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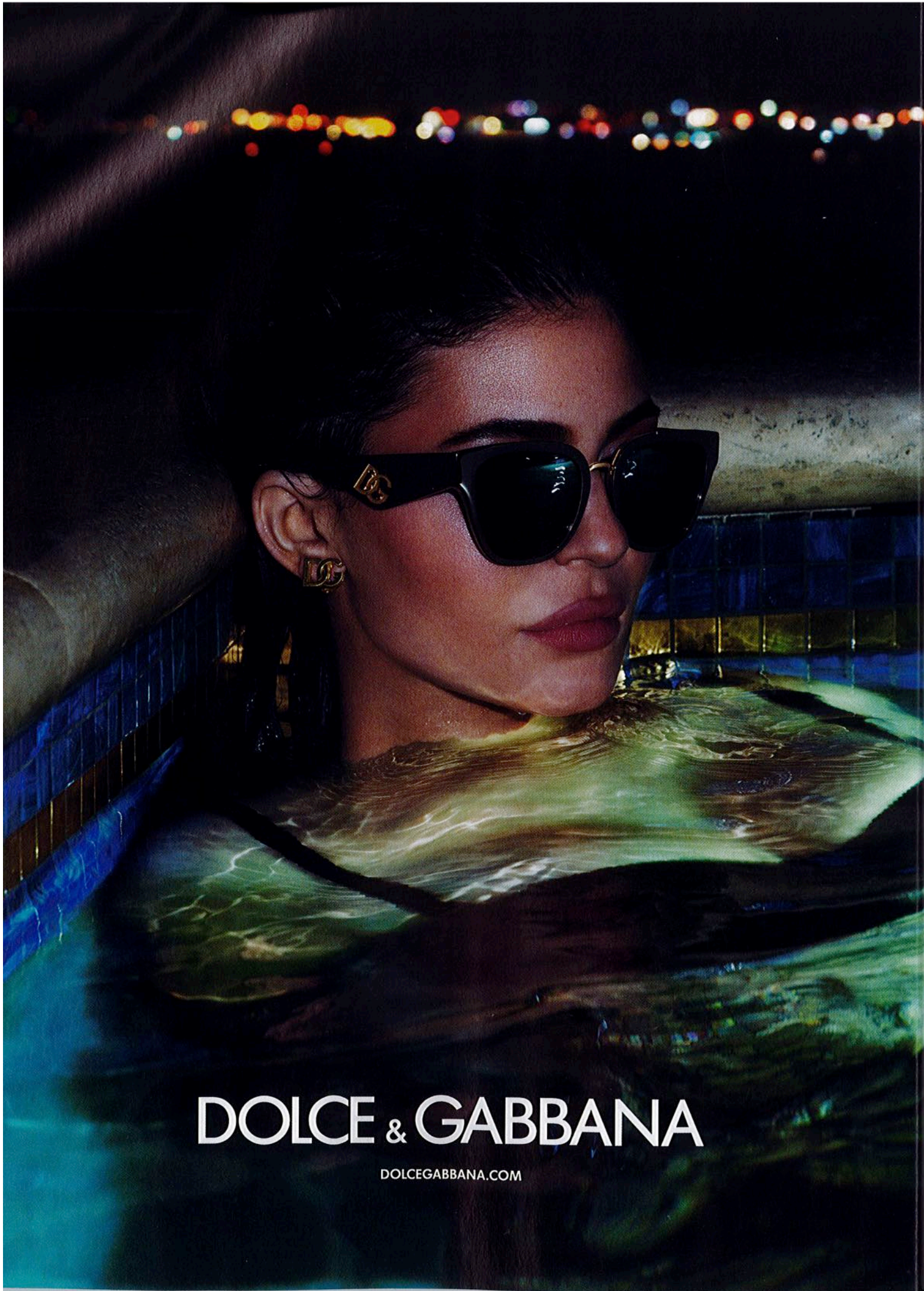
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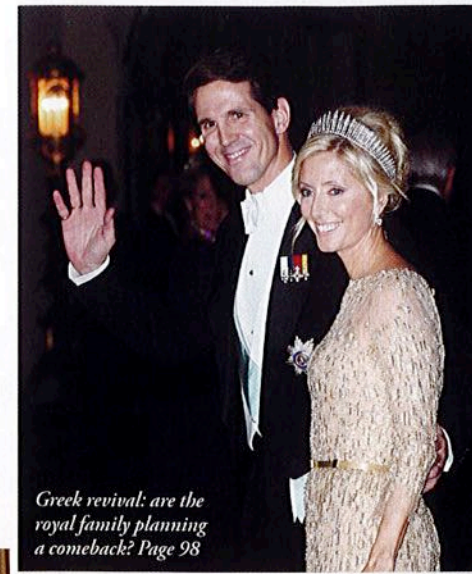
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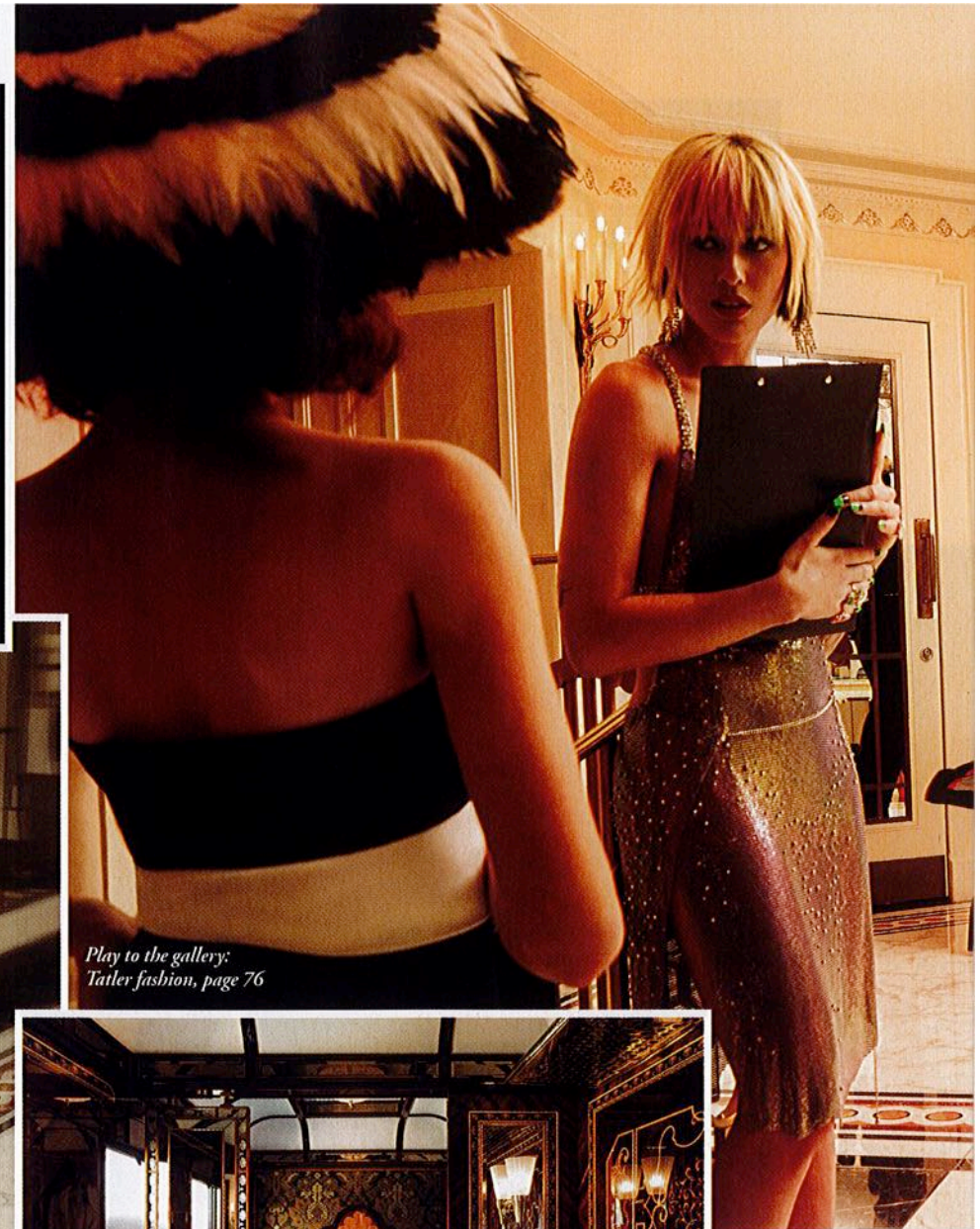
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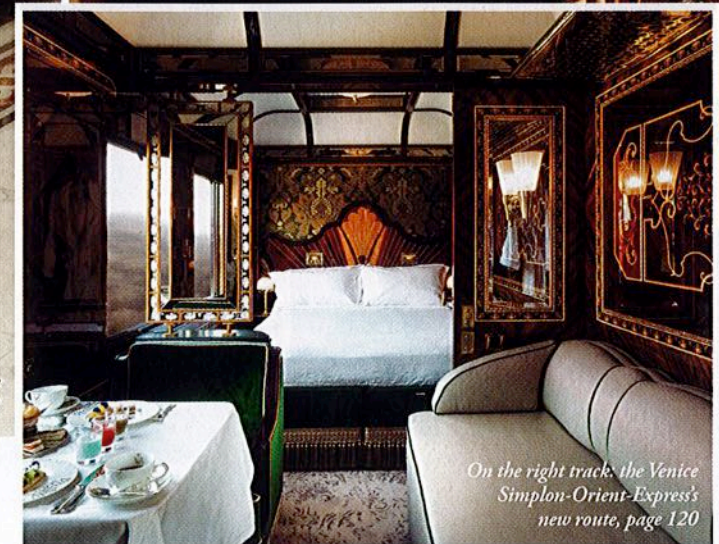
