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**CHEWTON GLEN 'BEST SMALL HOTEL IN THE WORLD'
FOR THE SECOND CONSEQUITIVE YEAR**

Chewton Glen, a privately-owned country-house hotel, located on the edge of the New Forest, in Hampshire has been voted by the readers of Gallivanter's Guide, the 'Best Small Hotel under 100 Rooms in the World', for the second year running.

Gallivanter's Guide has been read by the world's top travellers, in over 38 countries, since 1991. The publication aims to identify idyllic places throughout the world for the dedicated traveller, on an entirely independent basis. Commenting on the award to Chewton Glen, Editor and Publisher, Lyn Middlehurst said: "...the category 'Best Small Hotel under 100 Rooms' is the least predictable. Readers normally vote for a huge cross section of small properties worldwide. Chewton Glen, which wins again this year, does so against everything imaginable, from posh city boutiques in Jakarta and Paris, to fishing lodges in New Zealand".

The top five properties in the category were: 'Chewton Glen', UK; 'Twin Farms', Vermont; in joint third place 'Amansara' in Cambodia and the 'Four Seasons' Istanbul; and in fifth place the 'Amanjiwo' in Java.

Chewton Glen was also awarded by Gallivanter's Guide joint-fourth place in the category 'Best Resort in Europe/Africa/Middle East'. The hotel was described as a veteran winner, which innovates constantly. The top five properties in this category were: 'Four Seasons Resort Provence' at Terre Blanche; 'Amanjena' in Marrakech; the Singita in South Africa, Chewton Glen and the 'Four Seasons Resort Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, were joint-fourth place winners.

Coming so soon after being voted by the readers of Condé Nast Traveller USA, the 'Best Hotel : British Isles' in the 2005 'Readers' Choice Awards and the number two in their list of the 'Top 100 Hotels Worldwide', Martin Skan, owner of Chewton Glen said: "We are very fortunate to have received these prestigious awards, it is very gratifying and encouraging to everyone at the hotel, we are thrilled and delighted to have started our 40th Anniversary year with such good news."

The good news also continued with two other prestigious awards being received this January. In the Travel & Leisure readers annual survey of the '500 Best Hotels in the World', Chewton Glen was voted as the 'Number One Country Hotel in England', and in the Condé Nast Traveler Gold List, also published this month in the USA, Chewton Glen was listed as one of the 'World's Best Places to Stay'.

"It is exactly forty years ago that the Skan family purchased Chewton Glen, which at that time, was a small country-house hotel with just eight bedrooms, two bathrooms and a staff of ten. We now have a team of over 200 staff, 58 bedrooms and suites, world-class leisure and sporting facilities, an award-winning spa, a Michelin star restaurant and an international reputation for excellence and world-class service. It is a fitting tribute to the enormous enthusiasm and energy invested into Chewton Glen by our owners, Martin & Brigitte Skan that we have achieved such recognition in this our anniversary year", concluded Andrew Stembridge, Managing Director.

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