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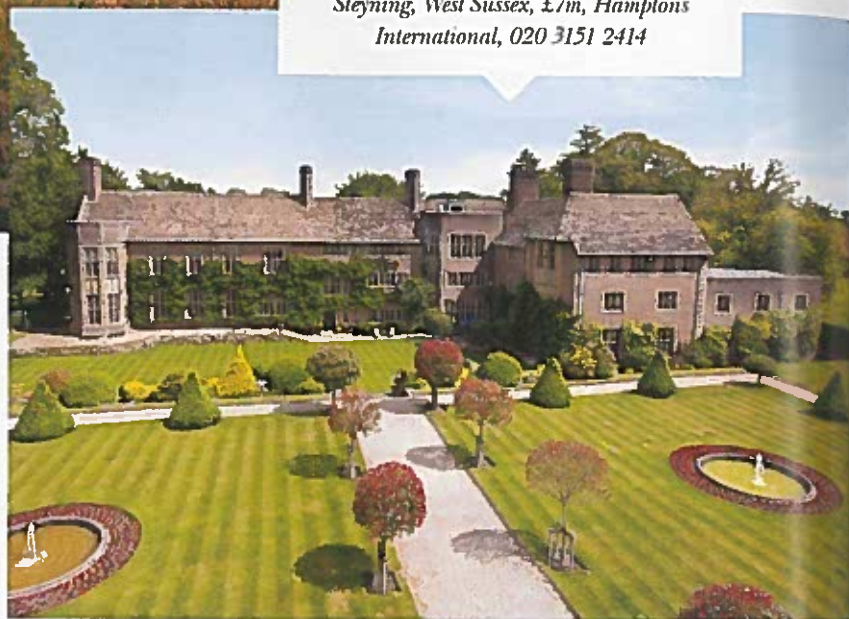


GEORGIAN GEM

This vine-covered manor might have retained all of its Georgian character, but it has been kitted out with the latest technology to ensure it runs like clockwork, from wood-chip boiler and borehole to Sonos audio, zoned heating and high-tech security systems. The main house has seven bedrooms but there is also a three-bed barn cottage, three-bed lodge and two-bed thatched cottage, plus 52 acres to run around in. *Oakley Manor, Church Oakley, Hampshire, guide price £10m to £12m, Savills, 020 7016 3822*

Country

Our pick of the best country houses on the market this month



QUEEN BEE

Wappingthorn Manor was priced at four pounds in the Domesday Book. Today, it's £7m, but for that you get a beautiful ten-bedroom house that dates back to 1609; built by Sir Thomas Leeds – who was once arrested for trying to restore Mary, Queen of Scots. It's grander than your wildest imagination, comprising almost 20,000 sq/ft, 35 acres, swimming pool, tennis court and private lake. *Wappingthorn Manor, Steyning, West Sussex, £7m, Hamptons International, 020 3151 2414*



WING IT

Set in the west wing of a Grade II listed house, Send House has Georgian charm to boot. Just two miles from Chichester city centre, the park-like gardens feel idyllically rural, with a gated, heated swimming pool that seals the deal. It has four bedrooms (three of which have en suites) and plenty of living space on the ground floor, including a sunny, south-facing drawing room, with floor-to-ceiling sash windows and original tiled floor. *Send House, Chichester, West Sussex, £1.125m, Humberts, 01243 531010*



COUNTRY CHARMER

What do we love most about Mayertorne Manor? Is it the pretty façade, studded with sash windows and climbing plants, or imaging cosy nights in the country-style kitchen? The 120-year-old Wellingtonia tree or the walled garden and clematis-clad pergolas? It's safe to say that this five-bed Chiltern Hills' manor is quite the charmer. *Mayertorne Manor, Wendover, Buckinghamshire, £3.5m, Strutt & Parker, 020 3468 9729*

CELEB HOTSPOT

Average house prices reached £1m in Surrey's golden triangle last year, so it's unsurprising that many celebrities (and Chelsea footballers) live here. Millgate has launched 21 apartments off the exclusive Fairmile Lane, ranging from two- to three-bed apartments, set in acres of grounds for resident use, with formal landscaped gardens, ponds and ancient woodlands. *Knowle Hill Park, Cobham, Surrey, from £1.825m, Knight Frank, 01483 564660*



ROYAL TREATMENT

The Buckingham residences are as regal as their namesake. Located directly opposite Her Majesty's digs, this 19th-century Grade II listed townhouse has been split into six two- and three-bedroom apartments, designed by three highly acclaimed designers: Rose Uniacke, David Collins Studio and Peter Leonard and Co. All come with car parking and 24-hour concierge.

The Buckingham SW1, from £3.25m, Savills, 020 7730 0822; Strutt & Parker, 020 7318 4677

FAMILY FAVOURITE

The 61-foot garden makes this period home perfect for young London families. Inside is just as spacious, comprising 3,576sq/ft, with five bedrooms and lots of space for family living. Built in 1845, it has been brought bang up to the 21st century, with breezy décor, spiral wine cellar and clever use of skylights. *Clarendon Road W11, £8.75m, Strutt & Parker, 020 7221 1111*



Town

Our pick of the best town houses on the market this month

STAR STREET

Henry VIII, Brunel, Turner, George Eliot and Mick Jagger have all lived on Cheyne Walk, and now you can too, in this smart four-bed townhouse with views across the Thames. Laid out over four floors, there is a drawing room, library, study, dining room and family kitchen. In addition to the communal gardens, there's a private garden and patio, plus underground parking available separately. *Cheyne Walk SW3, £5.95m, John D Wood, 020 7352 1484*



ART HOUSE

Chelsea has always had a thriving art scene; no more so than when Welsh portrait painter Augustus John was living at this address in the late 19th century, studio sharing with Scottish painter Robert Hannah. The four-bed house that is currently on the plot was built in the '50s and this is the first time it has come to the market in its history. Just three doors down from the Chelsea Arts Club, this is the place to live out your bohemian dream. *153 Old Church Street SW3, £5m, Russell Simpson, 020 7225 0277; Savills, 020 7581 5234*

FRIENDS OF THE PALACE

Property developer Northacre has set its sights on the Queen's neighbourhood. Due for completion in 2018, Number One Palace Street will be an amalgam of five architectural styles, from Beaux Arts to contemporary and will consist of 72 apartments. It was originally The Palace Hotel, a major Victorian landmark that was used to house the overflow of guests at the palace. *Number One Palace Street, from £2.1m, Knight Frank, 020 7861 1705; Savills, 020 7409 8756*