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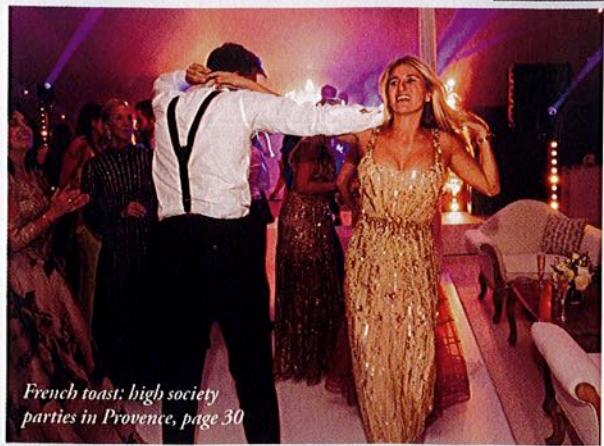
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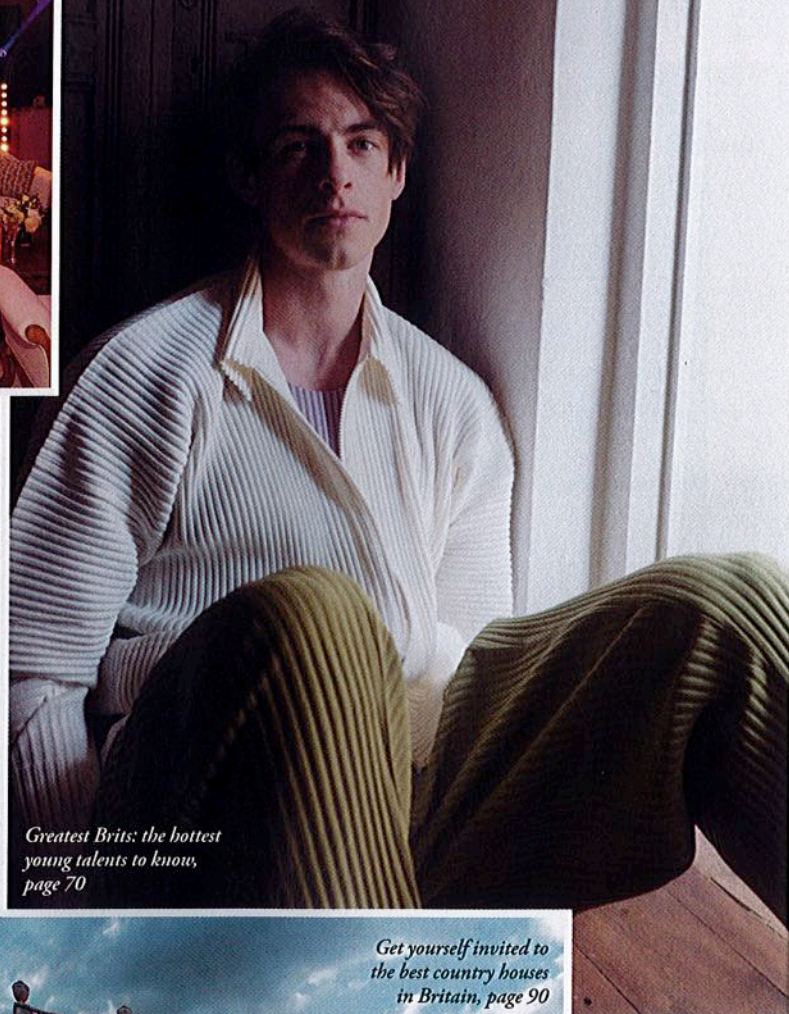
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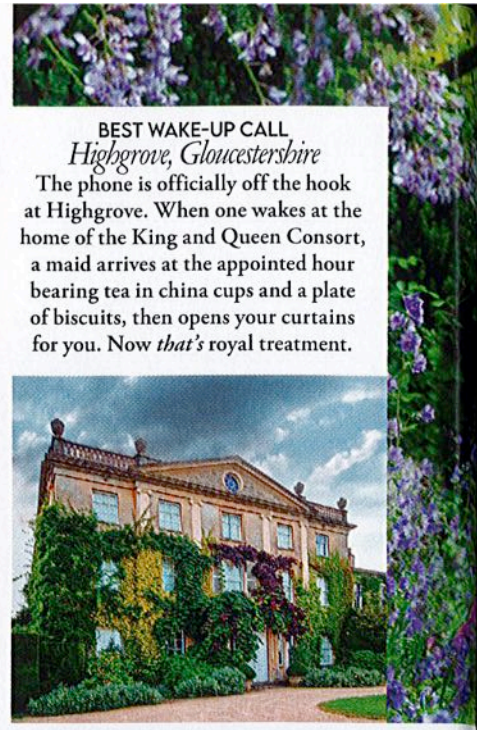
Country House Awards

