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*Rebecca Recommends*  
Hotels and Services with Personality

The latest news,  
views and  
packages



## Rebecca Recommends - Becoming Mrs Williams

I had rather an exciting end to 2015, and I am delighted to share with you some photographs of our wonderful day. Currently enjoying our honeymoon, Charlie and I are on Cloud nine and can hardly believe how lucky we are to have so many fantastic friends who have wished us well these past few months.



My husband and I are pictured above right with the wonderful David Morgan Hewitt, Genral Manager of The Goring. Pictured above left are my bridesmaid and best friend Lindsay Cope and I, with my beautiful niece and flower girl, Ophelia. Lindsay recently joined the Rebecca Recommends team and I am very

excited to be working with her, especially with her exceptional pedigree in the travel industry. Like me, Lindsay is the daughter of a renowned hotelier, and gained a wealth of travel experience working with luxury hotels and tour operators before turning her talents to global health and other ventures.



I hope that you have enjoyed these few photographs of our day. I would love to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to contact me about any of the hotels, residences or services listed below, or anything that I might be able to help you with.

Very best wishes,

Rebecca

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#### - NEWS ROUNDUP -



### [Original Travel UK](#) [UK and Ireland](#)

#### Action and Adventure

Visit the UK and Ireland with Original Travel UK for exciting adventures and active experiences to suit all ages! Don't be fooled; the UK is not just about tea, crumpets and croquet on the lawn - let OTUK show you their top picks for action-packed activities with a difference!

#### Hit the saddle

For horse lovers who want to experience the most memorable few days deep in the English countryside we recommend a luxury riding challenge.

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### [Ventours International](#) India, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Tibet, The Maldives

Today marks one of the most important harvest festivals celebrated in India & Nepal - Holi. It marks the beginning of spring - of enjoying it's abundant colors and saying farewell to winter. It is a festival of Colors of Unity & Brotherhood & Love - an opportunity to forget all differences and indulge in unadulterated fun. Bright colors fill the air and people take turns in pouring colored water over each other. Children take special delight in spraying colors on one another with their

pichkaris (water guns) and throwing water balloons on passersby.

Ventours' can help with further information on festivals in India throughout the year.

**Festivals in Sri Lanka - The spring and summer are wonderful times to visit Sri Lanka, especially if you're lucky enough to be there for one of the many colorful celebrations.**

Sri Lanka's ancient civilization endows the island with a legacy of colourful festivals relating to the Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and Christian religions. Furthermore, these festivals are commemorated with the flair of a people with a genius for pageantry and ritual.

Every full moon day is a public holiday known as poya. The most important is in May - Vesak Poya - which marks the Buddha's birth, enlightenment and Pariniwana (passing away). Worth seeing are the illuminated pandals (bamboo frameworks), hung with pictures depicting events in the life of the Buddha.



Sri Lanka's most well known festival is the Kandy Esala Perahera, held in Kandy over 10 days in late July to early August and climaxing on Esala Poya. Perahera means "procession" and that's exactly what occurs nightly - a magical passing-by of drummers, dancers, whip-crackers, acrobats and robed elephants. A caparisoned tusker carries the reason for the festival, the sacred tooth relic of the Buddha for the people to venerate. (Kandy Esala Perhera, photo credit: Amila Tenakoon, via Flickr)

Hindu festivals include Vel, held in Colombo in July, in which God Skanda's silver-plated chariot and vel (spear) are paraded across the city, and the Kataragama Festival in the deep south, also connected with Skanda, in which fire-walkers participate.

[Please click here to visit Ventours' website and discover more about The Journey East.](#)



## [Decouvertes, France](#)

**Don't forget Decouvertes Rental Sales Challenge which runs until 31st May 2016!**

Ever dreamt of living like a Parisian for free?  
Jump into this exciting new challenge!

Be the best of the best and earn a one-week stay in a deluxe apartment in the 16th district of Paris for 6 guests.

