

# INSIGHT

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DESTINATION

EXPLORING HAMPSHIRE

HISTORY

CELEBRATING THE GRAND'S  
MUSICAL HERITAGE

LIFESTYLE

BAKE OFF  
BESTSELLERS

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# New Beginnings and Charitable Activities



I would like to offer a warm welcome to our newly designed Insight – your guide to the world of Elite Hotels and beyond.

As well as retaining the feature articles that have proved so popular, we have also dedicated the centre pages to the plethora of wonderful events we host at our hotels – providing your one stop shop to everything that is Elite.



Guests often ask ‘who actually owns Elite Hotels?’, so I thought I’d use this opportunity to answer that question.

The Rotherwick Foundation, a registered charity, is the ultimate owner and beneficiary of Elite Hotels, having been established by the Company’s founder and past Chairman, Thomas Mugleston. The Foundation’s core objective is to provide support to the local community in the vicinity of each hotel, with particular focus being towards education and medical causes.

Over the past 20 years I am proud to say that we have provided support to many notable and worthwhile recipients. In the last year alone, this has included donations to:

- Eastbourne College Bursary Programme - The Grand Hotel Award
- St. Wilfred Hospice - “Closer to you” research programme

- The Therapy Garden, Normandy, Surrey (here I am pictured presenting our donation to fundraiser, Sally Wooding with Mark Robinson, co Trustee of the Rotherwick Foundation)
- Treloar trust, Hampshire
- Seeing Ear, East Sussex - providing reading material for children with sight impairment
- Sussex Pathways - mindfulness programme

Please look out for more updates from the Rotherwick Foundation in future issues. In the meantime have an enjoyable read.

With best wishes



Graeme Bateman FIH MI FIoD  
Managing Director, Elite Hotels



# Exploring *Hampshire*

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Whether you're a history buff, nature lover or vintage car aficionado, there is something for all ages in this glorious 'Garden County', on Tylney Hall's doorstep...





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Tylney Hall Hotel is such a serene spot that many guests are content to stray no further than the house, wellness facilities and gardens... and seriously, who can blame them?

That said, the surrounding Hampshire countryside is so rich in culture and history, that it would be a crying shame not to take in a few of the sites. Here are a few of our favourite attractions.

#### 1. Highclere Castle

Ever wanted to have a nosy at Downton Abbey up close? Highclere Castle is the breathtaking setting of the hit TV series. Situated in 5,000 acres of parkland, designed by the legendary Capability Brown, it is also the official seat of the Earl of Carnarvon. Highlights include The Secret Garden and opulent staterooms.

🚗 35 minute drive

#### 2. Jane Austen's House Museum

Jane Austen spent the last eight years of her life in a peaceful red brick cottage in the village of Chawton. Now a museum, you can see the little writing table where she penned immortal works such as Pride and Prejudice, and explore the wildflower garden that she once strolled in.

🚗 28 minute drive

#### 3. Marwell Zoo

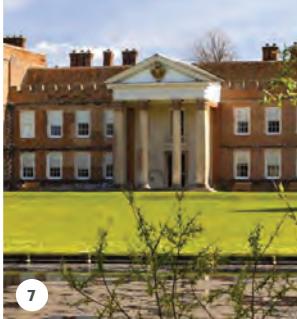
Looking for a fun family day out? This thrilling 140-acre zoo is home to over 135 species including zebras, giraffes, tigers, penguins, white rhinos and endangered animals. You can also take a ride on a toy train and explore the brand new Tropical House, whilst children have no less than five adventure playgrounds to explore.

🚗 43 minute drive

#### 4. Winchester Cathedral

One of the largest in Europe, Winchester Cathedral is a medieval Gothic wonder. It is worth seeing for the awe-inspiring vaulted ceiling alone, but other notable features include the Norman crypt, 17th century Morley Library and St. Nicholas carvings. It is also where Jane Austen was laid to rest.

🚗 38 minute drive



## 5. National Motor Museum, Beaulieu

This is definitely one for the vintage transport fans. Tucked away in heart of the New Forest, this fascinating museum houses over 250 vehicles as well as the 'World of Top Gear' exhibition. Highlights include an original 19th century Benz and a fleet of racing cars. As a bonus, every ticket will also give you access to Beaulieu Abbey and Palace House.

🚗 60 minute drive

## 6. Exbury Gardens

Ever taken a steam train ride through a storybook garden? Now is your chance. Exbury offers an abundance of woodlands, grounds and floral features to explore, including the Daffodil Meadow, Rock Garden and Herbaceous Garden. A heavenly hideaway lining the Beaulieu River, these exquisite gardens offer a view all the way to the Isle of Wight.

🚗 60 minute drive

## 7. The Vyne

Set in 1,500 acres of ancient woodlands and wetlands, this 16th century Tudor house boasts an ornamental lake and stained glass chapel. Visitors are even given the chance to dress up in Victorian costume. After your tour of the house, gardens and lime avenue, you can stop off for scones in the Brewhouse tearoom.