Spectacular grounds, competitive croquet and raucous after-dinner games — some stately piles outshine all others. Tatler reveals the best in the land. How many have you been invited to?

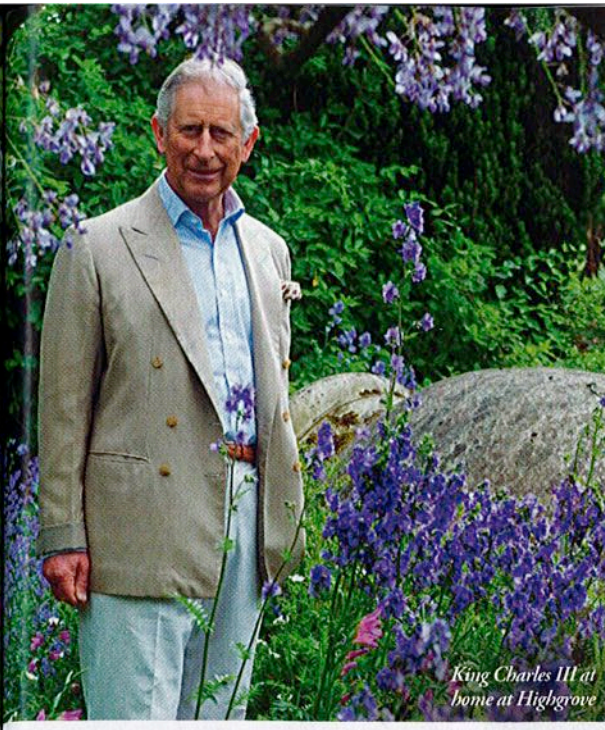
FOOD FOR TORT
The Countess Sondes at her Lees Court Estate in Kent — home to tiara-wearing tortoises and Britain's best butler



BEST HOSTESS
Lady Dalmeny at Rosebery House, Midlothian
 Newlywed Harriet Dalmeny knows how to throw a party. She fills Rosebery House with friends, such as the Tollemaches and art power couple Nicolai and Mariana Frahm. After dinner, there's bridge – the card room is hidden behind a bookcase.



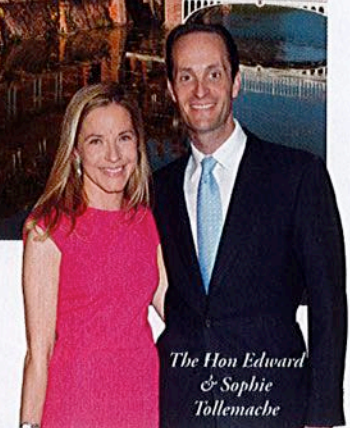
BEST WAKE-UP CALL
Highgrove, Gloucestershire
 The phone is officially off the hook at Highgrove. When one wakes at the home of the King and Queen Consort, a maid arrives at the appointed hour bearing tea in china cups and a plate of biscuits, then opens your curtains for you. Now *that's* royal treatment.



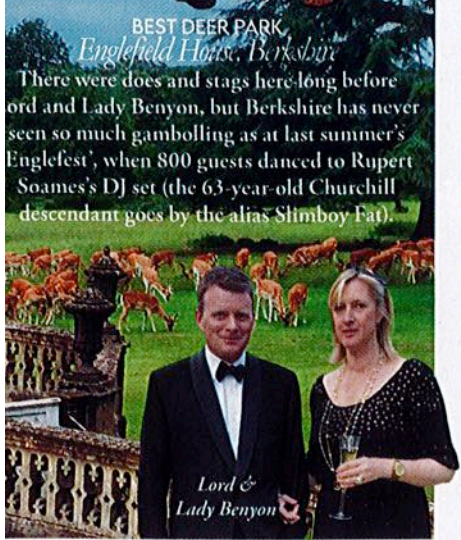
King Charles III at home at Highgrove



BEST MOAT
Helmingham Hall, Suffolk
 The moat is one of the most spectacular features at Helmingham, the Tollemaches' family seat for more than 500 years and now presided over by Ed and Sophie. The gardens, designed by Ed's mother, Lady Tollemache, are the perfect complement.



The Hon Edward & Sophie Tollemache

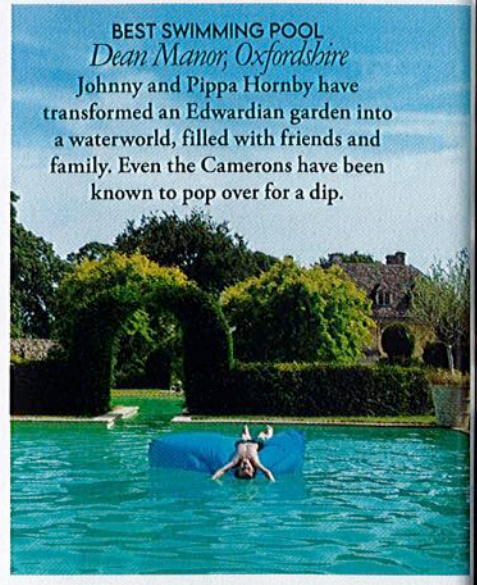


BEST DEER PARK
Englefield House, Berkshire
 There were does and stags here long before Lord and Lady Benyon, but Berkshire has never seen so much gambolling as at last summer's 'Englefest', when 800 guests danced to Rupert Seames's DJ set (the 63-year-old Churchill descendant goes by the alias Slimboy Fat).

