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MESSING ABOUT *in* BOATS

With its dramatic position above the Thames and its own dock and boathouse on Cliveden Reach, Cliveden offers a brilliant opportunity to explore one of the prettiest and most interesting stretches of the river. Any group size can be accommodated in style; whether on one of the hotel's lovingly restored flotilla of beautiful vintage launches or on a variety of other luxurious and interesting vessels operated by select local suppliers. Enjoy an afternoon floating down the river with a picnic on board, a pre-dinner Champagne cruise or even a unique water-based meeting to get the ideas 'flowing'. There's no better way to explore some of the most interesting and historic sights in England.

COOKHAM

Upstream from Cliveden is the charming village of Cookham with its mix of rustic workmen's cottages and grand Georgian and Victorian houses. The High Street is packed with excellent restaurants and pubs, the oldest dating from 1417. In 1908 Kenneth Grahame, author of *Wind in The Willows*, returned to Cookham and spent his time "simply messing about in boats" much like the animal characters in his famed book. Images of Cookham can be seen at the Stanley Spencer Gallery: Spencer was born on the High Street and was much influenced by the river, and the gallery is available for private viewings.

BRAY

Down the river is the lovely village of Bray with its attractive houses and thatched cottages dating back to the 16th century and earlier. Bray has become synonymous with exquisite dining experiences and now boasts three of Heston Blumenthal's restaurants: The Fat Duck, The Hinds Head and The Crown – as well as the famous French eatery the Waterside Inn. The river can also be accessed from the delightful Edwardian Marquee with its ample events space and sweeping lawn, peacefully situated on the banks of the Thames.

DORNEY

Before reaching Eton, the Thames passes through Dorney where a visit to Dorney Court is a fascinating experience. Built in 1440 and owned by generations of the same family for over 400 years, its atmospheric rooms are full of character and history with original 15th and 16th century art and furnishings. Dorney Lake hosted the Rowing and Kayak events during the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and multi-boat regattas, raft-building, orienteering and dragon boating can be arranged.

ETON

Eton College, founded in 1440 by King Henry VI, is one of the oldest schools in the country and is an integral part of the national heritage. Eton High Street is crammed with lovely shops, pubs and restaurants, most of which were originally established for the benefit of the boys and masters of the College. There are many Tudor and Victorian buildings of historical importance and visitors can walk freely through the College grounds or enjoy a private guided tour to understand the school's remarkable history and traditions.

WINDSOR

Windsor Castle is the oldest and largest inhabited castle in the world. It has been the family home of British Kings and Queens for almost 1,000 years and is an official residence of His Majesty The King, whose standard flies from the Round Tower when he is in residence - the Castle is still very much a working royal palace. Once it has closed to the public for the day, enjoy an exclusive 'behind-the-ropes' experience with an expert guide in the Castle's magnificent State Apartments and St. George's Chapel.

PLEASURE, FROLIC *and* EXTRAVAGANT DIVERSIONS

Cliveden's dramatic history includes philandering Dukes, America's 'richest citizen', house parties for prime ministers and visits by Queen Victoria (though not necessarily in that order). Cliveden House has played host to every British monarch since George I and has been home to three Dukes, an Earl and Frederick Prince of Wales. And let's not forget the famous (or rather infamous) swim which ultimately led to the downfall of a government (remember the Profumo Affair?) - this is no doubt why Cliveden has the only listed outdoor swimming pool in Britain!



1666

Enjoy a drinks reception with a theatrical twist featuring Cliveden's signature 1666 cocktail named in honour of the House's original owner and your host - Villiers the 2nd Duke of Buckingham, known to his friends as 'George'. Close confidant of the King, Buckingham was notorious for his countless conquests and flamboyant charm. A compulsive risk taker, he was reckless and fearless, and his final undoing was his affair with the Countess of Shrewsbury. 'George' will regale your group in magically immersive style recounting the decadent, wry and humorous stories that made Cliveden the pinnacle of intrigue and glamour that it remains today.



THE CLIVEDEN QUEST

The Cliveden Quest is engaging, fun and competitive. Embracing the history of the Grade I listed estate, using your smartphones and an interactive game app, you will be sent back into time on a mission to complete as many challenging questions and tasks as you. Navigate with your team via interactive hotspots and get the chance to explore the estate's spectacular gardens and grounds, whilst going up against the clock to complete the contest.

