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***CHEWTON GLEN - BEST HOTEL IN THE BRITISH ISLES
AND NUMBER TWO IN THE 'TOP 100' WORLDWIDE***

At a glittering awards ceremony held last night at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in the spectacular Temple of Dendur, in New York City, Chewton Glen received the accolade of being voted the 'Best Hotel : British Isles' in the 2005 'Readers' Choice Awards by Condé Nast Traveler (USA). Chewton Glen was also ranked number two in the list of the top 100 hotels worldwide, receiving a vote of 97.9 against the Ladera Resort in St Lucia who received 98.8 and was awarded first place.

The Readers' Choice Awards are the oldest and largest independent poll of travel consumers ever conducted. Over 28,000 questionnaires were delivered to a random selection of subscribers to the publication. Readers were invited to evaluate a record 2,500 properties, destinations, airlines and cruise lines. The number and depth of the responses makes the Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice results the most reliable measurement of consumer preferences in the world of travel.

Accepting the award on behalf of Martin & Brigitte Skan, owners of Chewton Glen, Managing Director Andrew Stembridge said that he was delighted to receive this prestigious award from the readers of Condé Nast Traveler. "As Chewton Glen enters its 40th year of operations, this privately-owned hotel has always prided itself on exceeding the expectations of our guests from all around the world. We are thrilled to receive this award which reinforces the standards of excellence and attention to detail that Chewton Glen is renowned."

“This is a huge tribute to everyone who works so very hard at the hotel and to our owners Mr & Mrs Skan. We are very grateful to Condé Nast Traveler and its readers for these excellent awards”, concluded Andrew Stembridge.

The hotel was also recently named as being one of the ‘World’s Best Spas’ in the Spa Finder Readers’ Choice Awards Poll. At a ceremony, also held in New York, in September 2005, Spa Finder Inc announced its 2005 annual Readers’ Choice Award Winners and Chewton Glen received a tied vote with the Mandarin Oriental, Hyde Park as the UK winners.

Other recent reader accolades include the influential magazine ‘Travel & Leisure’ who listed Chewton Glen as number 66 in their listing of the ‘2005 World’s Best Hotels’, and also ranked the hotel 19th in their listing of the ‘2005 Top European Hotels’, the highest listing for any English hotel.

This autumn the hotel was also voted the ‘Third-Best Leisure Hotel’ and achieved fifth place in the rankings for the best ‘Destination Spa Worldwide’ awarded by readers of Condé Nast Traveller (UK). The RAC have also confirmed that Chewton Glen will retain its Gold Ribbon status for 2005/06. This is fabulous news and we are delighted that the hotel has continued to receive professional recognition of the highest quality during 2005.

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