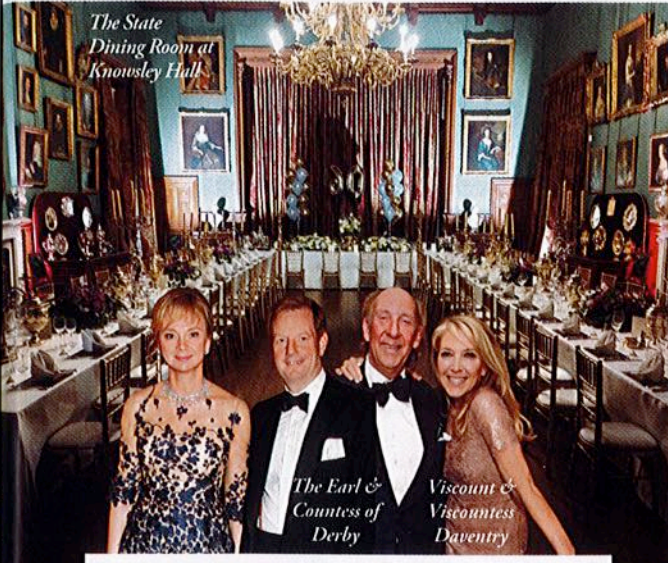
Lord & Lady Benyon



BEST CAKE
Longleat, Wiltshire
 When the Marchioness of Bath isn't on the dancefloor at Annabel's, she's serving chocolate cake to her guests in Wiltshire. A talented baker and glamorous chatelaine of Longleat, she is the aristocracy's *Nigella*.

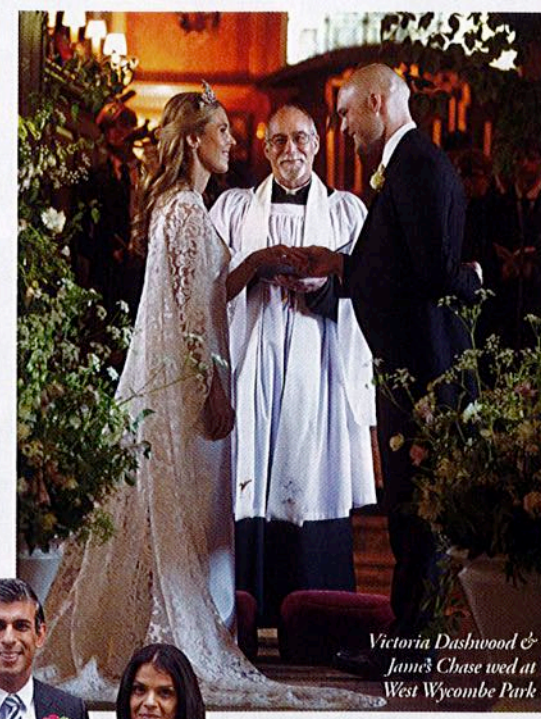


BEST SWIMMING POOL
Dean Manor, Oxfordshire
 Johnny and Pippa Hornby have transformed an Edwardian garden into a waterworld, filled with friends and family. Even the Camerons have been known to pop over for a dip.

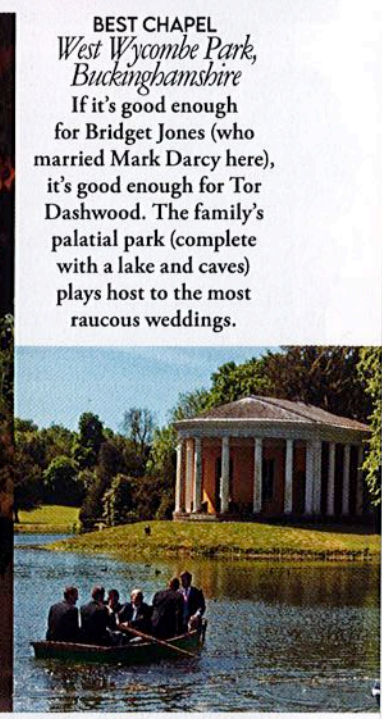


The State Dining Room at Knowsley Hall

BEST DINING ROOM
Knowsley Hall, Merseyside
 Don't forget the diamonds if the Countess of Derby happens to invite you to a gala weekend at the family seat in Merseyside. (Viscountess Daventry and the Duchess of Fife certainly won't.) Both nights, she'll be wearing a long gown for dinner in the glorious State Dining Room, laid to perfection by their butler.



Victoria Dashwood & James Chase wed at West Wycombe Park



BEST CHAPEL
West Wycombe Park, Buckinghamshire
 If it's good enough for Bridget Jones (who married Mark Darcy here), it's good enough for Tor Dashwood. The family's palatial park (complete with a lake and caves) plays host to the most raucous weddings.

BEST DOWNSTAIRS LOO
Charlton Park, Wiltshire
 Forget the ballroom – the bathroom is where the party's at (just ask Mia Regan, who loves a sink-side selfie). The Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire's downstairs loo at Charlton Park is no exception: Colefax and Fowler wallpaper, framed cartoons, ivory hairbrushes – and a wall of family military medals that once caught the eye of visiting Hollywood star Tom Cruise.



Charlton Park's luxurious loo



BEST CINEMA ROOM
Fairgreen House, Oxfordshire
 A midnight-blue space that seats 12, the cinema room at Fairgreen House is screen-writer James Dearden's pride and joy. Here in Chipping Norton, he and his wife, Annabel, show Bafta and Oscar contenders in the company of Ella Harris, Juno Temple and Sir Bob Geldof.



BEST CROQUET LAWN
Cornwell Manor, Gloucestershire
 The 4pm weekend slot for croquet is always busy for Al Ward and his friends, including Ben Elliot and Flora Fairbairn. It's fiercely competitive and later discussed over post-match cocktails.

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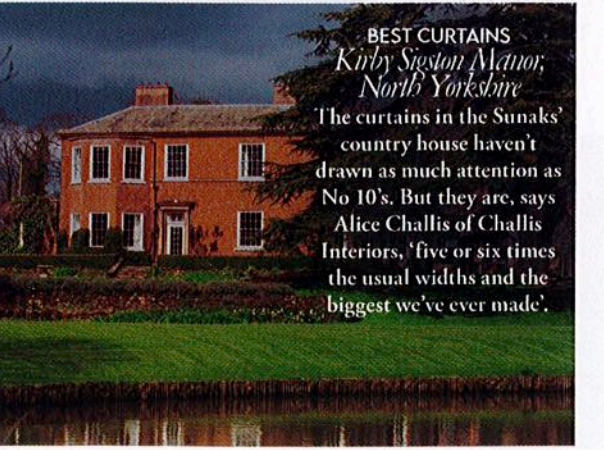


BEST CHICKENS
Moraston House, Herefordshire
 Lavender Pekins are the latest addition to the Earl and Countess of Harrington's chickens. Considered the aristocrats of Pekin Bantams, they are in good company. The Combattants de Liège rule the roost and, despite their fierce appearance, they're very sociable. Expect to see them wandering through the front door.