THE SPIRIT OF CLIVEDEN

Cliveden's immersive experiences are steeped in a rich and colourful history of over 350 years and its iconic location is the ideal setting for extraordinary bespoke experiences: from creative corporate messaging to those more humorous interpretations, and every nuance in between. Be it drinks, dinner or a more elaborate affair, the evening can include a near endless cast of characters including some of the most notable names in history: Nancy Astor - "What glass ceiling?"; Queen Victoria - the original Empress of globalisation; Winston Churchill - who could have more to say about motivation?; Madame de Pompadour - a woman who knew what she wanted, and got it; Ernest Shackleton - if you have a bold idea, be bold enough to own it; and Christine Keeler - no one knows better the pitfalls of celebrity.

Our immersive experiences hold theatre and authenticity at their heart. We create magical environments rich in storytelling to captivate an audience. Guests enter a narrative, engage and, without realising it, become part of the story.





THE (ART) HISTORY OF AFTERNOON TEA

Uncover the secrets, stories - and some scandals - behind a selection of the world's most celebrated masterpieces and, of course, the artists who created them. Combining fact with a few flights of fancy, you'll be taken on a visual journey that plays with the history and tradition of afternoon tea. From cardsharps to cucumbers this light-hearted romp through some famous, as well as a few less well-known, masterpieces will ensure you never think of this wonderfully British institution in the same way again!



BRUSH & BUBBLES

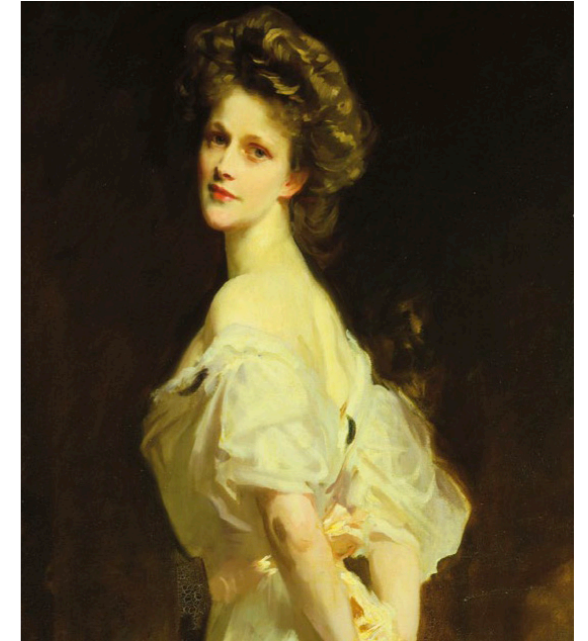
A fun and interactive event perfect with pre-dinner fizz or as a post-meeting activity. No artistic experience is required; a local artist will guide your group as they create their own masterpieces in watercolours and ink. Guests will gain new skills and express themselves through art in a relaxed and comfortable setting.

THE ARTIST'S STUDIO

During his time in Italy, William Waldorf Astor developed a love of classical sculpture and art and brought many pieces back to Cliveden accumulating a sizeable and valuable collection. Against this dramatic backdrop, the group is challenged to create an over-sized reproduction of one of the masterpieces from this impressive collection.

Guests will be split into teams, with each completing one part of the final artwork, working together to collect inspiration and materials. Artistic talent is not a requirement to take part as there are many different roles to be filled. Teams will complete a series of challenges as part of the overall project testing both their mental and visual abilities, as well as their engineering skills.

At the end of the session the individual pieces are joined together to recreate the masterpiece, demonstrating the benefits that can be achieved through strong team work. Participants become aware of the 'bigger picture' rather than purely focusing on individual tasks, demonstrating that teamwork gets better results than working alone.



DRAWING ON HISTORY

Many noted artists are among the famous guests who visited Cliveden in the last century including John Singer Sargent, Sir Stanley Spencer, Sir Alfred Munnings and the now infamous Stephen Ward to name but a few.

