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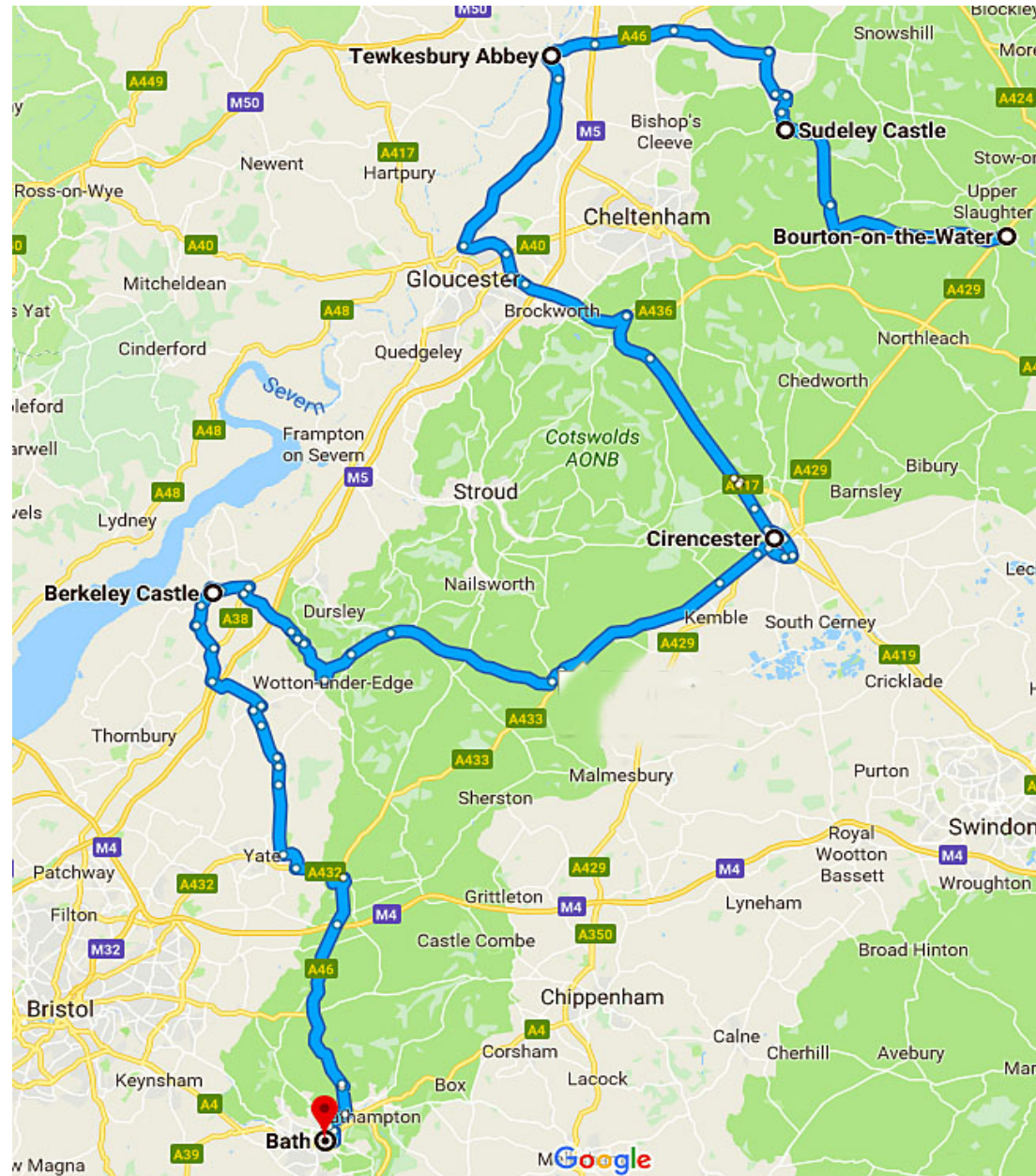
**Castles, churches and Roman baths**





From September 30 to October 8, 2018, we travelled around in southern England, mainly in the area Stratford-upon-Avon – Bath – Henley-on-Thames.





We travelled in the Cotswolds area and went to Tewkesbury Abbey and Sudeley Castle, and also visited Berkeley Castle and Bath.





Bourton-on-the-Water is a nice village with small bridges over River Windrush.





Early morning in Bourton-on-the-Water.









Bourton-on-the-Water's village hall Victoria Hall was built in 1897 with the typical Cotswold stone.