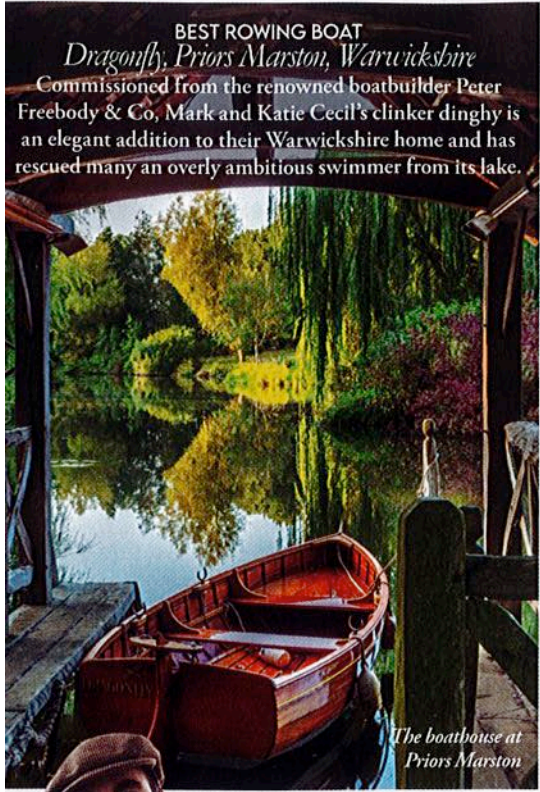
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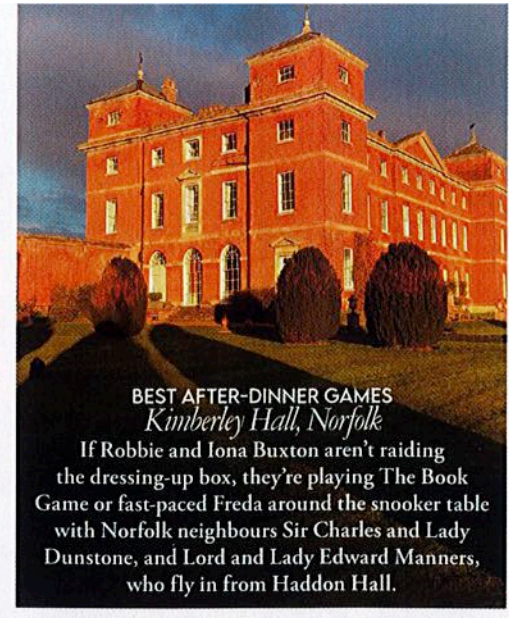
Rishi Sunak & Akshata Murty



BEST CURTAINS
Kirby Stoston Manor, North Yorkshire
 The curtains in the Sunaks' country house haven't drawn as much attention as No 10's. But they are, says Alice Challis of Challis Interiors, 'five or six times the usual widths and the biggest we've ever made.'



BEST ROWING BOAT
Dragonfly, Priors Marston, Warwickshire
Commissioned from the renowned boatbuilder Peter Freebody & Co, Mark and Katie Cecil's clinker dinghy is an elegant addition to their Warwickshire home and has rescued many an overly ambitious swimmer from its lake.



BEST AFTER-DINNER GAMES
Kimberley Hall, Norfolk
If Robbie and Iona Buxton aren't raiding the dressing-up box, they're playing The Book Game or fast-paced Freda around the snooker table with Norfolk neighbours Sir Charles and Lady Dunstone, and Lord and Lady Edward Manners, who fly in from Haddon Hall.



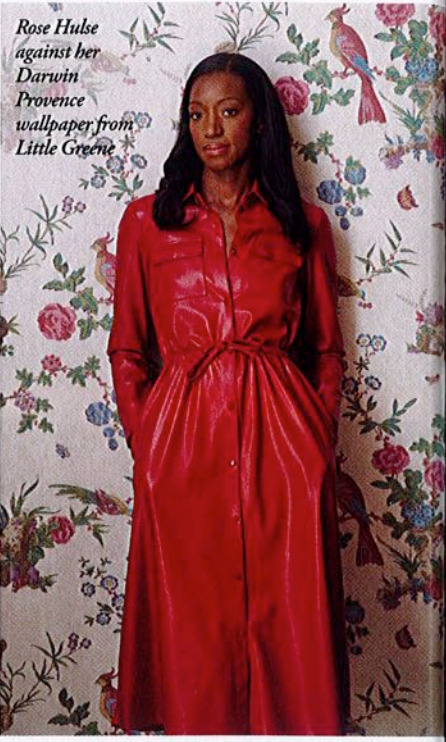
BEST WISTERIA
Petworth House, West Sussex
Get ready for mass wisteria in Lord and Lady Egremont's elegant Cloister Garden: not only is there a romantic archway, but also a tunnel formed by two pergolas covered with wisteria floribunda Alba. Instagrammers, take note.



BEST SHOOT HUT
Dunmaglass, the Highlands
Calling all hot shots: the Haywards' 14,000-acre Highland estate, Dunmaglass, offers 20-mile views to Inverness and the Beaulie Firth beyond. Fans include Rose and Hugh van Cutsem (left).



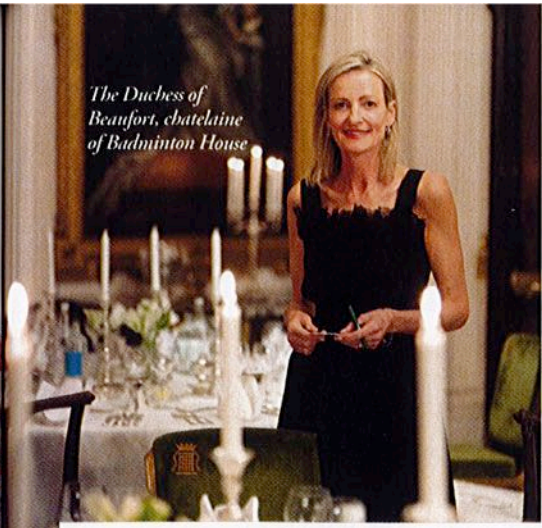
BEST AIRCRAFT HANGAR
Folly Farm, Wiltshire
There's nowhere better to park your plane (or car) than at Valentine Lindsay's playground. Nat Rothschild, Lord Snowdon and Charles Pearson are regulars.



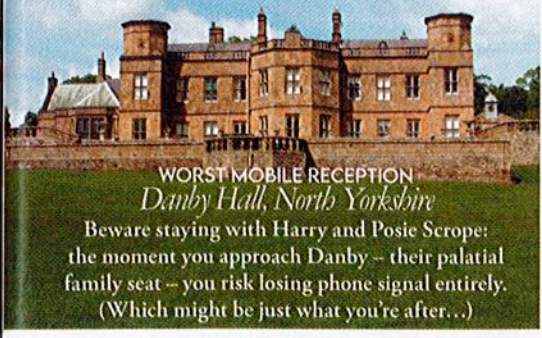
BEST WALLPAPER
The Beeches, Somerset
Tech entrepreneur Rose Hulse knows a thing or two about virtual spaces, but interior design comes naturally to her, too. Her house in Somerset is ablaze with bright paint and funky fabrics – check out the wallpaper adorned with exotic pink birds.



