Section 5
Stokenchurch to Loosley Row
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Amenities and Attractions

1. **Radnage**
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The Crown at The City Tel. 01494 482 301
Home Farm Campsite Tel. 01494 484136
The Three Horseshoes at Bennett End Tel. 01494 483273

2. **The Church of St Mary the Virgin**
   dates from the 13th century and still has some of the original wall paintings. In the 1650s, religious fanatics covered the paintings in whitewash and they were only revealed during the 20th century restoration.

3. **Bledlow**
The village of Bledlow (a Midsomer Murders film location) is just off the main route but well worth the short detour. Lord Carrington's wonderfully tranquil Lyde water garden is just past the church. Open to the public daily from dawn to dusk (free entry).
The Lions of Bledlow pub, Tel. 01844 343345

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