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In the quiet Cotswold village of Clanfield, a 17th-century inn (pictured) has been given a new lease of life by local publicans Sam and Georgie Pearman of Country Creatures, who cut their teeth doing up The Chequers and The Swan nearby. With its proximity to William Morris's Cotswold retreat, Kelmscott Manor, it is fitting that The Double Red Duke's interiors are full of striking colour and pattern in the form of vibrant paint choices, abstract geometric bathroom tiles, fern green and burnt orange velvet upholstery and wallcoverings depicting botanical motifs and country scenes. The Double Red Duke offers an amplified version of all the comforts we associate with staying at an inviting country pub with rooms – of which there are 19, some above the bar and others in a new wood-clad annex. It is trendy and relevant while remaining elegant and laidback. The same can be said of the food and drink, as collaborations with British farmers and producers including Neal's Yard Dairy and Blake's bakery (which is just down the road) result in a deliciously simple seasonal menu cooked on cherry- and apple wood-burning stoves. Grab a spot by the fire and settle in. countrycreatures.com