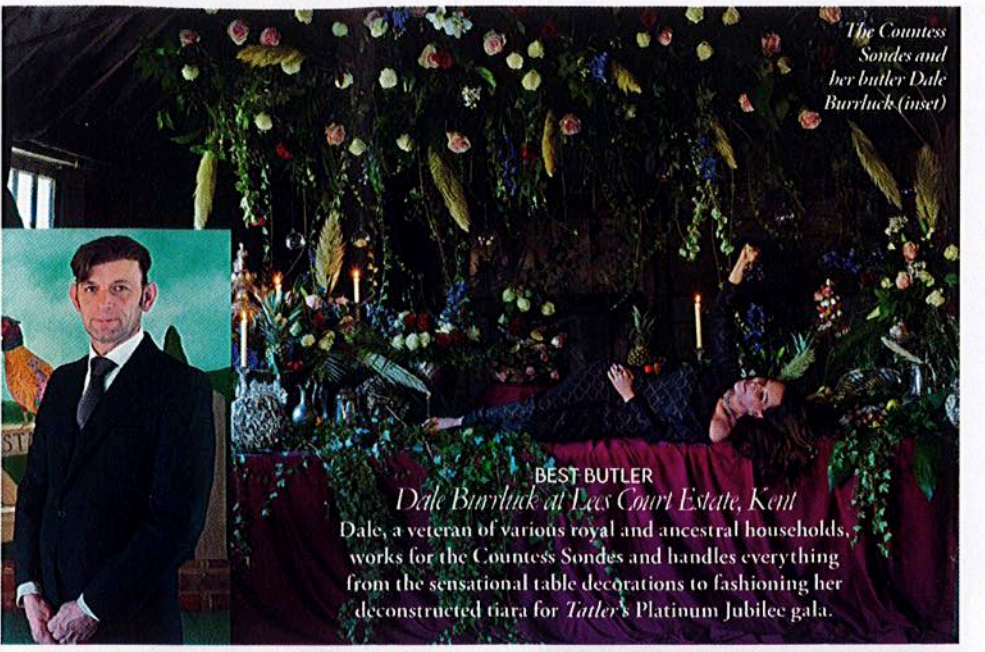
BEST MINIATURE RAILWAY
Blenheim Palace, Oxfordshire
Blenheim Park Railway opened in 1975 and its trains are now pulled by a red locomotive called Winston. In 2021, the Marquess of Blandford took TikTok train-spotter Francis Bourgeois for a ride.



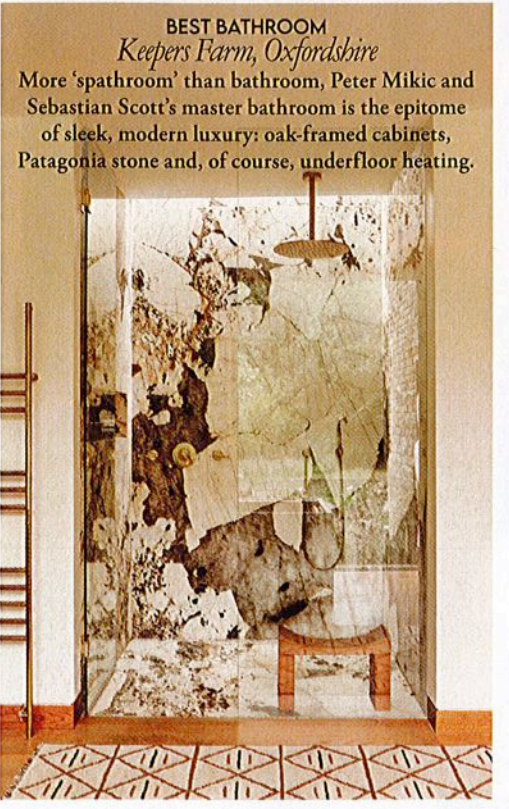
BEST PARTIES
Badminton House, Gloucestershire
The Duke of Beaufort knows how to party. At last May's Badminton horse trials, 'Bunter' hosted 800 for cocktails before a black-tie dinner, and then, in October, it was his 70th birthday party.



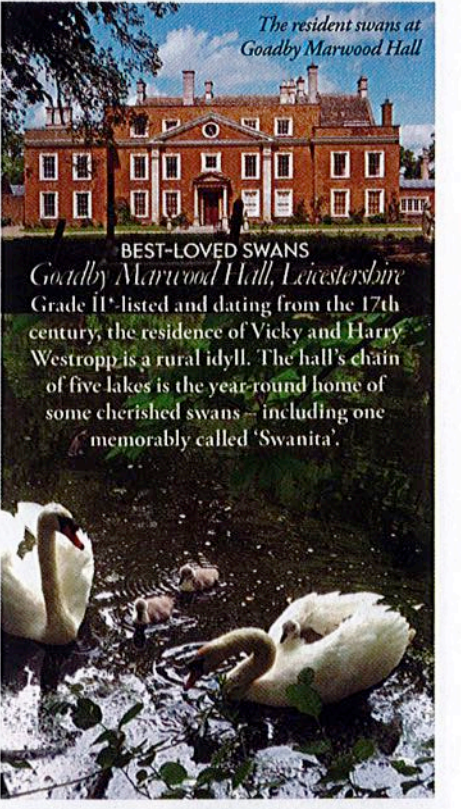
WORST MOBILE RECEPTION
Danby Hall, North Yorkshire
Beware staying with Harry and Posie Scrope: the moment you approach Danby – their palatial family seat – you risk losing phone signal entirely. (Which might be just what you're after...)



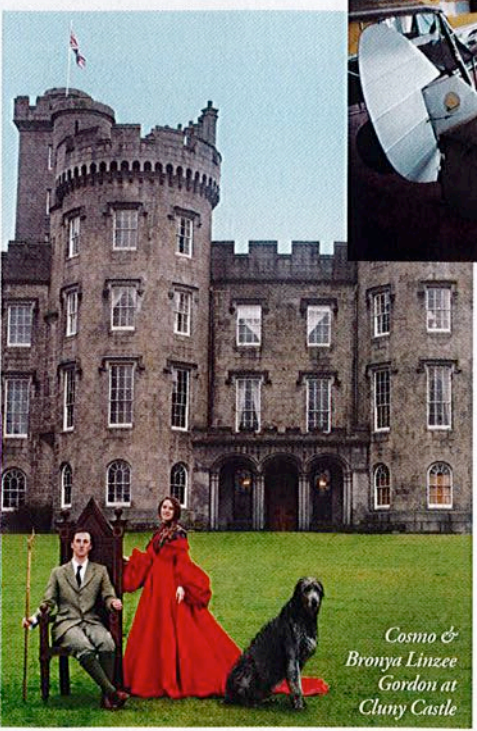
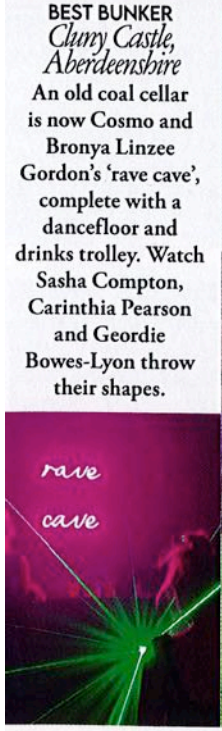
BEST BUTLER
Dale Burruck at Lees Court Estate, Kent
Dale, a veteran of various royal and ancestral households, works for the Countess Soudes and handles everything from the sensational table decorations to fashioning her deconstructed tiara for *Tatler's* Platinum Jubilee gala.