🚗 20 minute drive

## 8. New Forest Wildlife Park

Otters, lynxes and wolves are just some of the fascinating creatures inhabiting this amazing wildlife park. Based on the edge of the New Forest, you will also find a Wallaby Wood, red deer enclosure and owlery. Younger nature lovers can make the most of the adventure playgrounds and pirate boats.

🚗 50 minute drive

## 9. The Royal Navy Submarine Museum

Based on the waterfront at Gosport, this maritime museum offers a guided tour of the HMS Alliance, the only surviving WWII submarine. You will have a chance to peek through the submarine's original periscope and hear stories about the wartime crew. This is an amazing slice of naval history that you won't find anywhere else.

🚗 75 minute drive

## 10. Birdworld

Britain's largest bird park, Birdworld devotes 26 acres to celebrating our feathered friends. Highlights include Penguin Island, Flamingo Cove and the Jenny Wren Farm, as well as freeflying parrots. Marine life even gets a look in too at the Underwater World aquarium.

🚗 28 minute drive

Hampshire is a slice of paradise and Tylney Hall Hotel & Gardens is the ideal base for exploring it all.

Find out more about the hotel, restaurant and wellness facilities at [www.tylneyhall.co.uk](http://www.tylneyhall.co.uk)

# INSTAGRAM INSPIRATIONS

From décor to fashion, and from cooking to gardening, Instagram offers an addictive window into the homes, wardrobes and achingly picturesque lives of others. But who should you follow for bright ideas? For starters, we've rounded up a few of our favourite British Instagrammers, each with their own area of expertise. Why not take a sprinkle of inspiration from them all?

## THE FOODIE

**@skyemcalpine**



Based in Venice, London-born Skye McAlpine has a passion for showcasing the dreamiest elements of Venetian food and living. After her recipe blog exploded in popularity, she

released her first cookbook, *From My Dining Table*. Her Instagram is an eye-candy odyssey of colourful plate arrangements, tastefully rustic décor and balmy garden shots (and, of course, the odd gondola).

## THE HOME DÉCOR EXPERT

**@carasuthers**



If floral fabrics, exposed brickwork and country living chic are your thing, then take a peak at the Instagram account of home décor blogger, Cara Sutherland. Her photos are a gorgeous smorgasbord of serene

interiors, wood-burning stoves and the odd cute little dog shot. You can practically smell the home-baked brioche wafting from that cosy kitchen...

## THE GARDENING GURU

**@debbytenquist**



Debby Tenquist is a landscape gardener and Instagram star. But if that wasn't enough, she is also a botanically-inspired textile designer as well (busy lady). Her feed is awash with enough beautiful

horticultural shots to inspire you to turn off the TV, pick up that trowel and starting planting some pansies pronto. Happy gardening.

## THE FASHIONISTA

**@lucywilliams02**



Looking for ideas on how to put that perfect look together? Stylist, writer and fashion photographer Lucy Williams will show you how. A bit of a wanderlust, you are as likely to see pics of her on a far-flung beach

as you are of her cavorting around the capital. Yet although she is a massively influential fashion guru, her Instagram presence has a nicely down-to-earth feel.

For dining, garden and teddy bear pics (yes, teddy bear pics), don't forget to follow **@elitehotelsuk** on Instagram too!

# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The school holidays are the perfect time to bring the family together, however it can be a daunting task figuring out how to keep both children and adults of all ages entertained over the school breaks.

With plenty to see and do at Elite Hotels, here are some suggestions for fun for the whole family.

## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

With a combined total of 1,317 acres of countryside across all of our properties, put on your walking shoes and look out for the wealth of wildlife that comes out to play. Try and spot a wild deer or friendly peacock roaming our estates. Alternatively, search for the secret hidden garden at Ashdown Park, look out for coy in Tylney's Water Garden, wander the formal gardens of Luton Hoo or spend a dreamy afternoon strolling along the promenade outside The Grand.

There are plenty of activities that the family can get involved with on our grounds too, from picturesque running trails, to golf, tennis, croquet, and why not enjoy a relaxing dip in either our indoor or outdoor pools. The family will be spoilt for choice, just don't let the competitiveness ruin your family day out!

## HIBERNATE INSIDE

Once you have explored the great outdoors, you may wish to retire somewhere a little more cosy. Sit in one of our fabulous lounges and enjoy an afternoon tea, or if the weather is particularly nice then enjoy it al-fresco on our beautiful terraces. Don't forget we have a range of board games available, contact concierge to find out more.

We also have a range of activities and itineraries for the younger guests with special games rooms, movie screenings and a dedicated playroom available exclusively during holiday time, whatever the season.

However if you would prefer to retire to your beautiful suite, we can provide you with games or DVDs in your room which will offer a well-earned sanctuary for your family.

For more information on family stays at any of our Elite hotels, visit our website for more information or call our reservations team at your chosen hotel.





## *Afternoon Tea with the Experts...*

Will Davenport, Account Manager and all round tea expert at Birchall Tea



Afternoon Tea has long been a British tradition, dating back to the 1840's and shows no sign of slowing down. But how do we know that we are making the most of our Afternoon Tea? Is there a perfect blend to match with the perfect scone?

We went straight to the experts at Birchall Tea, proud suppliers of tea to Elite Hotels, to help us discover the perfect pairings and find out the secret to making the most of your Afternoon Tea.

