

Devizes and Lacock Abbey - 23rd September 2010

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Dark skies and heavy rain were an inauspicious start for a recent coach outing to Lacock Abbey but as we neared Stonehenge the weather improved and it was blue skies all the way to Devizes, our mid-morning stop. This bustling market town was at its best with an excellent market and many found the time passed too quickly. The short drive to Lacock allowed us to stroll through scenes used in so many period dramas and to arrive at the George Inn, a 14th century pub with many interesting features. An excellent meal was served and well content the party moved to visit the Abbey itself with its long history as a nunnery and later as a private residence for the Fox-Talbot family. The museum presented an excellent collection of photographic equipment including models of the "camera" used to produce the world's first negative 175 years ago. Dashing to the coach as the heavens opened again, we made our way home through the rolling Wiltshire plains after a very enjoyable day.

The Oriel window in Lacock Abbey which was the subject of the first photograph taken by Fox-Talbot