To do so, book a maximum of French rental experiences in France for your clients and become the Top

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or [charlotte@decouvertes.fr](mailto:charlotte@decouvertes.fr)

[Click here to discover Charlotte's presentation.](#)

### Events In France

From The Monaco Grand Prix and French Open Tennis in May to 24 hours of Le Mans in June and the Tour de France in July, France plays host to some of the world's most glamorous and exciting sporting events.

On top of these there are cultural and music festivals, street markets, museum and art exhibitions - the list goes on.

[Click here to discover all of the above and much more taking place in France in 2016.](#)



### [Discover New York and Beyond, United States](#)

**Celebrate Mother's Day in New York City**  
Fun, Fashion, Food and Film  
Thursday, May 5 - Sunday, May 8, 2016

**Make your mother a star this Mother's Day!**

**Thursday, May 5, 2016**

Start your visit to NYC with a welcome dinner in a French Bistro

with wine!

**Friday, May 6, 2016**

Morning Garment Center Shopping with DNY Guide in the fun, affordable wholesale showrooms not open to the public where the savings are up to 70% off retail. Shop for specials at the Sample Sales before having lunch in an authentic NYC Deli. The remainder of the day is on your own to explore at leisure and treat your mother to dinner.

**Saturday, May 7, 2016**

Learn a number from the Broadway show Kinky Boots, and then spend the afternoon exploring on your own. A pre-theatre dinner and orchestra ticket to the award winning show, Kinky Boots is included.

**Sunday, May 8, 2016**

Spend the day with your mom visiting all the great locations on the On Location Tours "Sex and the City Hotspots Tour." Enjoy brunch at the restaurant that Aidan & Steve owned, Scout.

Contact a Discover New York and Beyond Destination Specialist to book this special trip. Space is limited. Travel Advisors please include the code: Mother's2016 and your IATA Number.



**Included:**

- Welcome dinner with wine
- Private guided shopping experience in Garment Center and lunch
- Private guided rehearsal studio experience with cast member from Kinky Boots, pre-theater dinner with wine and orchestra ticket to Kinky Boots
- Sex and the City On Location Tours with Sunday Brunch
- Three nights at the new Times Square Hilton Garden Inn with full American breakfast each morning
- All taxes and gratuities
- Discover New York and Beyond execution and management fees

**Price: \$1,995.00 per person based upon double occupancy with 15% commission included.**

**Excluded:**

- Airport transfers
- Incidentals at the hotel
- Shopping purchases

[Contact a Discover New York and Beyond Destination Management Specialist today.](#)



## The Goring, London



### FORBES AWARDS THE GORING FIVE STARS

Joining an elite list of top-rated London hotels

The Goring is delighted to have been awarded a coveted five-star rating from Forbes Travel Guide, joining an exclusive list of luxury London hotels such as The Dorchester, The Connaught and The Lanesborough.

A team of professional inspectors evaluated The Goring against an assessment of more than 500 criteria.

Upon receipt of the news, Managing Director David Morgan-Hewitt remarked: "We are absolutely thrilled to be awarded London's new five-star hotel in this year's guide. We have worked tirelessly to ensure that we provide our guests with the ultimate in luxurious service standards."

"Our Star Ratings recognise the finest hotels, restaurants and spas in the world, serving as guideposts for consumers seeking exceptional travel experiences", said Michael Cascone, President of Forbes Travel Guide. "We're proud to be associated with the new additions to our global list."

### **DON'T FORGET, LIFE IS SUITE**

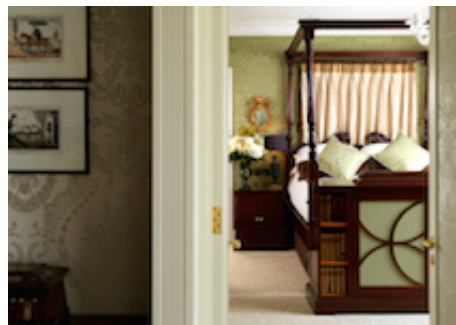
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To acknowledge and reward those agents who are booking guests into our luxury suites, our Life is Suite programme gives agents the opportunity to earn rewards with every Belgravia and Royal Suite booking.