### **Firstly, could you explain a bit about Birchall Tea?**

Birchall Tea is a fifth-generation independent tea company based in London. Our roots in the trade date back over 140 years to when Captain Birchall Graham — the first active member of our family in the tea trade — cultivated tea in Darjeeling. We remain family run to this day and are thrilled to supply tea across the UK and beyond.

### **Why do you think tea is the perfect drink to accompany Afternoon Tea?**

Tea has been the integral part of Afternoon Tea in Britain since the 1800's — as Jane Austen once wrote, "But indeed I would rather have nothing but tea"! Tea was originally introduced to the Royal Courts and the habit was adopted by the aristocracy. It's the perfect drink because of this longstanding tradition, as well as the intricate flavours of each type of tea that perfectly accompany the food served. We have been proud to work with Elite hotels since 2016.

### **Which flavours would you recommend to complement each tier of a traditional Afternoon Tea?**

**Tier 1 Sandwiches** Strong flavours would suit a traditional sandwich selection. Our black teas — Great Rift Breakfast Blend or our Darjeeling — would accompany these very well indeed.

**Tier 2 Freshly baked warm scones** Here I would recommend pairing fruity scones with fruity/floral notes. For example, the bergamot in our Virunga Earl Grey would be a perfect fit here. Other options would be a Red Berry & Flower, a Green Tea & Peach or a Jasmine Tea Pearl.

**Tier 3 Patisserie** Eclairs, tarts and general sweet treats — With sweet treats, I would recommend pairing light liquorice teas — for example our Virunga Afternoon Tea and our classic Green Tea.



### **What in your opinion makes the perfect cup of tea?**

With over 45 Gold Stars won across our range at the Great Taste Awards, you're asking the right people! For the tea itself, it's the provenance, freshness and the flavour. For example, our expert tea tasters source our English Breakfast blend by tasting up to 3000 East African teas each week to ensure the very best flavour. We always recommend our teas to be served in loose leaf format — something that Elite Hotels do expertly. The perfect cup of tea is also aided by the setting and the people / lack of people around you!

### **Let us in on the secret, how long should we be leaving our cup of tea to brew to get the perfect cup?**

It completely depends on the type of tea/herbal infusion. For our Black Teas, we recommend just a couple of minutes, and our herbal infusions can be brewed for as long as you like — the longer you leave it, the more strength and flavour there will be.

### **What do Birchall's find is the most popular flavour of tea?**

At home, by far and away the most popular tea is the classic, English

Breakfast tea. However, when taking Afternoon Tea, we find that customers increasingly prefer to try something a little different than what they are used to so for example, an Earl Grey, a Darjeeling or a Green Tea.

### **Finally, are there any tea trends that you have noticed? Any teas you see being big news in the upcoming year?**

In recent years we have seen a rise in popularity of healthy teas and herbal infusions. Green Teas are a fantastic idea if you're looking for a tea with antioxidants. We offer a lovely Green Tea & Peach if you're not so keen on a pure green tea taste. We've also seen a rise in naturally caffeine free herbal infusions. Products such as Redbush (or Rooibos) are caffeine free but also packed with antioxidants.

Want to give the experts suggestions a try? Join us for a traditional Afternoon Tea available at all hotels and keep an eye out for our exclusive themed Afternoon Tea's throughout the year.

# PLANS Aplenty

Our exciting refurbishment programme continues into 2020 with grand plans at each of our stunning properties.



**Above:** A newly refurbished courtyard bedroom at Tylney Hall

**Below:** The new look pool at Ashdown Park

Work is underway to fully refurbish over 70 bedrooms and suites across the group, providing a fresh new look with luxurious finishing touches. Summer 2019 saw each of our terrace dining areas benefit from new furnishings, perfect for catching that seasonal sun with a light meal or drink.

Ashdown Park have already begun work on an 18-month plan to refresh the Country Club facilities, with the new-look pool (pictured) open for business. Once complete, The Country Club will boast new changing rooms, gymnasium, relaxation area and an expanded Fairway Lounge.

A separate project to upgrade a series of meeting and private dining rooms will commence later this year.

Tylney Hall have submitted a planning application for a redesigned Health Suite and expansion of the Chestnut Suite. Conversion of the Hampshire Suite into a second eatery with brasserie style dining is planned for the autumn.

The Grand Hotel's Cocktail Bar and Great Hall will be transformed towards the end of 2019, with further plans to refresh the Health Suite and a series of meeting private dining rooms.

Following completion of the 19th Bar, Luton Hoo will soon begin work on refurbishing the Adam's Bar as well as the Capability Brown and Churchill function spaces.

Watch this space for further updates!



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[elitehotels.co.uk](http://elitehotels.co.uk)  
or talk to our reception  
teams about your  
bespoke gift.

## GIVE THE GIFT OF AN ELITE EXPERIENCE

Whether you are searching for the perfect gift for the festive period, a romantic Valentine's Day experience or a special Mother's Day thank-you, Elite Hotels can help.

