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**PRESS INFORMATION**

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**A VERY BRITISH COUNTRY HOUSE**



The first episode of a four-part observational documentary series featuring Cliveden House was broadcast on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018 on Channel 4 at 9.00 p.m. Set in the midst of a 376-acre National Trust estate, Grade 1 listed Cliveden House is one of the world's most exclusive country house hotels. This new series joins the hotel during its busiest summer season.

Filmed over a six-month period, between March and September 2018, the series follows the day-to-day experiences of the staff and guests at Cliveden House. The series explores the work that goes on, both behind the scenes and in front of house, to deliver five-star service to those visitors enjoying this remarkable property.

Produced for Channel 4 by Oxford Scientific Films, one of the UK's oldest and most respected production companies, the Bafta award-winning team have produced high quality factual television programmes, including: 'The Queen's Gardens' at Buckingham Palace' for ITV; 'A Very British Hotel' and 'Messages Home: Lost Films of the British Army' for Channel 4, and 'The Real White Queen' with Philippa Gregory for BBC2.

Commenting on the production of 'A Very British Country House', General Manager, Kevin Brooke, wished to thank his team at Cliveden House for their outstanding contribution during the filming of this series: "I am immensely proud of my colleagues, they embraced this project enthusiastically and recognised its potential in informing the audience of the dedication and commitment required of all staff members to provide five-star service. Without compromising the quality of service or, the confidentiality of guests, we hope that this series will not only be entertaining, but will showcase some of the real 'stars' of the hospitality industry."

Kevin continued: "I would also like to thank the guests who visited and stayed at Cliveden during the filming for their understanding and cooperation, many of whom kindly allowed the team from Oxford Scientific Films full access to film their experience at the property. We hope that through the lens of the camera, viewers will partake in the delight of family celebrations; from the joy of getting married at Cliveden, to the excitement of preparing to go to the races, or simply the pleasure of dining or relaxing in the calm surroundings of this remarkable historic house".

The series also illustrates the breath-taking setting of Cliveden House, its beautiful gardens and parkland and highlights the work of the National Trust staff and volunteers who work to maintain this outstanding estate. In conclusion, Mark Bradshaw, General Manager of the National Trust at Cliveden, commented: "Cliveden House and estate has been cared for by the National Trust for over 75 years during which time it has often been a stage for political and social entertainment. We were pleased to invite Oxford Scientific Films to uncover some of our stories and showcase the dedication of our teams who care for this remarkable house and estate every day for people to experience and enjoy."



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**Cliveden House** is a five-star luxury hotel; the building is owned by the National Trust and operated under a long lease arrangement by the owners of Chewton Glen, Iconic Luxury Hotels. Less than 45 minutes west of London and 20 minutes from London Heathrow Airport, the hotel has 47 spacious rooms and suites in the main mansion, plus Spring Cottage, a summerhouse on the banks of the River Thames, together with boathouse and boats, newly opened luxurious spa and a range of sporting and leisure facilities. The Dining Room is complemented by the relaxed informality of The Astor Grill, together with a range of private dining, banqueting and meeting facilities. Cliveden is unique, the setting, architecture and interiors all speak eloquently of extraordinary extravagance and remarkable refinement. There is a palpable sense of history, for this is a house that for over 350 years has been dedicated to the pursuit of pleasure, power and politics.

Cliveden House is a member of Iconic Luxury Hotels, a collection of England's finest iconic hotels which also includes Chewton Glen in the New Forest, 11 Cadogan Gardens in the heart of Chelsea and The Lygon Arms in the Cotswolds. Each property has its own character but they share a common commitment to delivering outstanding experiences.

### **National Trust Cliveden**

A majestic vision set high above the Thames as it winds its way to the capital, Cliveden is a proud celebration of status and splendour. Encircled by astonishing views of river beneath and land beyond, endless narratives of passion, pleasure and politics lie embedded within its grounds. Cliveden estate is open daily from 10am - 4pm. Admission is free for National Trust members, check the website for non-member admission prices.