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## Castle Leslie Estate Ireland



### Moments of equestrian adventure...

You don't have to be an experienced rider to visit the Equestrian Center at Castle Leslie Estate. If you've never ridden a horse then maybe now is the time to begin your equestrian adventure in Ireland! Spring time is a wonderful time to get 'in the saddle' and the Estate

is particularly beautiful at this time of year, perfect for exploring on horseback.

The Estate has a world class indoor arena with heated seats in the viewing gallery. They even have a horse simulator to teach you or to improve your skills. Enjoy thrilling hacks on the Estate's 1000 acres and breathe in that fabulous clean spring time air. The more adventurous can fly around the cross country jumps. There's 300 to choose from!



### Moments of outdoor adventure...

Acres of woodlands, lakes and grasslands make Castle Leslie Estate the perfect location for a wide variety of activities.



Aside from the equestrian centre (which is known as one of the finest in Europe), try family or couple kayaking on Glaslough lake. Enjoy early morning sunrises and romantic evening sunsets seen from the Hot Air Balloon (made all the more stunning with the springtime colours). Patient and skilled instructors are on hand to help first

timers master the art of Clay Pigeon Shooting. Alternatively get up close and personal with nature and enjoy falconry on the Estate, or simply borrow a pair of wellies from the boot room and explore on foot some of the 1,000 acres on offer, with a walking trails map from reception to guide you on your way!



[Click here for Castle Leslie Estate's special offers.](#)

Take a look at this amazing new aerial video of the Estate which looks fantastic: <https://vimeo.com/134289529>

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## Blanket Bay, New Zealand

### ENJOY BLANKET BAY'S FOUR DISTINCT SEASONS

Hot summers, colourful autumns, white winters and beautiful springs.

#### AUTUMN: MARCH / APRIL / MAY

Rich golden days, warm shadow-dappled evenings. The vivid reds and gentle golds of a Central Otago Autumn permeate

everything in this, the most scenic of seasons. Autumn is a wonderful time for trekking, biking, and horseback riding. Enjoy the wine harvests. Expect warm balmy days.

#### WINTER: JUNE / JULY / AUGUST

Winter offers not only all the activities and fun of the other seasons but snow to boot! From June through to October, regular snowfalls coat the surrounding peaks in a white blanket, but is only fleeting on the lake shore at Blanket Bay and within the Queenstown township. The days are clear and crisp. At higher altitudes ski field temperatures are generally several degrees cooler.

#### SPRING: SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

Spring is a most invigorating time in the region. Wild flowers appear along country roads, vineyards start to bud with next year's vintage, and rich, green pastures become peppered with newborn lambs, calves and fawns. The weather is often changeable. Enjoy a bike-ride, hike, or take to the rivers, fresh with snow and glacier melt. Fishing season on most rivers opens November 1st.



#### SUMMER: DECEMBER / JANUARY / FEBRUARY

Summer burns hot under vivid blue skies. One look at the deep blue lakes, or golden tussock covered mountainsides and it becomes abundantly clear why this region is a favorite New Zealand destination. Mid summer temperatures can reach 30+ Celsius (90 degrees Fahrenheit) with zero humidity though temperatures average a comfortable 25 C/75F. Evenings are long and pleasantly warm. Fishing and water sports are at their peak during these months. Conditions are hot and dry.

[Read a recent review of Blanket Bay on stuff.co.nz.](#)

[Click here for details of Blanket Bay's Real Five Night Treat Package.](#)



## G&V Royal Mile Hotel, Scotland

Edinburgh is the world's leading festival city, with twelve major annual festivals taking place throughout the year.

The world renowned Edinburgh International Festival, the Festival Fringe and The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo along with the International Book Festival, all take place between the 5th and 29th August this year.