Our personalised gifts are created to give you the very best experience at any of our stunning hotels, from afternoon teas enjoyed by the fire in our sumptuous lounges to luxurious overnight stays for two; an evening of fine dining in one of our beautiful restaurants to a pamper day with indulgent treatments available for men and women followed by a spot of relaxation in one of our indoor or outdoor pools.

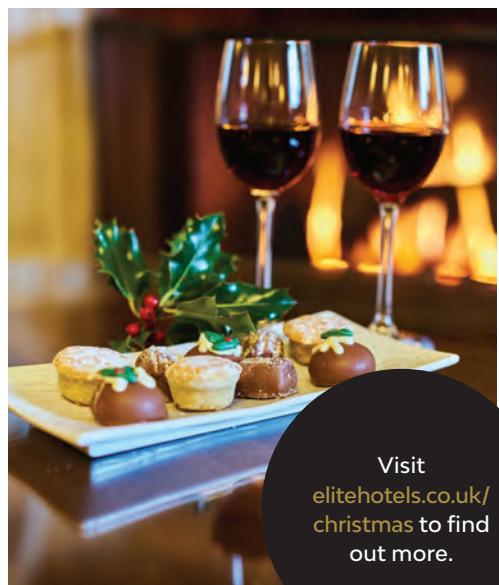
## Feel *Festive* at Elite Hotels

The festive season is the perfect time in the year to meet up with old friends, and enjoy a relaxing meal, with good company, fine wine and beautiful surroundings.

At Elite Hotels whether you plan on catching up over lunch, spending some time with a loved one over dinner or arranging an intimate get together with a few close friends in a private room, we have the perfect setting.

Throughout December, each hotel invites you to sample fine festive fare in splendid surroundings.

Alternatively make it a Christmas or New Year to remember and plan your ultimate celebration with our delightful residential packages.



Visit  
[elitehotels.co.uk/  
christmas](http://elitehotels.co.uk/christmas) to find  
out more.

# Nine Steps to Heaven on an Elite Wellness Escape



Just how heavenly can a heavenly overnight wellness escape be? Elite Hotels take this question very seriously indeed. In fact, after consulting with the serenity experts and bliss boffins in our tranquillity labs, we have come up with the ideal formula for a totally relaxing pamper break.

So here is our nine-step guide to spoiling yourself rotten... in style!

**1** You arrive at your Elite hotel of choice, pausing to breathe in the peace and quiet. Is that a deer you spotted darting through the woodlands? Who knows? You'll find out later. Right now, it is time to be welcomed by your friendly concierge and get checked in.

**2** Every good day begins with a soothing hot drink — it is the English way, after all. Head to the lounge and unwind with a tea, coffee or hot chocolate. Make sure to grab a comfy chair with a view of the gardens. If the window is open, you might just catch the scent of rhododendrons wafting in on the breeze...



**3** It's pamper o'clock — time to head to the spa, slip into a fluffy white robe and meet your therapist for a consultation. Next, lie back on a comfy couch and enjoy the treatment of your choice, whether that's an aromatherapy massage, Turkish salt scrub or Kerstin Florian facial (and who says that you have to have just one?)



**4** Fresh from your treatment and basking in a rosy glow, you can head for a dip in the pool. Pure bliss.



**5** Now that you've been pampered from top to toe, it's time to indulge your taste buds as well. Head to your room, get dressed, and make your way to the hotel restaurant for dinner. First class gourmet cuisine paired with the best fine wines? Oh yes please, and dessert as well.

**6** Dinner is over, so why not take a relaxing walk around the gardens and grounds? Look up — the stars are really bright this far from the city. Maybe you'll spot a falling one to make a wish upon. Although really, what could you possibly wish for? You have everything that you need right here...



**7** Time for a nightcap in the hotel bar. So sit back beside the fireplace and let the waiter serve you your favourite digestif. What's it to be — sherry, Cognac or sweet Drambuie? Decisions, decisions...

**8** Bedtime in your lovely Elite hotel room. Close the curtains, slip beneath the crisp, clean sheets and listen to the sweet, sweet sound of silence... apart from maybe the odd hoot of an owl. Goodnight.



**9** Good morning! Do you hear that soft knocking on your door? It is our Elite team, ready with your freshly cooked breakfast in bed. The perfect ending to a perfect stay. Bon appetit!

Tempted to take your own nine steps to heaven on an Elite overnight spa stay? Find out more at [www.elitehotels.co.uk](http://www.elitehotels.co.uk)

# ELITE SEASONAL EVENTS

*Take a look at what is on  
offer at Elite this season...*



## UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT **ELITE IN RESIDENCE**

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We are thrilled to introduce our 'Elite in Residence' programme. Throughout the year, each of our properties will host a variety of events with their in-house resident. From walks to dinners and Ladies luncheons, our resident experts will offer inspiring talks about their specialist subject.



### **ASHDOWN PARK HOTEL WELCOMES...**

Our friends at The Sussex Wildlife Trust to Ashdown Park for our in-residence series. A conservation charity with over 30,000 members, The Sussex Wildlife Trust focuses on protecting the wonderfully rich natural life that is found across our towns, countryside and coast. Set in the heart of the Ashdown Forest, with over 186 acres of our own, Ashdown Park Hotel is home to an abundance of wildlife, from deer to bats and owls to rare butterflies. Our series of in-residence events will give you an opportunity to sample a taste of Ashdown Park and get closer to nature with fine food, fascinating talks and exhilarating walks.

