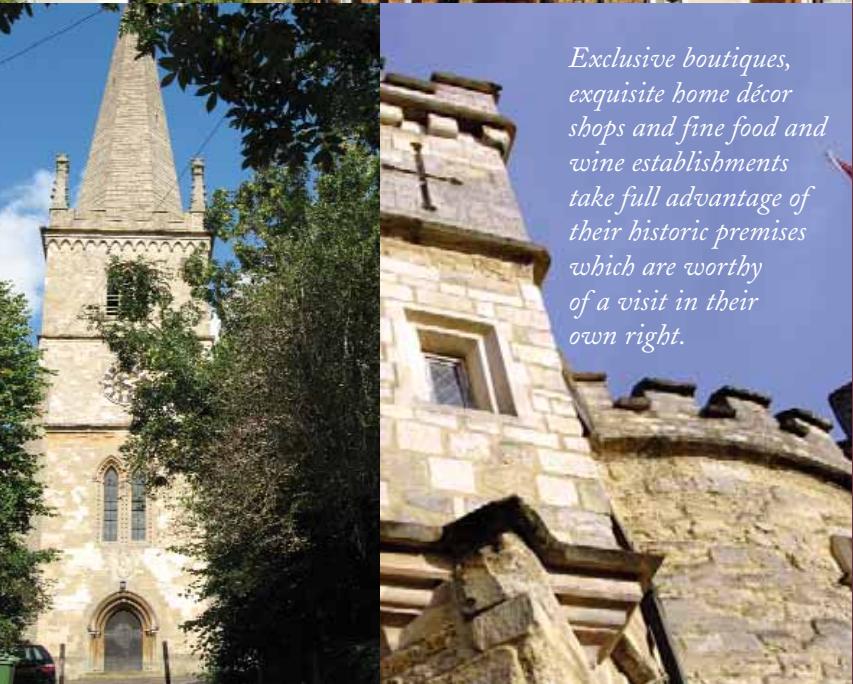


intriguing



Exclusive boutiques, exquisite home décor shops and fine food and wine establishments take full advantage of their historic premises which are worthy of a visit in their own right.

insight

Approaching the historic market town of Buckingham, you are drawn towards the towering spire of the parish church, an impressive landmark, which in the early morning mist appears to float serenely above the town it has watched over for centuries.

Due to its prime strategic location, Buckingham has always enjoyed strong commercial growth and continues to thrive because of its determination to attract new ventures and investment, whilst fiercely retaining its own distinctive character.

People come to Buckingham to enjoy its relaxed atmosphere and *indulge* in a shopping experience which places the emphasis on pleasure rather than necessity. In an age of faceless and over familiar chains repeated throughout countless modern shopping centres, Buckingham is one of those increasingly rare towns to retain its character and *intimacy*.

Here you can still stock up on day-to-day basics in specialist shops which exude a strong sense of identity, whilst enjoying an opportunity to browse.

This is your *invitation* to explore Buckingham.