Attracted by the House's grand Italianate design and exquisite grounds, they were left inspired by its beauty and drama. Guests can now enjoy a similar opportunity to capture Cliveden in art with exclusive drawing classes led by an expert professional artist. In a small informal group, participants will sketch interior or exterior views according to the season, with tuition suited for all abilities. They will leave with their completed drawing as a very personal memento of their stay.

“No one could resist an invitation to Cliveden”

- WINSTON CHURCHILL



TERRARIUM MAKING

In this hands-on workshop you will make your own terrarium. You will learn how these self-contained ecosystems work, why they survive so well on their own and how to look after them. After a short introduction explaining the history and science that goes into building a terrarium, including the different plants you can use and why activated charcoal is essential, you will be given a quick demonstration - then it is up to you to get your hands in there and build your own terrarium to take home and enjoy for years to come.



PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Escorted by a Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist Marissa Roth, explore Cliveden house and its magnificent grounds. Learn how to develop concepts, work with subjects, shoot with natural light, and bring images to life while discovering hidden architecture and fascinating locations. Hone your photography skills under Marissa's watchful eye using your own camera or phone. Includes 20 images uploaded to an iBook as a souvenir.



FLORISTRY DESIGN

A floristry workshop is a relaxed and rewarding activity allowing guests to demonstrate their artistic flair and creativity, whilst enjoying a sense of wellbeing. Led by a Chelsea Flower Show award-winning floral designer, participants will learn how to create hand-tied bouquets, seasonal wreaths or floral table settings for special occasions. The workshop can be run as a fun have-a-go event, or as a competition with prizes awarded to the winning team or participant. Guests can either take away their arrangements as a memento, or donate their creations to a local hospice or charity.

THE TALK *of* THE TOWN

IF THESE WALLS COULD SPEAK

Cliveden has a long tradition of hosting the best and brightest from the highest tiers of the British aristocracy and the leaders in art, business and politics of the day. These worlds are brought vividly to life by six very special 'friends' of Cliveden.



JON BRIGGS

Jon has been a broadcast journalist, for almost 40 years, as well as assisting Fortune 500 companies present their ideas and pitches and moderating their events worldwide. He has coached and mentored many C-Suite Executives in presentation and leadership/impact skills. You may know him best as the original Voice of Siri on your iPhone, the Voice of the BBC quiz show The Weakest Link for 13 years or the AI voice on your Sat Nav or app in many incarnations. Jon's fascination with ghost stories came from his Mother Julia, an Oxford Don who specialised in the subject, and his Ghost Stories podcast is downloaded thousands of times on their annual release.



JOHN ROWLAND

John Rowland is Managing Director of the multi award-winning political consultancy Cicero. John is a political consultant and analyst with a decade of experience working in London and Washington, D.C. He advises major clients in financial services, real estate, and mining. John leads Cicero/AMo's political risk analysis and, having amassed a wealth of experience dealing with some of the most pressing political and economic challenges in Britain today, is a fascinating and intriguing speaker.



MATTHEW WALL

An entertaining and engaging public speaker Matthew is Editor-in-Chief of the humorous travel blog, Wall's World, and long-time member of the Oscar Wilde Society. He is the ideal presenter for an event that is 'Wilde at heart' including quotes from Oscar Wilde, short monologues from his plays and a wicked impression of Lady Bracknell.



JESSICA FELLOWES

Best known for her work as author of five official companion books to a certain hit television show, Downton Abbey, four of her books have made it into The New York Times bestseller lists and she is in much demand as a speaker at events in the UK and US. As the niece of creator and scriptwriter Julian Fellowes, Jessica will share the identities of the real-life inspirations for the show, both historical characters and members of her extended family. As the former deputy editor of Country Life, Jessica also wrote the magazine's Townie's Guide to Country Weekends. The latter formed the basis of her first book, Mud & the City: Dos and Don'ts for Townies in the Country.



LORD MAURICE FERMOY

Lord Maurice Fermoy, an expert on British etiquette, will entertain and instruct you in English manners, aristocratic traditions and British society. His subjects range from Coats of Arms, Dining Etiquette, Old School Ties, History of the Aristocracy, Meeting the Royal Family, Drinks Parties, Dress Codes, and Scandalous English Country House Behaviour – all liberally embellished with stories and anecdotes. As first cousin to the late Diana Princess of Wales, and with a background including Eton, the Household Cavalry, and acting as a Page of Honour to Queen Elizabeth II, Lord Fermoy brings truly first-hand experience to these themes.