BEST BATHROOM
Keepers Farm, Oxfordshire
More 'spathroom' than bathroom, Peter Mikic and Sebastian Scott's master bathroom is the epitome of sleek, modern luxury: oak-framed cabinets, Patagonia stone and, of course, underfloor heating.



BEST-LOVED SWANS
Goodby Marwood Hall, Leicestershire
Grade II*-listed and dating from the 17th century, the residence of Vicky and Harry Westropp is a rural idyll. The hall's chain of five lakes is the year-round home of some cherished swans – including one memorably called 'Swanita'.



BEST BUNKER
Chury Castle, Aberdeenshire
An old coal cellar is now Cosmo and Bronya Linzee Gordon's 'rave cave', complete with a dancefloor and drinks trolley. Watch Sasha Compton, Carinthia Pearson and Geordie Bowes-Lyon throw their shapes.

Cosmo & Bronya Linzee Gordon at Chury Castle



BEST VELVET HEADBOARDS
Swinsty Hall, North Yorkshire
The Harrogate home of England manager Gareth Southgate and his wife, Alison, is the ideal footballer's mix of Tudor grandeur and plush silver sofas: couple goals.

Gareth & Alison Southgate

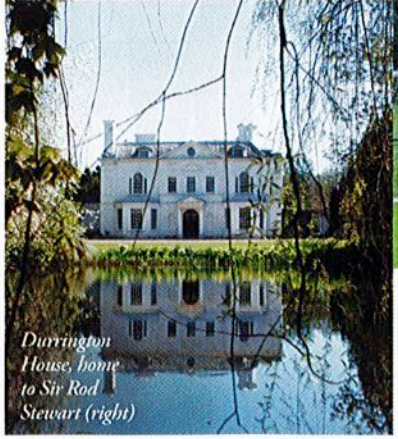
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BEST PUB
The Dorset Arms at Buckhurst Park, East Sussex
Come the weekend, you'll find Earl and Countess De La Warr ensconced in The Dorset Arms, their very own watering hole on the estate. In fine weather, make sure to book a garden table under the shade of the umbrellas.

Earl De La Warr

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Durrington House, home to Sir Rod Stewart (right)



BEST FOOTBALL PITCH
Durrington House, Essex
It all kicks off at Sir Rod Stewart's house: his football pitch comes complete with an all-weather shelter and a Celtic FC flag.

MOST COMFORTABLE SOFA
Manor Farm, Wiltshire

When guests such as Lucy and Justin Gibbs come to Sarah and Grant Barker's shoots at Manor Farm, they make a beeline for the drawing room and its comfy sofa. Known as 'the Rolls-Royce of sofas', this blue beauty is big enough for sleeping on.



The Barkers' famously comfortable sofa

BEST FOR BRIGHT YOUNG THINGS
Goodwood, West Sussex

The Duke and Duchess of Richmond's estate is where it's at. Whether you're in their box for Glorious Goodwood, or lunching at the Festival of Speed, you'll find Viscount Linley, Celina D'Abo and Sascha von Bismarck among the stylish throng.



The Duke & Duchess of Richmond

The Earl of March and Kinrara & Viscount Linley

Sascha von Bismarck

Celina D'Abo

MOST DEMANDING GUEST
Dave Kerr

Partial to a bowl of cereal at 10pm, he arrives early, leaves late and has been known to smuggle his spaniel, Sprite, into his bedroom.



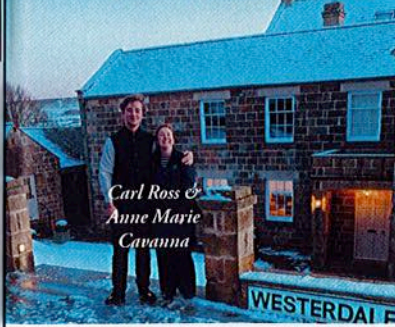
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... AND MOST INVITED GUEST
Dave Kerr

Usually with Henry Wyndham as his wingman. Find him at Alnwick, Badminton, Blenheim and all England's grandest estates.

BEST HOUSEKEEPER
Anne Marie Cavanna, Daleview, North Yorkshire

David Ross's much-loved housekeeper fusses over grandees such as Sir Nicholas Soames and Lord Vestey, and even has the guests' napkins embroidered.



Carl Ross & Anne Marie Cavanna

BEST LIBRARY
Arundel Castle, West Sussex

Expect to find books on celestial energy – the Duke of Norfolk's step-daughter, Frankie Herbert, is a reiki healer. More of a history buff, the duke will be brushing up on the royals ahead of the Coronation, which he is masterminding.



The Duke of Norfolk

BEST VINEYARD
Squerryes Court, Kent

All rows lead to Squerryes. The Wardes, owners since the 18th century, benefit from the North Downs' chalk-rich soil and have won awards for their sparkling wines: a rosé, and a brut that has declared vintages since 2010.



Squerryes vineyard in Westerham, Kent



Santa Sebag Montefiore with her mother Patty's rescue dog

BEST DOG

Paddy at Dummer Grange
Patty Palmer-Tomkinson's rescue St Bernard charms guests at the P-Ts' Hampshire home – he's likely to put his head in your lap during kitchen supper.



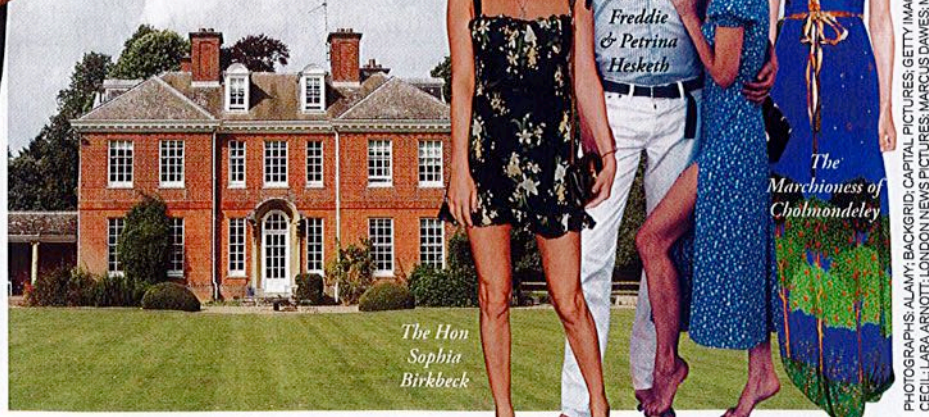
Lord & Lady Bamford

MOST GENEROUS HOSTS
Daylesford House and Wootton Lodge, Gloucestershire and Staffordshire

Lord and Lady Bamford lay on Gloucestershire's ultimate Christmas 'fork lunch' at Daylesford, while summer soirées see tables laden with fresh flowers from the garden and produce from the organic farm. In Staffordshire, it's all about comfort and the neat rows of Bamford bath products.