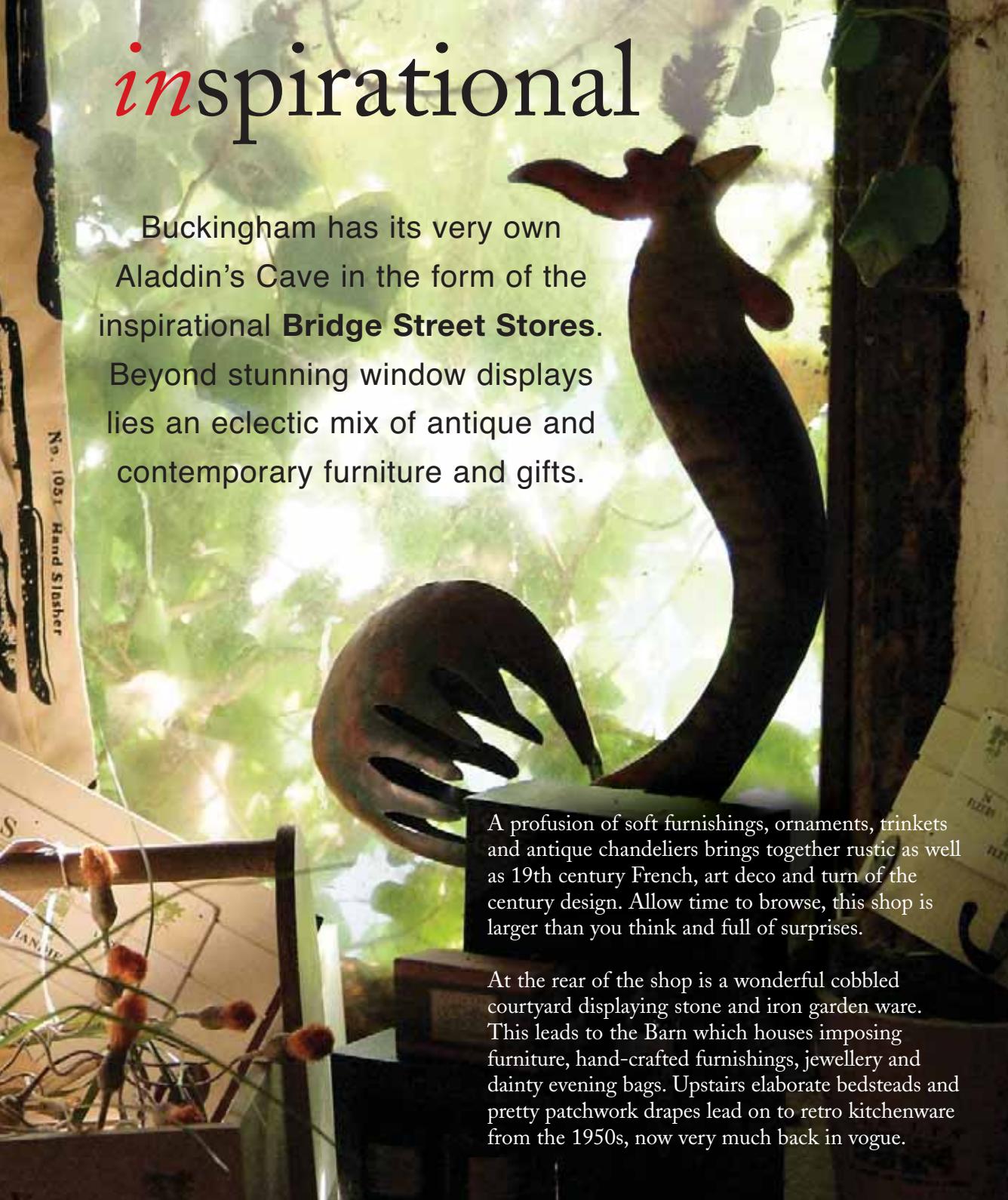


Find a very personal anniversary or birthday gift amongst items carefully selected for their individuality by the Stores' six dealers, each with their own distinctive styles and sources.

The ever-changing stock ensures that no two visits are the same and you'll always discover something special to take home with you.



Seamlessly traversing different eras, you might find elegant glassware, softly lit by timeless lamps, set out upon a dark oak Victorian dresser, or admire grand mirrors and clocks straight from an Edwardian parlour.



inspirational

Buckingham has its very own Aladdin's Cave in the form of the inspirational **Bridge Street Stores**. Beyond stunning window displays lies an eclectic mix of antique and contemporary furniture and gifts.

A profusion of soft furnishings, ornaments, trinkets and antique chandeliers brings together rustic as well as 19th century French, art deco and turn of the century design. Allow time to browse, this shop is larger than you think and full of surprises.

At the rear of the shop is a wonderful cobbled courtyard displaying stone and iron garden ware. This leads to the Barn which houses imposing furniture, hand-crafted furnishings, jewellery and dainty evening bags. Upstairs elaborate bedsteads and pretty patchwork drapes lead on to retro kitchenware from the 1950s, now very much back in vogue.



Taking place throughout the year, Canvas' art classes are a great way of developing your talent whilst meeting local people with similar interests.

Whether painting and sketching is a hobby or your profession, you'll find all major and specialist brands readily available in store. From oils, pastels and watercolours, drawing pencils to fine brushes, top quality paper to easels and canvases, the range is extensive and comprehensive.

Aimed at making art accessible and enjoyable for both adults and children alike, these day and evening classes cater for all abilities, explore the use of different media and experiment with new techniques.

