



Win a luxury two-night break at fabulous Hartwell House Hotel

a perfect venue to relax, rejuvenate and connect with centuries gone by...

If you're a fan of the National Trust and historic houses, then a two-night break at this beautiful property in Buckinghamshire is sure to appeal!

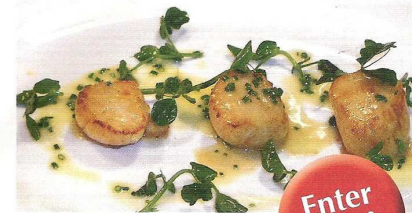
JUST A FEW minutes down the road from Aylesbury lies a retreat from reality: a 17th-century stately home set among thick woods and sweeping gardens. Now a plush hotel, Hartwell House offers elegant rooms that are sumptuous, cavernous lounges and lovely walking trails around the landscaped grounds. It's all very Jane Austen: squint and you'll swear that's Mr Darcy taking a dip with the swans in the lake.

So we invite you to enter our competition that could see you and a companion checking in here for an unforgettable two-night break, with one dinner included.

Hartwell House has a remarkable history, stretching back almost a thousand years to the reign of Edward the Confessor. It has been the seat of William Peveral, the natural son of William

the Conqueror; of John Earl of Mortaigne who succeeded his brother Richard the Lion Heart as King of England in 1199; and of Louis XVIII, the exiled King of France who held court there from 1809 to 1814. Louis was joined at Hartwell by his Queen, Marie-Josephine de Savoie, his niece the Duchesse D'Angoulême, daughter of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette, his brother the Comte d'Artois, later Charles X, and Gustavus IV the exiled King of Sweden.

Hartwell House has been sympathetically restored, both internally and externally, with great tact and sympathy by Historic House Hotels. Public rooms include the Great Hall, Morning room, Drawing room, Library and three elegant dining rooms. The remarkable decorative plaster work, marble fire-places and panelling are of



About the prize

The prize is for two people sharing a double or twin room at Hartwell House Hotel for two nights (Sun-Thu), with dinner (with one bottle of house wine) on one evening and breakfast on both days.

Enter now...

Just answer this one question: When was Daniel Richardson appointed head chef of Hartwell House?

Please send an email to us at competition@motoringassist.com with your answer. Please put *Hartwell House Competition* in the subject line of your email. Please also include your GEM membership number. The closing date is 27 January 2017. You can also enter by post (address on page 4).

Don't risk missing out!

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particular note. All guest rooms are individually decorated, some named after members of the court of Louis XVIII. The Great Hall is a masterpiece of English baroque design, and with the exception of the floor which was originally flagged with Portland stone, remains virtually unchanged since its completion in around 1740.

The house has fine Georgian interiors, dating from around 1760. The Morning Room and the Library are decorated in the Rococo style, with curvilinear marble chimney pieces and fluid plasterwork, and joinery ornamented with garlands, masks, animals and volutes. The bookcases in the Library are fitted with some of the finest surviving gilt-brass wirework in the country. A unique staircase, decorated with carved Jacobean figures, leads to the thirty bedrooms and

suites contained within the house.

Dinner at Hartwell House is sure to be a special and memorable occasion. Head chef Daniel Richardson joined the team at Hartwell House as chef tourment in 1994. He was quickly promoted and was appointed to head chef in 2000. While ensuring the smooth running of four kitchens at Hartwell, Daniel has consistently raised the standards of food served in the restaurant, for private parties and in the Spa Café and Bar to levels of excellence recognised through many accolades, including 2 AA Rosettes for Hartwell's restaurant.

So get your entry in! If you're lucky enough to win, then we guarantee a wonderful stay where you can relax, rejuvenate... and connect with centuries of history. Good luck!

Good motoring

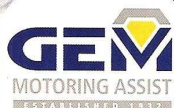
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