Dating back to 1947, the Edinburgh International Festival was established after World War II to create "a flowering of the human spirit" in the Scottish capital. In that same year the Edinburgh Festival Fringe and the Edinburgh International Film Festival also started. Other festivals followed, from military grandeur to intimate jazz and blues, captivating science to underground theatre and children's entertainment. As these festivals grew into world leading celebrations, international excellence in art, culture and science became a permanent and inescapable part of Edinburgh's identity.

[Click here for more information on Edinburgh's festivals.](#)

#### G&V All Inclusive

The G&V have created the perfect package for two people to truly spoil themselves...

- Overnight stay for two with a complimentary upgrade
- Late check out at 3pm
- In room mini bar
- 30 minute treatment at Spa G&V for each guest
- Complimentary breakfast included
- Afternoon tea or 3 course dinner at Cucina



All inclusive packages are £145 per person per night.

[Click here for all special offers at G&V Royal Mile Hotel](#)





## [The Nare, Cornwall](#)



Spring arrived early in Cornwall this year - on the 10th February to be precise!

In Conjunction with The Great Gardens of Cornwall, The Nare have been running the [Cornwall Spring Story](#) for several years now and this is the earliest the Magnolias have flowered. To mark this occasion Toby Ashworth was invited, along with Jonathon Jones of Tregothnan Estate, to personally deliver some Cornish Magnolias to No.10 Downing Street.

Prime Minister David Cameron stated:

"I am delighted these magnificent flowers have been presented to Downing Street from the Great Gardens of Cornwall. Marking the early arrival of spring, they also symbolise the outstanding beauty and growth of Cornwall, one of the UK's most precious gems. A place close to my heart, with its stunning beaches to wooded valleys, Cornwall attracts millions of visitors from across the nation and the world every year."

**National Geographic magazine has highlighted Carne beach as one of the ten best in the world.**

It writes: "The rocky Cornish coast gives way to beaches, and one of the broadest and most beautiful is Carne on Gerrans Bay.

"Residents of the nearby villages swim, walk their dogs, and play beach volleyball and cricket along its sandy surface.

"At high tide it's easy to imagine pirate ships plying the waters."

The magazine also gives a plug to the wonderful Nare Hotel, which it says "offers sweeping views from Nare Head to Falmouth and an afternoon tea complete with warm scones and generous lashings of clotted cream. As you indulge, you can easily imagine actor Aidan 'Captain Poldark' Turner taking his much admired dip in the waters below, propelling adoring fans to explore Cornwall's beaches."



Please visit [www.narehotel.co.uk](http://www.narehotel.co.uk) or email [stay@narehotel.co.uk](mailto:stay@narehotel.co.uk) for more information.



## [Great Fosters, Surrey](#)



Visitors to Great fosters this year should be sure not to miss these brilliant lunches and garden tours, which can even include a close encounter of the honey bee variety.

### [HORTICULTURE & HERITAGE LUNCHES](#)

Wednesday, 18th May and Thursday, 7th July 2016

Russell Dixon, Head Gardener will take you on a tour of their 50 acres of formal gardens and parkland followed by a delicious

luncheon (hopefully on the terrace!).

Russell has worked at the hotel for over 20 years and his enthusiasm and passion for Great Fosters is infectious. His knowledge is vast and he has greatly enjoyed seeing his horticultural projects over the years come to fruition. Some of the plants and trees that he planted at the beginning of his time here are only just beginning to mature.

Price includes tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival, a pre-lunch glass of Champagne, two course lunch with coffee and petits fours and a glass of wine with lunch.

£45 per person. Numbers are limited to 20 guests per event. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Get up close & personal with bees and enjoy a tour of the estate**

### [MEET THE BEES & TOUR OF THE ESTATE LUNCH](#)

26th May, 15th June, 1st July, 14th July, 27th July & 2nd September 2016

Enjoy a tour of the gardens with Head Gardener Russell Dixon followed by a guided visit to the Great Fosters bee hives with the resident Bee Keeper.



