

played throughout the crypt, cloisters and grounds. Some of the works have been made

especially for the exhibition

and many have never been seen in public before.

The Cotswolds' new **Decorative Arts Trail** (strouddecorativetrail.co.uk) combines exploring rural villages with celebrating Cotswold design. It traces a route around the many interior design shops in the **South Cotswolds Stroud Valleys**, covering everything from wallpaper to flooring via decorative furniture. Download the trail map, free, from the website then set off, and pop into **The Old Fleece** (01453 872582;



food-club.com/old-fleece.htm) at **Woodchester**, near Stroud, for sustenance on the way.

To round off the summer with a quirky and quintessentially Midlands day out, head to rural **Derbyshire** for the final **well-dressing displays** of the season. The region's well dressers decorate springs and wells with entirely natural materials. The tradition is thought to have originated as a Celtic

thanksgiving rite for fresh water and it has become a cornerstone of Derbyshire's rural heritage. At **Holymoorside**, near **Chesterfield**, the bi-annual dressing is currently in full effect with the flower-dressed well open to visitors until 8 September (visitpeakdistrict.com/events/well-dressing.aspx).

For more information go to: visit derby.co.uk, visit notts.com, visit coventryandwarwickshire.co.uk, visit peakdistrict.com, cotswolds.com, thecityofgloucester.co.uk, britainonshow.co.uk