### **THE GRAND HOTEL WELCOMES...**

Composer Damian Montagu & producer Stewart Prosser who have joined together to compile the 'Walk of England' collection of works, celebrating the great British countryside through music and spoken word. Their first album was titled 'In a South Downs Way' and was inspired by The South Downs, exploring the area's natural beauty and depicting the unspoiled landscapes of the national park.

### **LUTON HOO HOTEL WELCOMES...**

Tim Scott Bolton a renowned landscape artist who has painted more than 60 Capability Brown landscapes, including Luton Hoo. With work held in many collections including Her Majesty the Queen's, the National Trust and the private collection of Mrs J. Paul Getty, Tim also published a book of his paintings in 2016 titled, 'A Brush with Brown', in celebration of the 300th anniversary of Brown's birth.

### **TYLNEY HALL HOTEL WELCOMES...**

Expert garden writer and author, Lia Leendertz as part of the 'Living by the Seasons' in 2019. As Tylney Hall's author in residence this year, Lia will be taking inspiration from her critically-acclaimed 2019 almanac of the same name, guiding guests on everything from using your garden to grow nourishing fruit and vegetables, to traditions surrounding the seasonal equinoxes and how to spot unique star constellations in the night sky.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

# ARTIST IN RESIDENCE



## ASHDOWN PARK

### BAT WALK



**Friday 30th August**

Led by The Sussex Wildlife Trust, you will get to go on a dusk to dark tour of the estate looking for bats and possibly other nocturnal animals as well as a presentation and chance to meet some bats with Jenny Clark. Also includes a delicious two course Summer dinner from our Lounge and Terrace Menu.

**£27.50 per person**  
*6pm Start*

## ASHDOWN PARK

### LADIES LUNCH



**Monday 28th October**

Join us, along with our guest speaker from The Sussex Wildlife Trust, for a fascinating talk, followed by a delicious lunch. Enjoy a welcome drink on arrival and indulge in a three-course lunch with wine, coffee and petit fours.

**£37.50 per person**  
*12pm Arrival Drinks*

## THE GRAND HOTEL

### LADIES LUNCH



**Monday 16th September**

Composer Damian Montagu & producer Stewart Prosser will join the Ladies lunch to discuss their upcoming album and previous classical chart topping album *In A South Downs Way*, as well as their special relationship with actor Hugh Bonneville.

**£35.00 per person**  
*12pm Arrival Drinks*

## THE GRAND HOTEL

### PERFORMANCE & RESIDENTIAL PACKAGE

**Sunday 3rd November**

Enjoy a wonderful three-course dinner and an evening with composer Damian Montagu and his landscape inspired musical collaboration with Stewart Prosser. A chamber ensemble performance with excerpts from the chart-topping album 'In A South Downs Way', as well as the first public performance of Damian's new single 'Sussexscape' and other, yet to be released, new works!

Make a weekend of it and stay with us to receive a special preferential overnight accommodation rate from £135.00 per person.

**£95.00 per person for performance  
and three-course dinner**



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****LUTON HOO****LANDSCAPE PAINTING WEEKEND**

**Saturday 19th -  
Sunday 20th October**

Join renowned artist Tim Scott-Bolton for a 5 star painting weekend away. Tim Scott Bolton is a landscape artist who has painted more than 60 Capability Brown landscapes, including ours here at Luton Hoo.

Take in the breath-taking views of the Mansion House and parkland beyond, whilst improving your landscape painting skills with tuition from Tim. Nestled within an 1,065 acres estate, Luton Hoo boasts a stunning formal gardens, beautiful secluded rock garden and acres of mature parkland designed by Capability Brown.

**From £325.00 per person**



**TYLNEY HALL  
WINTER TALK  
& DINNER**

**Friday 27th September**

This talk will centre around the autumn equinox, the pivotal turn of the year and the start of astrological autumn.

Guests will be treated to an autumnal six-course tasting menu highlighting the best seasonal produce, whilst Lia guides the group through the harmonious changing of the seasons and nature's reaction to this time of harvest.



**£65.00 per person**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

# DINING

If any of the events at our hotels are of interest please contact our reservations teams for more information.



## ASHDOWN PARK A CAPELLA & AFTERNOON TEA



**Sunday 21st July**

We are delighted to welcome the brilliant Sussex Kings of Harmony all male a capella group and the Sussex a capella all female chorus group. This family friendly day out is perfect for everyone. Enjoy a leisurely Afternoon Tea on our beautiful lawns overlooking the lake.

**£34.50 per adult  
£17.25 per child (12 yrs and under)**

## ASHDOWN PARK FORAGING WEEKEND



**Sat 19th, Sun 20th October**

A fantastic weekend full of countryside exploration and wild food tasting. Included in this package: Saturday - Learn about the surrounding habitats and how to live off the land. Enjoy dinner in our AA Rosette Anderida Restaurant, stay overnight and breakfast. Sunday - Foraging and Luncheon.