Start with an interesting and entertaining tour of the gardens of the hotel. Then, once you are appropriately “suited and booted”, you will be taken to visit the bees and discover the fascinating and absorbing art of bee keeping. A pre-lunch glass of Champagne will be served afterwards, followed by lunch in The Estate Grill with a glass of wine.

£70 per person including coffee and cookies on arrival, garden tour, visit to the hives, pre-lunch glass of Champagne, three course lunch with a glass of wine followed by coffee and petits fours.

Numbers are strictly limited to a maximum of twelve guests in total and the garden tour and hive visit will be for six guests at a time. [Click here for more information.](#)

Protective suits and gloves will be provided. Wellington boots are available. Please dress accordingly as these events will go ahead regardless of weather conditions.

[For details of special offers at Great Fosters please click here.](#)



## [The Torriddon](#) [Wester Ross, Scotland](#)



The Torriddon Hotel is undergoing a major revamp to deliver major improvements to the bedrooms and information technology infrastructure.

The former shooting lodge, built for the first Earl of Lovelace in 1887, is owned and operated by husband and wife team Daniel and Rohaise Rose-Bristow.

As well as their 18-bedroom hotel and restaurant, the Rose-Bristows and their 58-acre estate at the end of a sea loch also boast a 12-bedroom inn, activity centre, self-catering boat house and a herd of Highland cattle.

Dan Rose-Bristow said: “We are always looking for ways to enhance our facilities and give visitors more choice. These upgrades will help us compete on a national and international level more effectively and open the door to a wider clientele across the whole business.

“Improving the visitor experience at the hotel, inn and activity centre will build our reputation further, provide a consistent level of service across our facilities and maximise opportunities presented by the family market and adventure tourism.”

The Torriddon is a two-time winner of the AA’s Scottish Hotel of the Year award.

Celebrity guests over the years include Claire Danes, Michelle Pfeiffer and Mark Strong, who were there during the filming of 2007 movie Stardust.

[Please click here to visit The Torriddon's brilliant blog.](#)

  
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## [Calcot Manor,](#) [The Cotswolds](#)



Calcot Hotels are proud to present [The Painswick](#) (pictured left), which has recently opened its doors after undergoing a year-long refurbishment project.

The landmark Palladian-style property has undergone an extensive interior refurbishment under the leadership of Calcot Hotels’ design director Nicky Farquhar.

Described as a blend between “Covent Garden and Cotswolds”, the boutique 17th century hotel has 16 rooms and an award-winning restaurant headed up by chef Michael Bedford.

Under the strapline "feasts and the rest", it features a private dining room, bar, lounge, beauty treatment rooms and elegant terrace.

Richard Ball, the Calcot Collection's executive chairman said: "Something of a realignment is happening in the country hotel arena.

"After years of pushing the boundaries of luxury to extremes, a return to the essence of its core offering is underway. Consumer preferences have shifted too - not just on the back of recent challenging economic times but also due to a desire to pare back on excess and make more of simplicity.

"The Painswick will lead the way in answering the current call for a fresh approach."

[Click here to visit The Painswick's website.](#)

### Stay for four Nights, Pay for three

Stay for a four-night midweek break and the fourth night is complimentary (and just so you know, if your room rate is different on each night, rather than give you the cheapest night free a 25% discount on your bed and breakfast stay will be applied).

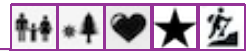
Your relaxing break includes overnight accommodation in a double or twin room, full English breakfast each morning and full use of the spa facilities.



From £597.00 per room for four nights in a standard double or twin room. Family accommodation is available, child supplements apply. Treatments are charged as taken and should be pre-booked to avoid disappointment.



## [Aldourie Castle, Loch Ness](#)



Who visits Loch Ness in Scotland? And why?

The answer: anyone and everyone. For its beauty, its tranquility and its aura. For its historic relevance. For its Loch Ness Monster. The list is endless and the so is its fanbase.

