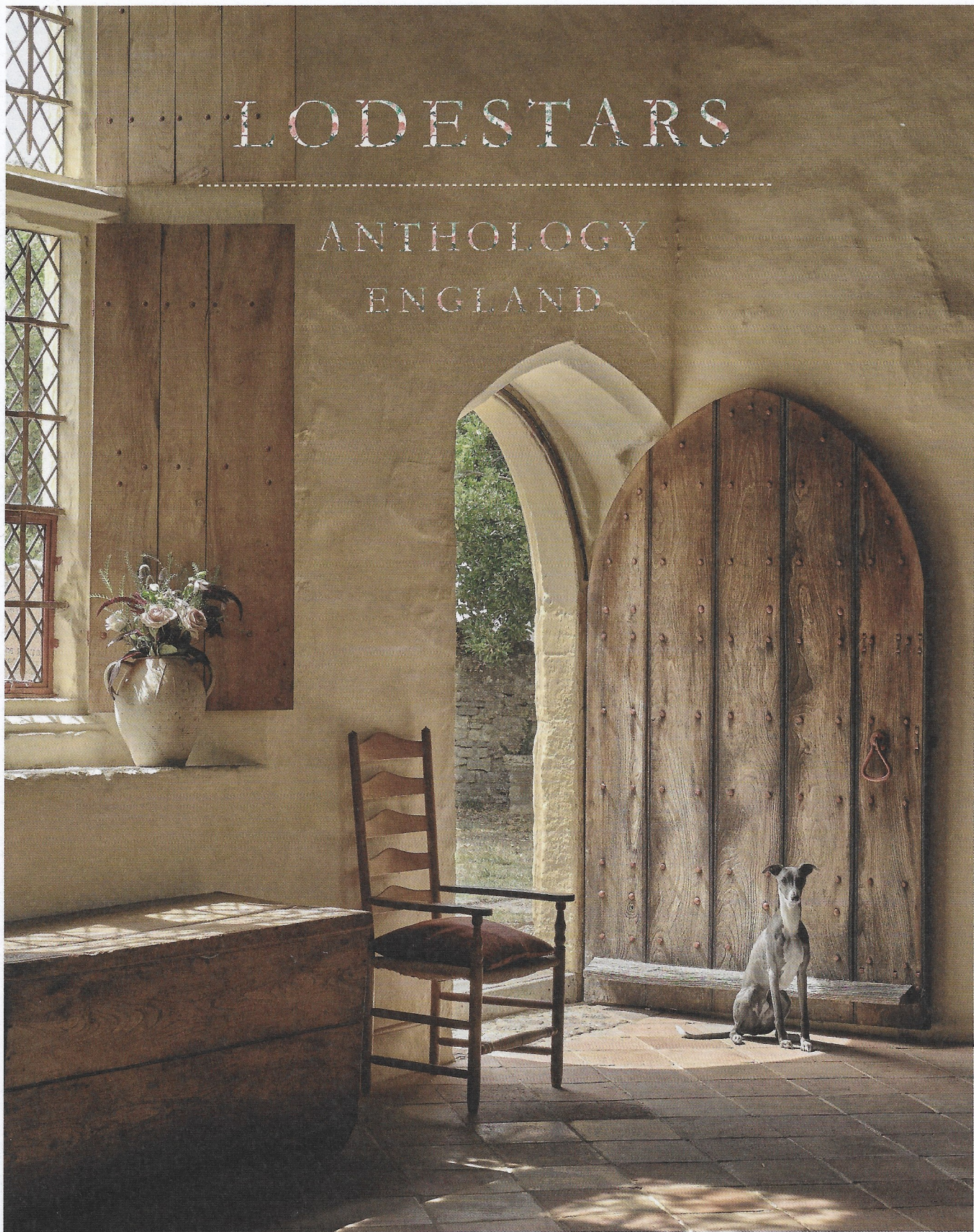
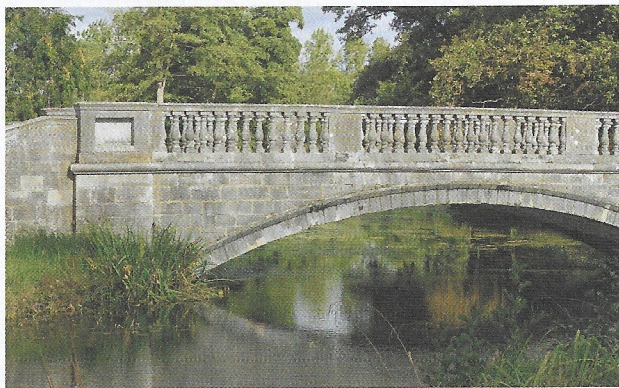
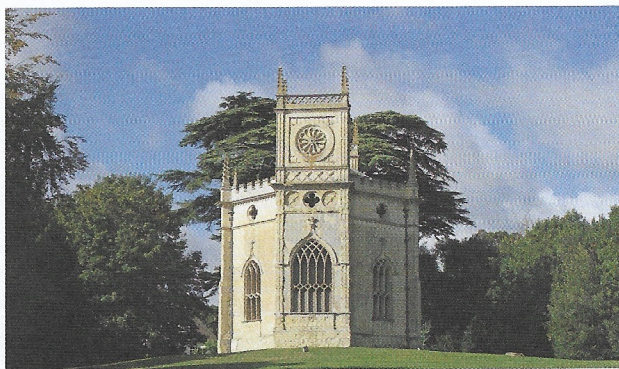


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Set in bucolic grounds under a Gainsborough sky, Hartwell House has an illustrious past that stretches back through years of English history. Part of the Relais & Châteaux and Pride of Britain Hotels collections, this partly Jacobean, partly Georgian house was once the seat of the noble Lee family, hosted King Louis XVIII of France and his exiled court, served as a Second World War army billet and emerged as a finishing school, before being lovingly restored by Historic House Hotels (the intricately carved staircase featuring Winston Churchill is a particular highlight) and opening to guests in 1989.

Those hoping for a classic country house experience will not be disappointed; Hartwell House provides a service straight out of the most luxurious English costume dramas. The lack of kettles in the 30 sumptuously appointed rooms is deliberate - instead, guests ring down for a tea tray that is brought directly to the room, complete with freshly baked biscuits.

If you're looking to counterbalance the hotel's cream teas, pre-dinner cocktails or deliciously traditional British menu (or simply enjoy some pampering), spend an afternoon in the hotel's spa and swimming pool. The best bit for city-dwellers seeking escape? It's less than an hour from London.

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