**£199.00 per person**

## ASHDOWN PARK HALLOWEEN AFTERNOON TEA



**Sunday 27th October**

Get creative with pumpkin carving and spooky cake decorating at our Halloween Afternoon filled with 'tricks and treats' for children of all ages. You can then have your cake and eat it with our exclusive spooktacular Halloween Afternoon Tea at 4pm.

**£29.50 per adult  
£18.50 per child**

## ASHDOWN PARK COCKTAIL MASTERCLASS & DINNER



**Saturday 2nd November**

Shake up your Saturday and have a blast at our cocktail masterclass! Included: Masterclass with our Head Barman in the Anderida Bar, canapés, dinner with a glass of wine and complete with coffee and petit fours.

**£79.50 per person**

## ASHDOWN PARK BURNS NIGHT DINNER



**Saturday 25th January**

Join us to celebrate the Scottish Bard Rabbie Burns, with a fantastic evening incorporating Scottish traditions. We will welcome you with a warming whisky cocktail before you sit down to a delicious four course dinner and half a bottle of wine per person.

**£75.00 per person**

## THE GRAND MIRABELLE SEASIDE LUNCH



**Wednesday 7th August**

Fine Summer Seasonal Dining at the Mirabelle – an ever popular destination diary date! If the sun shines for us, the pre-lunch drinks reception will be held again on the beautiful Putting Green.

**£45.00 per person**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ashdown Park Hotel & Country Club: **01342 824988**  
 Luton Hoo Hotel, Golf & Spa: **01582 734437**

The Grand Hotel, Eastbourne: **01323 412345**  
 Tylney Hall Hotel & Gardens: **01256 764881**

**THE GRAND  
MIRABELLE  
GOURMET DINNER**



**Wednesday 11th September**

Fine dining at its finest with an exciting late summer menu from Chef Malvoisin. Tonight, Chef pairs dishes with wines from the Rathfinny Estate – enjoy an adventure discovering new paired tastes with local produce throughout.

**£75.00 per person**

**THE GRAND  
MIRABELLE  
SPICE EVENING**



**Friday 11th October**

It is with great excitement that we once again welcome our loyal Grand friend Chef Cyrus Todiwala. During his seventh visit, meet this charismatic celebrity chef who makes his home the Mirabelle kitchen, for one night only.

**£80.00 per person**

**LUTON HOO  
GOURMET  
WINE DINNER**



**Thursday 7th November**

Set in the stunning Mansion House, enjoy a welcome drink and canapés on arrival, followed by a three course meal with specially paired Champagnes.

The arrival drinks reception will begin at 7:30pm in the Lounge, with guests taking to their seats at 8pm for dinner.

**£95.00 per person**

**SPECIAL  
OCCASIONS  
AT ELITE  
HOTELS**



*What life expects  
of us is that we  
celebrate."*

**JOSÉ EDUARDO  
AGUALUSA**

**ALL HOTELS  
FESTIVE DINING  
AT ELITE**



**Throughout December**

December is the ideal time to meet with friends and savour a mouth-watering meal, complemented by glorious surroundings and fine wine.

Whether you want to catch up over lunch, enjoy an indulgent afternoon tea, or arrange an intimate gathering in a private function room, let Elite Hotels take care of everything.

**ALL HOTELS  
VALENTINE'S  
AT ELITE**



**14th, 15th, 16th February**

Spend the most romantic day of the year with Elite. Whether you want a romantic, candlelit dinner for two, a cosy place to hideaway and enjoy a special evening, or are planning to pop the big question we will take care of you this Valentine's Day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

# WEDDING



YOUR ONCE  
UPON A TIME  
IS NOW...



“

*Were I a dreamer of dreams, I would say...  
Marry me – and I will conquer the world and lay it at your feet.”*

**WINSTON CHURCHILL**

**ASHDOWN PARK  
EVENING WEDDING SHOWCASE**



**Fri 20th Sept & Fri 31st Jan**

Be inspired as you step foot inside Ashdown Park during twilight hours and see its magnificence and beauty as the perfect wedding venue. Pre-book your appointment with one of our experienced wedding co-ordinators.

**Free Admission**

**THE GRAND HOTEL  
WEDDING SHOWCASE**



**Sunday 22nd September**

Take a look around our stunning celebration rooms and speak with local and national wedding suppliers who along with our wedding coordinators will be on hand to answer any of your big day questions.

**Free Admission**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## LUTON HOO WEDDING SHOWCASE EVENING

### Thursday 17th October

With a range of suppliers and our event wedding co-ordinators on hand to answer any of your big day questions.

**Alternatively, visit our more informal wedding open evening on Thursday 5th September or Thursday 23rd January to meet our team and discuss all queries you may have, and take a look around Luton Hoo.**

### Free Admission



## TYLNEY HALL THE LUXURY WEDDING SHOW



### Sunday 8th September

Tylney Hall has teamed up with The Luxury Wedding Show, to bring together brides and grooms-to-be with a selection of the finest wedding suppliers around.