From European royalty, to Hollywood stars to intense Nessie fanatics who've spent their lives trying to catch a glimpse,

Loch Ness brings in people from around the world to visit its peaceful haven and holiday in this part of Scotland. Many, we believe, come for the thrill of the chase in such ethereal surroundings. Charlie Sheen is known to have spent many fun filled weeks residing around Loch Ness in search of its elusive Nessie.

Loch Ness has been the setting for many famous books, poems and songs of the past as a result of its ethereal and majestic atmosphere. Just the look and feel of the place alone has inspired many a writer and artist to get their creative juices flowing.

Aldourie Castle on Loch Ness provides the perfect location for a fabulous staycation for the luxury travel market, housing numerous celebrities over the years in its private 500 acre Scottish Estate. Private bookings enjoy panoramic views over Loch Ness and luxurious rooms in which to while away the hours and rest either alone or with an intimate group of friends.



[Click here for more about Aldourie Castle.](#)

Fabulous new footage!

Check out Aldourie Castle Estate's new promotional film, with never before seen footage showcasing the interior rooms, Loch Ness and surrounding Highland Estate all backed to beautiful classical music.

[Click here to view Aldourie Castle's promotional film.](#)



## [Barnsley House, The Cotswolds](#)



Follow New York fashion darling Amanda Brooks to England's most timeless countryside.

[Conde Nast Traveler's Quintessential Guide To The Cotswolds](#) recommends Barnsley House as a great place to stay whilst visiting this beautiful area.

Also recommended is the Village Pub the article reads: "Little sister to the nearby Barnsley House hotel, this congenial inn—with an assured kitchen and lovely bedrooms upstairs—is a "home-from-home" for Brooks, who often uses it as a writing retreat.

[Click here for the full article.](#)

**Stay for four nights pay for three**

Enjoy a four night break that includes overnight accommodation in a double or twin room of your choice, full English breakfast and use of spa facilities, and your fourth night is complimentary.

This offer is valid Sunday to Thursday inclusive, it is subject to availability and is not valid in conjunction with any other offer.

[Click here to view further special offers at Barnsley House.](#)



  
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## [Bodysgallen Hall and Spa North Wales](#)



### **BODYSGALLEN HALL HERITAGE BREAK 2016**

(excludes Christmas, New Year, Bank Holidays and Bank Holiday weekends)

A five night stay, with rates charged per person, inclusive of overnight accommodation, early morning tea, cooked breakfast, an allowance of £43 per person towards dinner each evening in The Dining Room, full use of the Bodysgallen Spa,

and VAT, and admission into two local historic places of interest.

**Local places of interest include:**

National Trust Properties:

Plas Newydd - The Home of the Marquis of Anglesey, and famous for its Rex Whistler association

Bodnant Gardens - The World Famous National Trust Garden

Penrhyn Castle - 19th-century neo-Norman castle housing one of the finest art collections in Wales

Erddig - 18th-century country house. A fascinating insight into upstairs downstairs life of a gentry family

Chirk Castle - Completed in 1310, medieval castle with Adam Tower and dungeon

Powis Castle and Garden - Medieval castle with superb collection of Indian treasures and gardens

Together with the following Cadw Properties:

Caernarfon Castle - Where Prince Charles received his investiture to the Prince of Wales

Conwy Castle - A World Heritage Site

Plas Mawr - An Elizabethan Town House

Beaumaris Castle - A World Heritage Site

Harlech Castle - A World Heritage Site

(Please check with reception for opening times)

From £560.00 per five night package.

[Please click here for full information and prices.](#)

[Please click here](#) to see all special breaks at Bodysgallen Hall.



## [Hartwell House, Aylesbury](#)



### A message from Jonathan Thompson, Managing Director at Hartwell House

This will be my final month at Hartwell House, as of April I will be retiring and I now have much pleasure in introducing to you my fellow director Matthew Johnson who will be returning to Hartwell House, where his career with Historic House Hotels first began in 1993. Matthew has been managing Bodysgallen Hall, our sister hotel in North Wales since 1996, and is much

looking forward to his return to Hartwell and to welcoming you as I have.