Narrow roads tunnelled in green.



Walls and hedges  
surround fields  
and meadows.

*Photo: Lena Persson.*











Sudeley Castle, for ages a royal castle, was owned by historical profiles such as Richard III, Henry VIII and Elisabeth I.





In 1830 the successful glovemaking brothers John and William Dent bought Sudeley Castle, and spent enormous sums restoring it. Part of the castle is shown to the left, with St Mary's Church to the right.





Major Henry Dent-Brocklehurst owned the castle during 1927–1949. This was his bedroom and also dressing room, where he would dress for dinner every evening.





The Queen's Privy, where Queen Elisabeth I could place here royal posterior on the velvet seat. She probably spent a few minutes here in 1588, when at Sudeley Castle she celebrated the victory over the Spanish armada.  
*"Seldom can bodily functions have been performed in such splendor".*







Lady Anne Herbert was the sister of Katherine Parr, the sixth wife of Henry VIII, and served all his queens as lady-in-waiting. When her sister was queen, Anne had the position of First Lady of the Privy Chamber.







After the death of Henry VIII in 1547, Katherine Parr married Thomas Seymour and used Sudeley Castle as her primary home. Katherine Parr died in 1548 and is buried in St Mary's church.





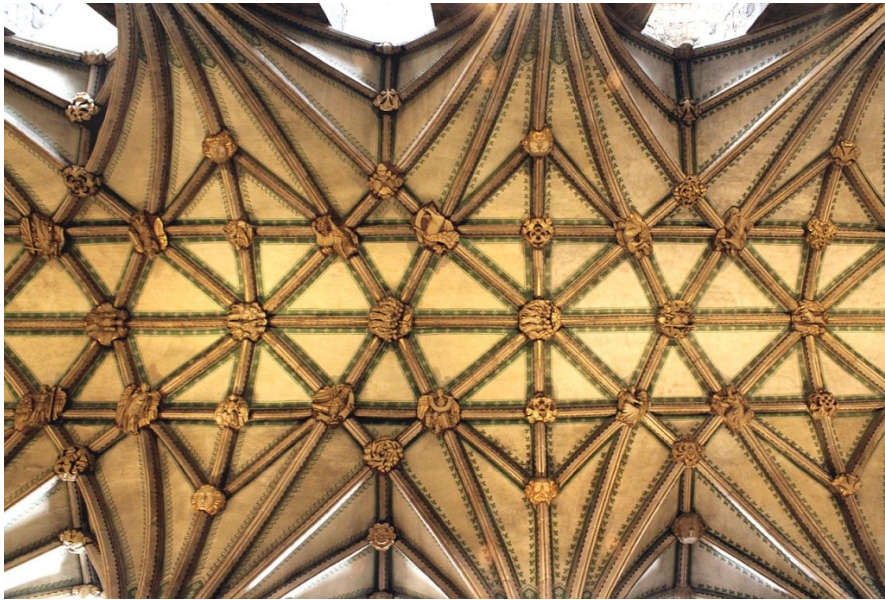
Katherine Parr's tomb in St. Mary's Church.





Tewkesbury Abbey's roots go back to 1087.





The gigantic columns are Norman and the vaulting is 14th century, while the quire's roof is from late 15th century.