## TYLNEY HALL WEDDING SHOWCASE



### Sunday 20th October

Your chance to see why Tylney Hall has earned a reputation as the most romantic wedding venue in Hampshire. Our experienced and friendly wedding planners will be on hand to give you a personalised tour of a selection of our suites!

Entry is free to those who pre-register otherwise £5.00 on the door

### Free Admission

“

*As soon as I saw you, I knew a grand adventure was about to happen.”*

### WINNIE THE POOH

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

## ASHDOWN PARK

### MUSICAL MOVIES

#### Monday 26th August

We're celebrating the very best of musical movies. Singing your favourite songs, the wonderful West End showband 'Too Darn Hot' are back for an amazing evening of dining and entertainment!

On arrival, you will be greeted with a drink and canape reception, followed by the fantastic show, performed between a superb three course dinner complete with wine, coffee and petit fours.

**£105.00 per person**



## LUTON HOO

### YOGA RETREAT

#### Sunday 22nd September

Suitable for those with two or more years practice, this yoga day retreat is much like a day at a spa, the only difference being that it works us from the inside out, caring for mind, body and soul.

Be greeted with fruit and juice before your morning yoga practice, followed by a nutritious two course vegetarian buffet lunch. After lunch, you have the option to join Paula in a meditation practice.

Residential guests will enjoy dinner the night before.

**£100.00 per person**

(£235.00 to include accommodation)



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

*All information is correct at time of going to print.  
We reserve the right to change the programme of events at any time.*

**TYLNEY HALL****PHANTOM OF THE OPERA /  
WONDERFUL WEST END****Friday 2nd August**

Sit back and enjoy a thrilling evening of suspense, musical classics and fine dining.

Enjoy a welcome drink and canapes before being transported into the wonderful world of the Phantom of the Opera with Too Darn Hot as well as a selection of other fabulous west-end classics.

This will be accompanied with a delicious three-course gourmet meal followed by coffee and petit fours.

**£105.00 per person**

**THE GRAND****PASADENA ROOF ORCHESTRA****Fri 22nd - Sun 24th November**

Join us in celebrating the Pasadena Roof Orchestra's 50th Anniversary!

We are thrilled to be welcoming back this world famous band. Now you too can experience first hand the music and the musicians of this unique touring orchestra in the glorious setting of the Eastbourne Grand.

Your weekend will include: Two nights' accommodation, with full English breakfast, two dinners, with wine and entertainment as detailed and temporary membership of the Grand Health Club & Spa.

**From £168.50 per person, per night**

**REGULAR EVENTS****THE GRAND HOTEL****PALM COURT THEMED  
AFTERNOON TEA**

**Every last Sunday of the month  
(except June, July & December)**

**TYLNEY HALL****JAZZ THEMED  
AFTERNOON TEA**

**Selected Sundays  
throughout the year.**

**LUTON HOO****OPEN AIR CINEMA**

**Screenings between  
Wednesday 21st August -  
Sunday 1st September**

**ALL HOTELS****LADIES LUNCH**

**Selected dates throughout  
the year.**



Claude Debussy



## A brief look back at the fascinating musical history of The Grand Hotel

**D**ominating the shoreline with its grand stature, this magnificent 19th century hotel has been an iconic landmark on the seafront and has an abundance of musical heritage which seeps through the buildings history.

The Great Hall has been described as the central musical hub of The Grand since the early 1900's and has housed some iconic moments. It is here that the first hotel Orchestra played in 1903 and

offered daily musical entertainment, led by Mr Von Leer and his 4 piece Palm Court String up until 1905. It is also here where from 1924 – 1939 the BBC published a live weekly broadcast each Sunday evening, as the acoustics were (and are today) said to be one of the best.

A famous face to frequent Eastbourne and The Grand hotel was Claude Debussy, who arrived in 1905 along with his pregnant Mistress Emma Bardac. It would be in the

Grand, on the 2nd Floor (Debussy Suite – Room 200) where he completed 'La Mer', which at the time was not a critical success but has since gone on to become one of his most well-known pieces.

Today the musical influence at The Grand still lives on with events including: The Pasadena Roof Orchestra, Palm Court Strings, Damian Montagu and Stuart Prosser as well as other musical acts which are always hugely popular.

# How to turn a *dream* into a *dream life*.



*'Follow your passion' might sound like the ultimate cliché, but for the world's top entrepreneurs, it is much more than a throwaway saying — it's a way of life. These three British heroes weren't afraid to chase their dreams.*



## 1. JAMES DYSON CBE

**Estimated worth: £7.8 billion**

James Dyson slogged away for years on his vision of a bag-less vacuum cleaner, creating over 5,000 prototypes. But perfecting his invention wasn't the end of the journey — he then endured a decade of rejections from British manufacturers before the idea caught on. Now a billionaire and global icon, we're betting that his doubters are deeply regretting it now.



## 2. CRISSIE RUCKER OBE

**Estimated worth: £213.5 million**

As far as passions go, Chrissie Rucker's was simple — she adored the colour white. In 1993, she took a massive leap into the unknown, launching The White Company as a homeware mail order enterprise. Nowadays, the brand has over 50 stores and even kits out British Airways jets. And all because of the love of a single colour (and a little bit of courage too).