### Hartwell's Capability Brown Break

In keeping with the national celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the birth of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown Hartwell House is offering this country break. You can explore Hartwell's 92 acres of grounds as landscaped by Richard Woods, a contemporary of Capability Brown or perhaps visit the grounds at nearby Stowe or Blenheim Palace and view two of Brown's lasting legacy. This break is from £310.00 per room per night based on two people sharing from Sunday to Thursday, and from £360.00 on Friday or Saturday, includes a £43.00 dinner allowance each in the main dining room, accommodation, free wifi, cooked breakfast, use of the Hartwell Spa and VAT. Available from 1st May to 31st July 2016.

[Click here for Hartwell House's latest newsletter](#)



## [Middlethorpe Hall, York](#)



Guests staying at Middlethorpe Hall in April can enjoy one of two enthralling luncheons.

### "Tea Gowns and Teatime" - presented by History Wardrobe Friday 8th April

Following last year's hilarious presentation "Ladies of a Certain Age", Middlethorpe welcomes back Lucy Adlington from History Wardrobe for a terribly engaging talk set in the thirties - a

decade of streamlining, speed and style.

Find out what's on at the pictures and who's broadcasting on the wireless... Learn how diet and drastic underwear can help you fit in sleek lines of thirties frocks... Discover how the future looks from the 1930s.

Plus, top tips on cake baking, linen laundry and tea-leaf reading. The perfect accompaniment to a delicious Afternoon Tea!

Please bring a handkerchief to dry your eyes as laughter is guaranteed!

£34.50 per person

Or, £114.50 per person with overnight accommodation and Yorkshire breakfast (based on two people sharing a double/twin room in the Courtyard. A supplement for single occupancy will apply).

### Luncheon Celebrating the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen Thursday 21st April

Join the team at Middlethorpe to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 90th Birthday. The Drawing Room will host a screening of Royal Family newsreel whilst you enjoy sparkling wine and canapés before a 1930's themed three-course luncheon created by Head Chef Ashley Binder.

£56.50 per person includes a three-course luncheon and wines.

Or, £134.50 per person with overnight accommodation and Yorkshire breakfast (based on two people sharing a double/twin room in the Courtyard. A supplement for single occupancy will apply).

[Click here to see more from Midlethorpe Hall.](#)



## Oddfellows, Chester

### Oddfellows On The Park

Opening late summer 2016, Oddfellows On The Park Cheadle, Greater Manchester, is situated in Bruntwood Park's magical 100 acres. This brand new hotel set within a beautiful Victorian mansion will house 22 gorgeous bedrooms a destination restaurant, cocktail bar, flexible event spaces with views to die for and a statement 'salon de beaute' fondly named The Pigsty.

The park has a fabulous range of things to keep you entertained with an eighteen-hole, par three pitch and putt course for you to test your skills on, a carefully landscaped children's playground for the kids to burn off energy as well as soccer pitches, orienteering courses plus a BMX cycle track and indoor and outdoor archery ranges.

If all of this is a bit too energetic, take a leisurely stroll around the park and enjoy the ornamental gardens, ponds, waterways, wetland, mature woodland and hay meadows, then head back to Oddfellows On The Park for a little tipple or six...

### Islands and Ice Cream

Get wrapped up in the magical world of Islands & Ice Creams this Easter and delight in all that Cheshire has to offer! Spend two nights in our Apartments by Oddfellows just moments away from the hotel and a hop and a skip to the River Dee. There is enough room to swing a cheetah, never mind for you and the kids!

Oddfellows' fun and quirky apartments have 2 double bedrooms and bathrooms, fully kitted out kitchens complete with ice cream and mini eggs, spacious sitting rooms, super tellies and games galore.. oh and a parking space right outside your door.



You'll be able to book zoo tickets through the hotel at our special discounted rate and experience the country's premier zoo's new attraction, Islands. Then on the second day you can either explore the city or pop into the countryside and experience all the fun and yumminess of Cheshire Ice Cream Farm.

From £238

[Please click here for more offers from Oddfellows.](#)

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