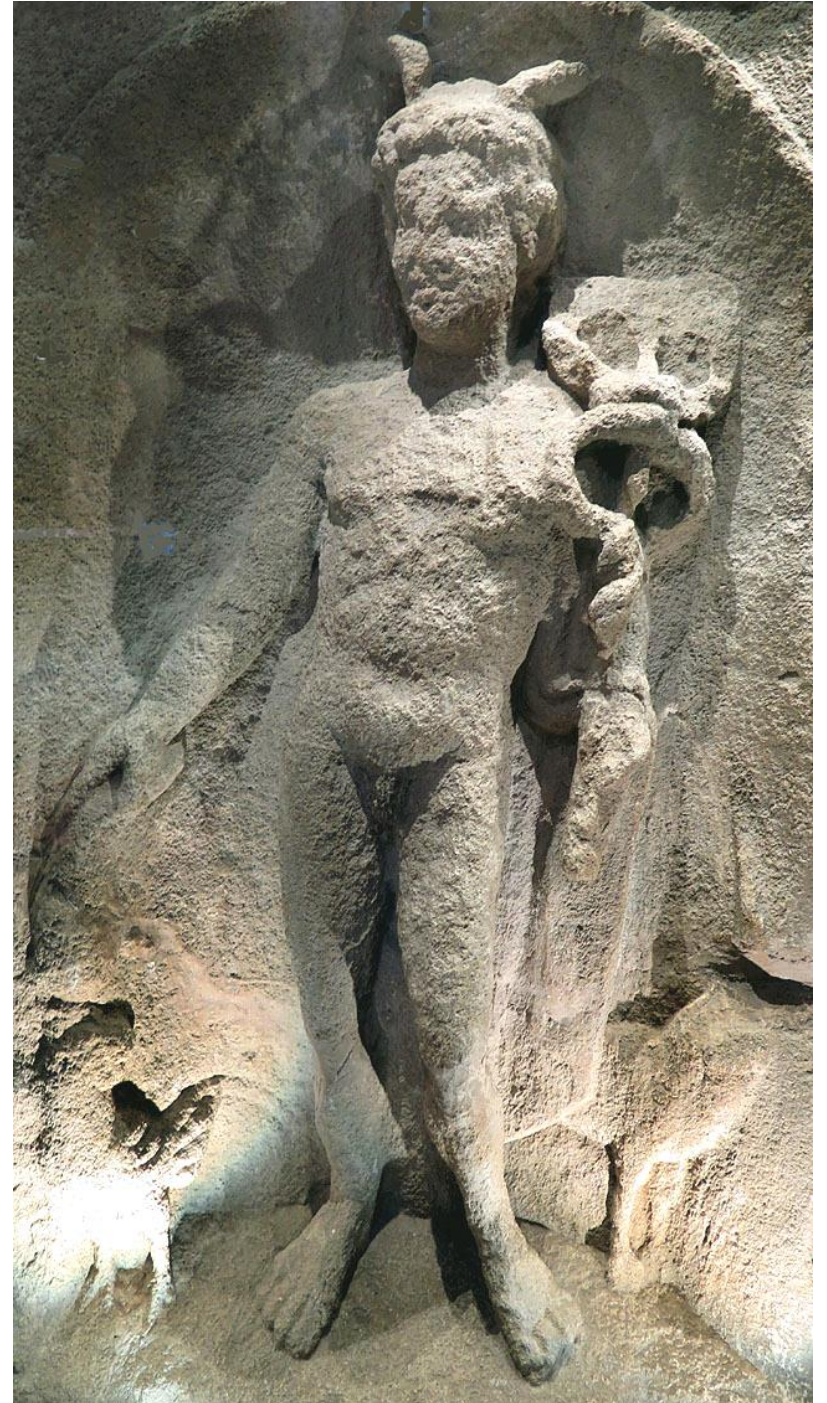
In Stroud, Saturday is market day.





In the old Roman town of Cirencester, the Corinium Museum has an important collection of artefacts from Roman Britain.

These figures represent *Genius Loci*, the spirit of the place, and *Mercury*, the god of trade.







A small portion of a large mosaic, *The Hunting Dogs*, from the 2nd century.





Close to Berkeley Castle stands St Mary's Church, with its roots in the Saxon 8th century while the oldest parts of today's church are from the 13th century.





In more than eight hundred years Berkeley Castle has been in the possession of the same family.





The 14th century gatehouse adjoins the Keep.









Berkeley Castle from the east, according to artist Jacob Knyff.





