field and Emeline Watchorn work out of their studios in the Cotswolds creating hand-made ceramics and original artwork. Sarah has been throwing on the wheel for 25 years and works predominantly in porcelain whilst Emeline produces beautiful original oil artwork alongside a range of painted stoneware ceramics. Her

artwork is in high demand normally selling a painting before the paint is dry!

[theduntisbournestudio.co.uk](http://theduntisbournestudio.co.uk)

## ASBY HOUSE

Asby House sell antique and vintage table glass, sharing the beauty of old glass with customers. The sense of history is incredible as these lovely glasses and small pieces of silver have adorned Christmas tables for up to 100 years, with undoubtedly, stories to tell. A real treasure to enjoy at Christmas and pass on for generations to come.

[www.facebook.com/asbyhouse](http://www.facebook.com/asbyhouse)



## COVETABLE

The inspiration for Covetable was a passion for entertaining, along with a belief that time spent clearing up should be kept to a minimum! Their tablecloths are the neutral base and they love layering texture and colour on top, using placemats, linen napkins, beautiful gem tealights and vases as well as their range of serve ware, dinnerware and vintage-style glasses.

[www.covetable.co.uk](http://www.covetable.co.uk)

## THE BORZOI BOOKSHOP

After 40 years in Church Street, Stow-on-the-Wold, Borzoi Bookshop have moved to a fantastic new shop in Digbeth Street. Do go and visit them and meet Brock, the best read dog in the Cotswolds. They carry a huge range of books and cards, a selection of which will be at the Christmas Fair along with authors and signed copies of the autumn's most prestigious titles.

[www.borzoibookshop.co.uk](http://www.borzoibookshop.co.uk)

## POLKA DOT PARSLEY

Wonderfully classical French design ceramic cookware in neutral colours. Great for outdoor living! BBQ to oven to table! Tough, tactile, easy clean!

[www.polkadotparsley.com](http://www.polkadotparsley.com)



*The Christmas Fair in The Cotswolds takes place at Daylesford between November 11-13 with tickets on sale now, starting from just £9.*

*Due to overwhelming popularity, booking in advance is strongly advised.*

[www.cotswoldfair.com](http://www.cotswoldfair.com)