BEST COUNTRY-HOUSE CONVERT
The Hon Sophia Birkbeck at Little Massingham House, Norfolk

5 Hertford Street is a distant memory now that Sophia's settled in Norfolk (near her BFF, the Marchioness of Cholmondeley) with husband Oliver and their two children. It's where the Londoners – Freddie and Petrina Hesketh and Scarlett Spencer-Churchill – all descend for summer weekends.



The Hon Sophia Birkbeck

The Hon Freddie & Petrina Hesketh

The Marchioness of Cholmondeley

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BEST KITCHEN
Port Eliot, Cornwall

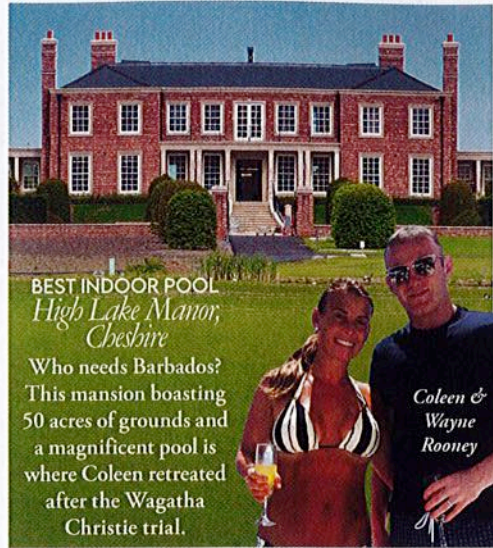
When Bianca, Lady Eliot isn't pulling pints at The Eliot Arms, she'll be in her Lulworth Blue-painted kitchen in St Germans. The ceiling is staggeringly high (three floors at least), but the pièce de résistance is a vintage Aga beneath a painting with a Latin inscription.



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BEST INDOOR POOL
High Lake Manor, Cheshire

Who needs Barbados? This mansion boasting 50 acres of grounds and a magnificent pool is where Coleen retreated after the Wagatha Christie trial.



Coleen & Wayne Rooney

BEST TENNIS HUT
Barrington Grove, Gloucestershire

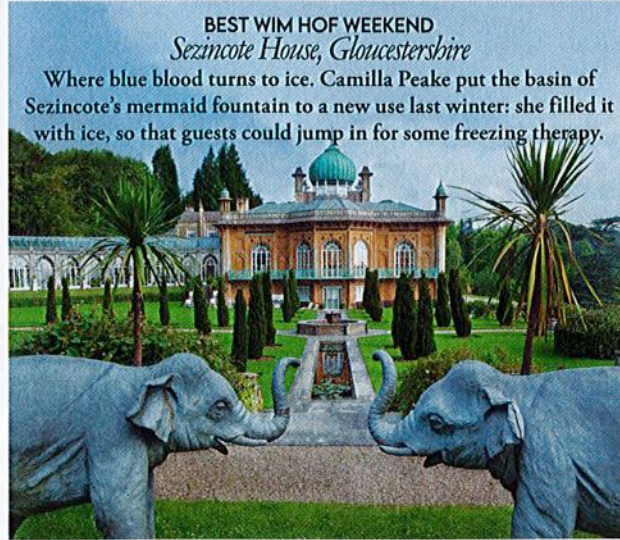
Few country-house courts have a dedicated tennis hut, let alone one with a fridge full of chilled rosé. Here on the bank of the River Windrush, Johnny Hornby hosts the final of the Barrington Cup. Last year's winner? Rachel Johnson.



Edward Roussel, Johnny Hornby & Rachel Johnson

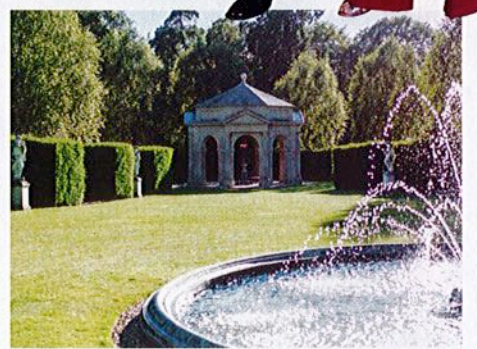
BEST WIM HOF WEEKEND
Sezincote House, Gloucestershire

Where blue blood turns to ice. Camilla Peake put the basin of Sezincote's mermaid fountain to a new use last winter: she filled it with ice, so that guests could jump in for some freezing therapy.



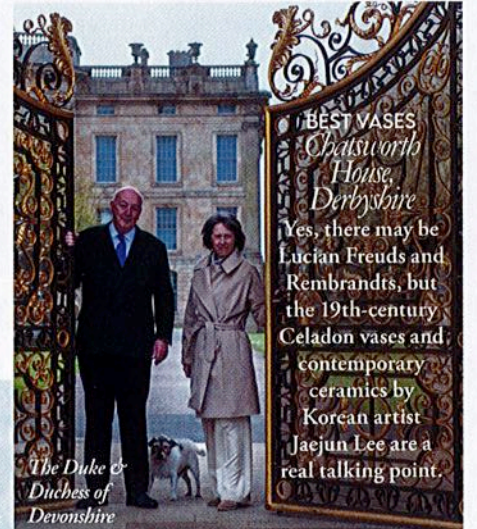
BEST TEMPLE
Settrington House, North Yorkshire

What's more romantic than a temple in your garden? Built by architect Francis Johnson to celebrate the Millennium, the Storeys' 'tempietto' can be seen from the equally enchanting orangery.



BEST VASES
Chatsworth House, Derbyshire

Yes, there may be Lucian Freuds and Rembrandts, but the 19th-century Celadon vases and contemporary ceramics by Korean artist Jaecun Lee are a real talking point.



The Duke & Duchess of Devonshire

BEST BATH PRODUCTS
Hopetoun House, South Queensferry

You'll spend hours in the bath here, thanks to a cornucopia of Penhaligon's bath oils, Floris potions and Wiberg's pine bath essence lined up in elegant bottles. Oh, and a jar of Alka-Seltzer, just in case.



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