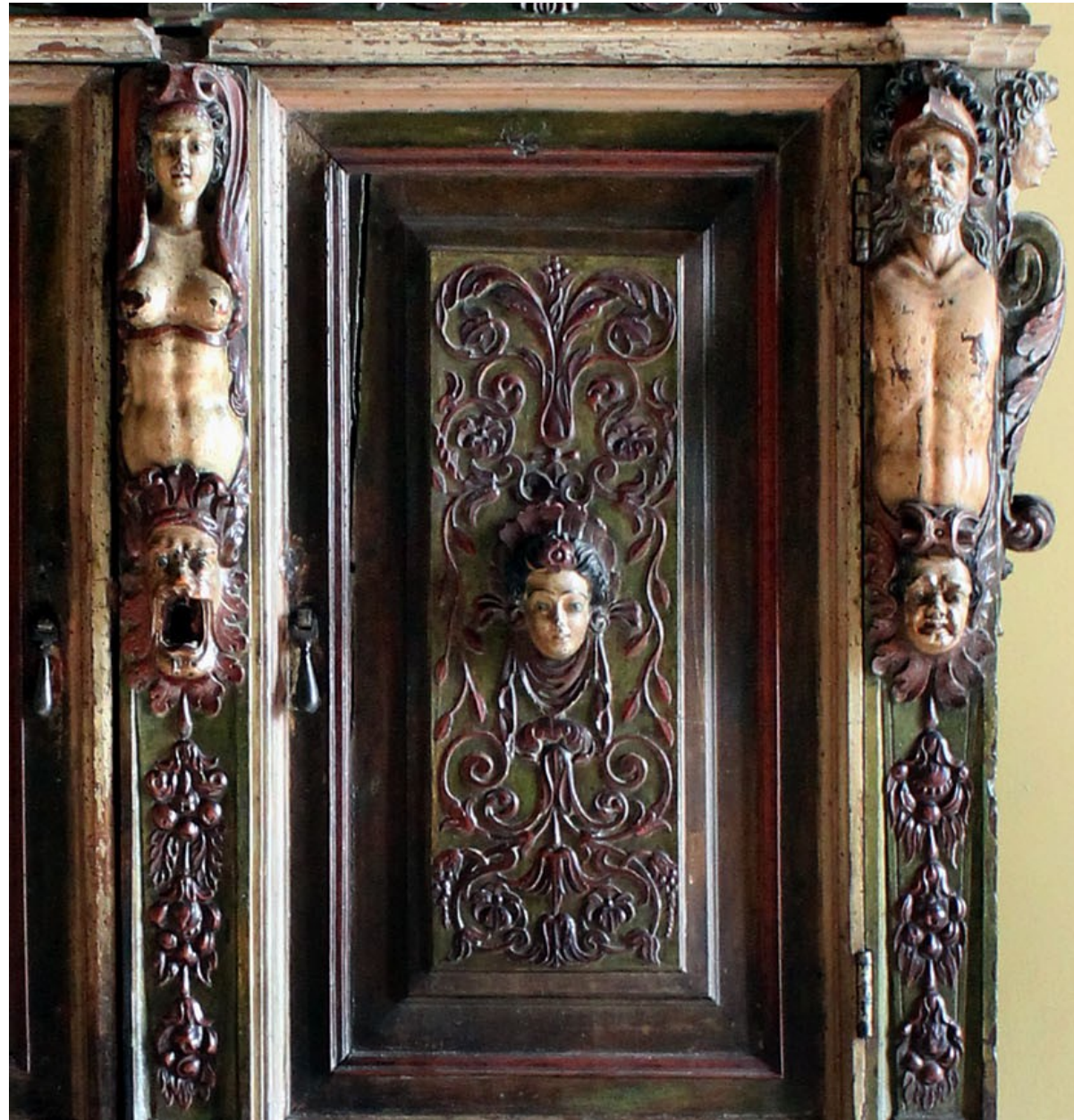
According to tradition, King Edward II was held in detention here until he died – probably murdered – in September 1327.





The 19th century Billiard Room is nowadays set up as a dining room, displaying part of the family's 18th century silver dinner service.





In The Morning Room is a fireplace and tapestry, but also a painted cabinet with unusual decorations.





The Great Hall is 20 meters long and 10 meters high, and got its present look mainly during the 14th century. Today the hall is frequently used for weddings and other celebrations.





The Long Drawing Room with a portrait of Mary Cole.





In 1784 the 5th Earl of Berkeley met a young lady of common background, Mary Cole, and brought her to the castle as mistress. They had many children, but didn't marry until 1796.





The Buttery, with its leaden sinks, has been used for purposes such as wine storage and bakery.





In the kitchen, heat from the fire turned a fan in the chimney, which then turned the spit.





The beer and wine cellar.





From Berkeley we go to the Roman baths in Bath.





Statues of Julius Caesar and other prominent persons decorate the upper level of the establishment.









The temple pediment with a Gorgon's head.





This head in bronze, showing the goddess Sulis Minerva, was found in Bath in 1727.





Our Qashqai rental car took us 926 miles with Ingemo at the wheel. Before that she drove a Vauxhall Corsa 304 miles between London Heathrow and Carlisle. A lot of left-hand traffic practice!





*Ingemo with Lena och Lennart Persson, Bourton-on-the-Water.  
Photo on first page shows Sudeley Castle.*

Thanks to Lena Persson for photo on page 9.  
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*Photos of paintings showing Henry VIII and Elisabeth I was  
taken at the National Portrait Gallery, London, in 2017.*

*See also part I, Walking along Hadrian's wall and II, Shakespeare, Churchill and Midsomer!*