

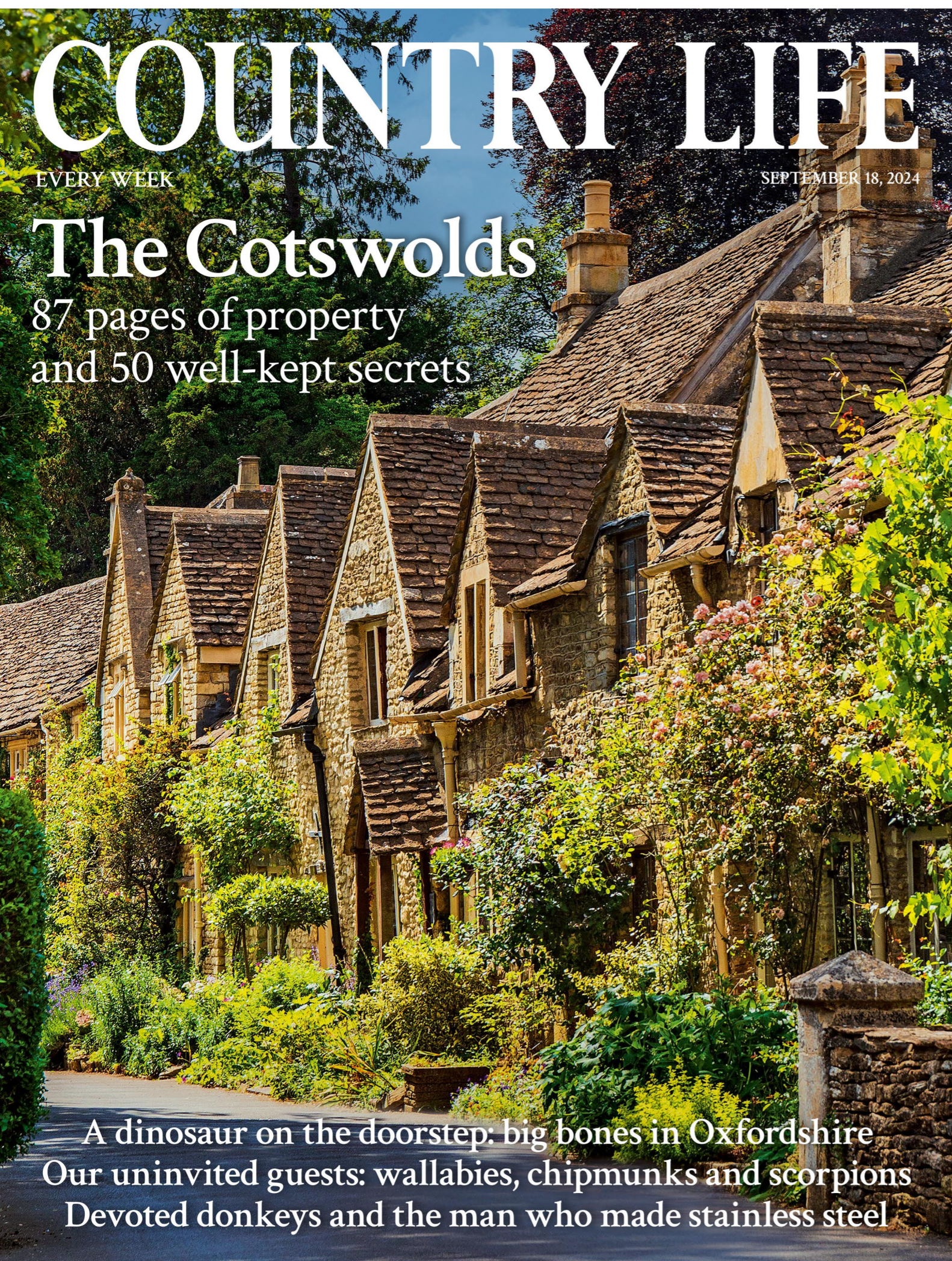
COUNTRY LIFE

EVERY WEEK

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The Cotswolds

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and 50 well-kept secrets



A dinosaur on the doorstep: big bones in Oxfordshire
Our uninvited guests: wallabies, chipmunks and scorpions
Devoted donkeys and the man who made stainless steel

Interiors

► Material mix

The founder of Ledbury Studio, Charlie Smallbone, created an industrial-inspired island clad in aged, hand-finished zinc to make a cool contrast to colourful stained-glass windows by artist Brian Clarke. There are natural oak drawers and tall cupboards in a bespoke paint effect and a worktop by Caesarstone (020-8216 6100; www.caesarstone.co.uk). Kitchen prices from £70,000 (020-7566 6794; www.ledburystudio.com)



◀ Timeless style

Crisp, elegant detailing is typical of the work of the Somerset bespoke joinery specialist Artichoke (01934 745270; www.artichoke.co.uk)

▼ Top table

The Meon table is made by Sitting Firm at Gaze Burvill from British ash. It costs £2,700 and is designed to seat eight (01420 588810; www.sittingfirm.co.uk)



▼ Inside out

These Limoges matt stone-effect porcelain floor tiles, from £38.40 per sq m, are available in indoor and outdoor versions, making it easy to create a seamless flow between kitchen and terrace, from Mandarin Stone (01600 715444; www.mandarinstone.com)

▼ Meeting point

This three-seater upholstered bench, £4,295, is shown with the Tuck In six-seater dining table in Oak, £3,995, NiX by Nicola Harding (0330 058 1551; www.nicolaharding.com)



Pick of the crop Pendant lights



Lucia double rise and fall light in Nero, £1,800, Hector Finch (01584 871600; www.hectorfinch.com)



Dexter pendant light in Ash Black, £113, Pooky (020-7351 3003; www.pooky.com)



Eglinton ceiling light in Rust with 15in Cream Silk laminated shades, £2,675, Vaughan (020-7349 4600; www.vaughandesigns.com)