Canvas also offers a bespoke framing service, offering an eye-catching range of styles and colours for mounts and frames, to display your own artwork and masterpieces. The personalised service is available for businesses, clubs and societies.



intuitive

Buckingham is fortunate to have one of the best art suppliers in the area stocking an inexhaustible array of high quality artist materials and tools for every media or ability. Keen to share its expertise and offer advice and encouragement, **Canvas** runs popular art classes to help improve and perfect artistic skills in friendly group sessions.

incredible

From hand-made curtains and blinds to bespoke upholstery, Cygnet Interiors offers a personal service to guide you through the process of selecting fabrics, wallpapers, paint and design to reflect a particular look and feel.



Displaying a truly awe-inspiring collection of fabulous fabrics, tactile soft furnishings and striking accessories,

Cygnet Interiors is one of Buckingham's gems.

From sumptuous traditional designs to the most contemporary look, this is interior design at its very best, a source of inspiration for creating a unique look which is tailor-made for your home or business.

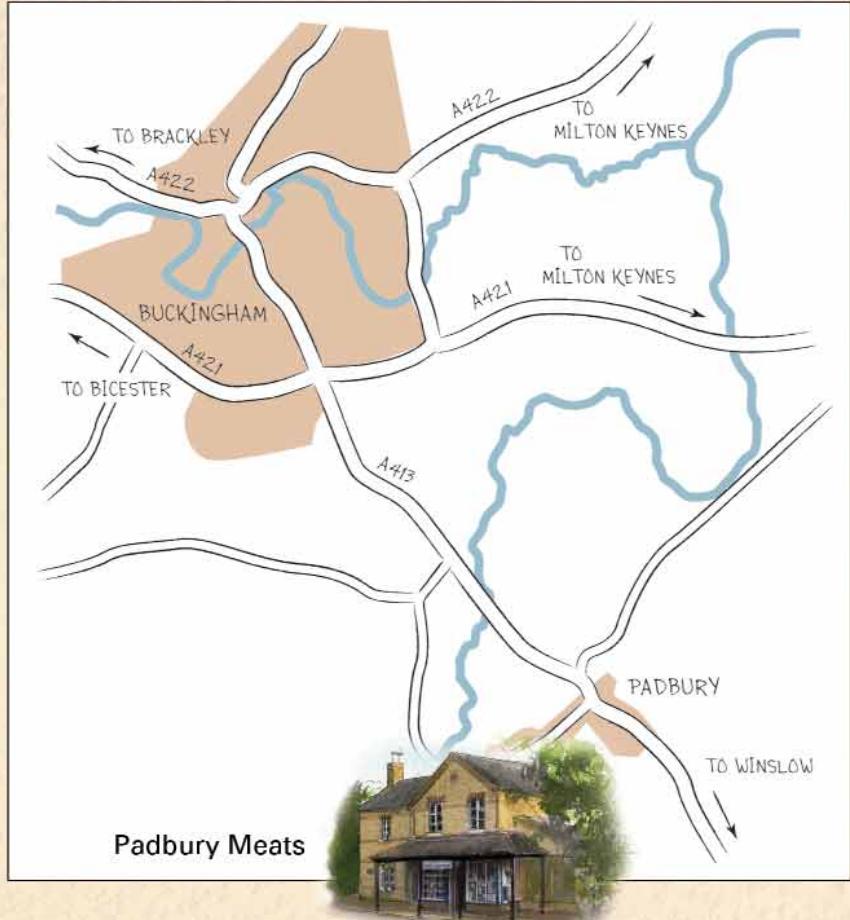


The complete interior design service, with practical help and advice on choosing patterns, colours and materials, aims to create a highly individual yet comfortable feel for your home. Quality brands from top design houses Liberty, Mulberry, Colefax & Fowler, Harlequin and Zoffany, form part of the extensive range of fabric samples to browse through at your leisure.

Achieve great effects, through fine detail and choice accessories. To complement and highlight key elements of your décor, Cygnet Interiors' finishing touches, such as scented candles and stunning mirrors, will enhance and reflect mood, accent colours or theme to create the perfect ambience for your home.

In Buckingham

Buckingham's striking skyline has changed little since the days when it hosted statesmen and royalty in the form of Oliver Cromwell and James I, and housed less welcome visitors in the famous Old Gaol which still dominates the heart of the town.



Best explored on foot, Buckingham is both proud and protective of its beautiful buildings, its wealth and importance reflected in grand Georgian facades and manors. Equally impressive are the beamed frontages of leaning cottages which line charming narrow streets and allow the occasional glimpse of hidden courtyards and secret gardens.