## 3. JK ROWLING OBE

**Estimated worth: £780 million**

Most of us know the story of how a single mum on benefits penned the first Harry Potter book in an Edinburgh café. But this bestselling author is also a natural entrepreneur as well. A savvy business operator, Rowling went on to build an empire of Harry Potter movies, merchandise and theme parks. Which just goes to show that there really is no ceiling on ambition.

Who is your biggest business inspiration?  
Tweet us **@elitehotelsuk** using the  
**#EliteDreams**



## SUMMER IN THE COUNTRY

## CONCIERGE TIPS...

Elite concierges are a clever bunch — not only do they keep everything running smoothly for our guests, but they are always in the know about the best events nearby.

From medieval jousting to international boat shows, here are their top tips for summer 2019.

**LUTON HOO PARK**

One for the adults, September sees the annual Gin & Prosecco Festival return to St Albans on **Saturday 14th September**. Visitors can purchase a ticket for either the afternoon or evening and sample the wide variety of gins and prosecco on sale. Just a short 15 minute taxi drive away from Luton Hoo, why not make a weekend of it and enjoy a guilt-free tipple (or two) and return back to your luxurious setting with a scrumptious breakfast to look forward to on the following morning!

**ASHDOWN PARK HOTEL & COUNTRY CLUB**

In August we highly recommend a visit to Hever Castle which is hosting a medieval extravaganza and is only a short 20 minute drive down the road from us. A visit to Hever Castle is the perfect chance to immerse yourself and the family in different periods of history with encampments, re-enactments and stalls. Visit during the **August bank holiday** to watch knights in a special Jousting Tournament.

**THE GRAND HOTEL, EASTBOURNE**

Taking place between the **15th and 18th August** keep your eyes on the skies and watch one of the world's most celebrated air shows; Airbourne. In its 27th year, this popular event boasts a two mile flying display line along Eastbourne seafront (but a short walk away from us) and this year's event is set to be a big one with a celebration of 100 years of the RAF.

**TYLNEY HALL HOTEL & GARDENS**

Britain's biggest festival of boating, the Southampton International Boat Show, sails back to shore during the **13th to 22nd September** and we highly recommend a visit. With beautifully designed boats, kayaks, paddleboard and the latest technology to have a play with, this boat show is a 45 minute drive from Tylney Hall.

You don't need an excuse to treat yourself to an Elite escape, but these calendar highlights certainly offer plenty so why not pair a special event with a luxury country house mini-break this summer. Book your stay with the hotel of your choice.



# Bake Off Bestsellers

As the soaring popularity of the Great British Bake off continues and inspires the nation to bake once again, we explore some of the best first books of past contestants that will help you avoid a soggy bottom!

## Nadiya Hussain

### **Nadiya's Kitchen**

Published 2016

Winner of the sixth series of the Great British Bake Off in 2015, Nadiya won the nation over with her heart on her sleeve approach to baking. Her first cookbook *Nadiya's Kitchen* is full of her favourite recipes, perfect for family cooking.

## Candice Brown

### **Comfort: Delicious Bakes and Family Treats**

Published 2017

Winner of the seventh series of the show, Candice was well known for her bright and bold bakes which often matched her lipstick choices! Her cookbook focuses on home comfort classics passed down through her family.

## Joanna Wheatley

### **A Passion For Baking**

Published 2012

Jo Wheatley was the winner of the second series of the Great British Bake Off, delighting the judges with her raw talent, original ideas, and delicious baking each week. Jo shares the simple tips, tricks and family recipes which she has developed in her own kitchen, in her successful first book.

## John Whaite

### **John Whaite Bakes: Recipes for Every Day and Every Mood**

Published 2013

Winner of the third series, John's first recipe book explores food for every mood, so whether you need a pick-me-up for a cold winter's day or a lazy Sunday breakfast treat, this book is full of indulgent, delicious recipes to suit your every day and every mood.

## ASHDOWN PARK HOTEL & COUNTRY CLUB



Anderida Restaurant

106 bedrooms

Spa Treatments, Gym, Pool, Tennis, Golf

17 private dining & meeting rooms, max capacity 200

Licensed for weddings and civil ceremonies

186 acres

## THE GRAND HOTEL



The Garden and Mirabelle Restaurants

152 bedrooms

Spa Treatments, Gym, Putting Green, Indoor & Outdoor Pools

17 private dining & meeting rooms, max capacity 400

Licensed for weddings and civil ceremonies

Situated on the Eastbourne seafront

## LUTON HOO PARK



Wernher Restaurant and Adam's Brasserie

228 bedrooms

Spa Treatments, Gym, Pool, All-weather & Lawn Tennis, Golf

25 private dining & meeting rooms, including Warren Weir – an exclusive use venue, max capacity 330

Licensed for weddings and civil ceremonies

1,065 acres

## TYLNEY HALL HOTEL & GARDENS



Oak Room Restaurant

113 bedrooms

Spa Treatments, Gym, Tennis, Indoor & Outdoor Pools

13 private dining & meeting rooms, max capacity 140

Licensed for weddings and civil ceremonies

66 acres





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