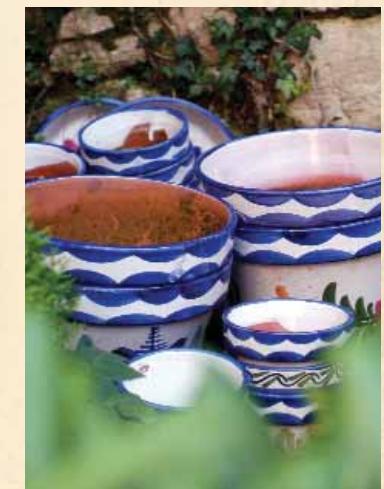
Buckingham boasts many specialist food shops, including innovative delicatessens, well-stocked wine merchants and a chocolatier which wafts an enticing aroma through Meadow Row. A much sought after French olive stall comes to the market every week, and once a year the popular continental market brings a taste of France to town.

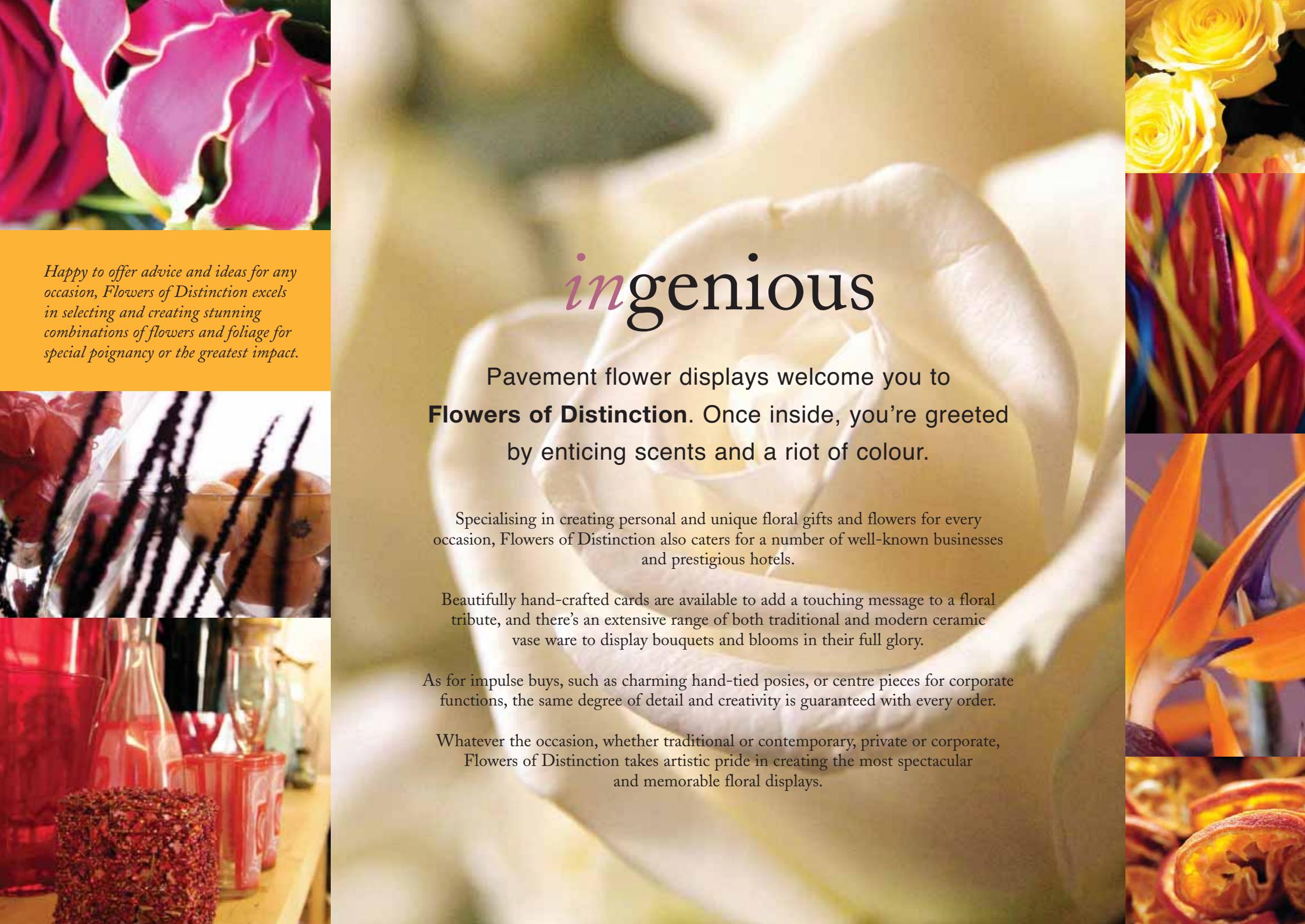
Juxtaposing past and present, smart continental style pavement cafés and bistros now provide refreshment for visitors rather than the coaching inns of old.





Carefully tended floral displays add seasonal colour to the town's bustling market-place.





Happy to offer advice and ideas for any occasion, Flowers of Distinction excels in selecting and creating stunning combinations of flowers and foliage for special poignancy or the greatest impact.

ingenious

Pavement flower displays welcome you to **Flowers of Distinction**. Once inside, you're greeted by enticing scents and a riot of colour.

Specialising in creating personal and unique floral gifts and flowers for every occasion, Flowers of Distinction also caters for a number of well-known businesses and prestigious hotels.

Beautifully hand-crafted cards are available to add a touching message to a floral tribute, and there's an extensive range of both traditional and modern ceramic vase ware to display bouquets and blooms in their full glory.

As for impulse buys, such as charming hand-tied posies, or centre pieces for corporate functions, the same degree of detail and creativity is guaranteed with every order.

Whatever the occasion, whether traditional or contemporary, private or corporate, Flowers of Distinction takes artistic pride in creating the most spectacular and memorable floral displays.

indulgence

Hidden amongst the charms of Meadow Row, **Paula Stevens** believes that your hair is your most important asset; if your hair looks fantastic, you feel uplifted. Using only top quality hair and beauty products, the professional and experienced team offers the very best advice on styling and hair care, ensuring superb results and that every client's visit is a highlight.

With a commitment to professionalism, the salon is very much at the forefront of cutting edge hair design, expert in every aspect of hair care, from sensational cutting and dramatic styling, to the most intricate colour techniques. You can also enjoy a range of rejuvenating beauty treatments.

Busy lifestyles can stress both you and your hair. So experience the difference at Paula Stevens where you can relax, indulge in some time for yourself and allow some of the weight to be taken off your shoulders.



From the moment you enter the relaxed and intimate hair and beauty studio overlooking Meadow Row, you know you are in expert hands and will emerge feeling fabulous.



inviting

Renowned for the finest farm-reared meats, choice hams, tempting pâtés and cheeses from the local area, **Padbury**

Meats has a reputation for quality and personal service which extends for miles around. Hotels, pubs, and many primary school children enjoy prime cuts of meat, poultry and tasty sausages on their daily menus supplied by this traditional family butcher.

Pop in and feast your eyes. You'll find real inspiration for every course from start to finish, from appetising preserves and savoury sauces to complement any meat dish, to a unique assortment of specialist English cheeses.



Customers are well catered for throughout the seasons. Summer brings a choice selection of barbecue meats, including succulent burgers and kebabs, whilst traditional cuts of meat for winter roasts and casseroles keep colder weather at bay. The range of seasonal game alone is unsurpassed.

Preferring to use small specialist suppliers for much of their carefully selected farm produce, Padbury Meats' friendly and knowledgeable team are happy to advise and will prepare the best cuts of meat for your particular requirements whether for a special occasion or Sunday roast.

Serving both villagers and the community at large, Padbury Meats not only lies at the very heart of this village, but is an integral part of Buckingham life.



involving

Many of Buckingham's local businesses have been family owned for generations ensuring a consistently personal service. It's a town of colour and vitality, with a young population, having Britain's only independent university, which topped a recent national student survey on teaching and support.

Given the variety and originality of its shops and their owners' unfailing commitment to personal and quality service, it's no surprise that Buckingham positively bustles.



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informed individual In Buckingham

The very essence of Buckingham lies in its individuality.

It's a town full of surprises as you delve deeper.

The essentials on your shopping list will be well catered for, but here you'll find so much more besides. Buckingham oozes character, charm and friendliness. With free parking, a good choice of places to eat, a fantastic selection of inspiring shops, and a welcoming atmosphere, it's a town with a difference, a place for all the family to enjoy.

Come and discover Buckingham for yourself.

You'll keep coming back for more.