LADY PENNY MOUNTBATTEN

Penny Mountbatten has been running formal and informal British etiquette courses for many years. Whilst it isn't necessary for everyone to learn how to curtsy to HM The King, if you want to interact with British people in a formal setting, it is essential to understand the significance placed on visual and subliminal signals. Penny's tailored and fully immersive courses are designed to familiarise guests with the nuances of British culture, customs and protocols. Penny's talks cover subjects such as: British social etiquette, the social season, customs and protocol, business etiquette, the faultless guest and the faultless host.

HORSE POWER, GUN POWDER *and* OLYMPIC GOLD

Perched high on the cliff with spectacular views across the Thames Valley, Cliveden has long been a playground for the lifestyles of the royal and rich, and the famous and powerful. Experience the good life with exclusive adrenaline-fuelled activities within easy reach of the estate.



POLO

Berkshire is the home to many of the most prestigious polo clubs in the UK. Set in the beautiful countryside, a short drive from Cliveden, these privately-owned estates offer an exclusive insight into the world of polo and provide the perfect backdrop to a welcoming and exhilarating introduction to this quintessential sport. Be it as a learn-to-play experience or an entirely bespoke activity, these superb facilities operate throughout the year offering polo during both the summer as well as high-adrenaline arena polo in the winter months. No previous riding experience is necessary.



SUPERCARS

Cliveden can offer you access to a range of the world's top supercars including the Lamborghini Huracan Spyder, Ferrari 458 Spider, Aston Martin V12 Vantage, Lamborghini LP570 Performante, Ferrari California, Bentley GTC V8, Mercedes GT AMG, Maserati GranCabrio Sport and Range Rover Vogue Autobiography, to name but a few. Enjoy the thrill of driving your chosen supercar, either on a pre-selected route or to a destination of your choice. Packages range from short driving experiences to full day excursions tailored to your preferences. Self-drive hire is available to all guests and can be arranged for 24 hours or more.



ESCAPE TO THE LAKE

Set in scenic parkland a short drive from Cliveden, Dorney Lake is a world-class sporting venue with an exceptional heritage offering a stunning backdrop for a customised event. Home of the British Olympic Rowing Team where Team GB famously won a total of 9 medals in 2012, Dorney Lake is an inspiring location for water-based team events in which your participants will be compete for their own sporting glory. Join the ranks of the finest sporting heroes and challenge your team to strive for success at Dorney Lake - team activities include various rowing disciplines, dragon boat racing or, if you like it wet and wild, raft building. If you prefer to stay dry, you can enjoy country sports, treasure hunts or Olympic-style challenges on the venue's 400 acres of grounds, or combine both land and water with an exciting triathlon. Join the ranks of the finest sporting heroes and challenge your team to strive for success at Dorney Lake. Events can be combined with a lake-side lunch or a visit to nearby Windsor.



SHOOTING OFF PROPERTY

The names Holland and Holland and E. J. Churchill have been synonymous with the finest handmade English shotguns for over 150 years and you can enjoy a visit to these prestigious gunmakers' award-winning shooting grounds. Set amidst acres of stunning woodland, both sites are just 30 minutes from Cliveden and feature over 100 clay shooting stands offering a variety of shooting disciplines. The dedicated team of instructors are amongst the most experienced in the country and provide clay pigeon shooting instruction for novices through to experienced game and clay shooters.



THE ITALIAN JOB

In this fast-paced treasure hunt on wheels the group will be briefed on the challenge ahead and then split into teams of four. Provided with the keys to their own Mini Cooper, and a briefcase containing a Nexus 7 tablet with built-in GPS and a cache of cryptic clues, each team will set off on a mission of daring and intrigue, encountering some 'dangerous' characters along the way. Intelligence, creativity and teamwork are required in order to complete as many challenges as possible and pull off the ultimate 'job'! Teams will literally 'blow the bloody doors off' to get to the gold at the conclusion of this high-energy, laugh-out-loud event.



4X4 EXPERIENCE

Departing from Cliveden House you can enjoy an exciting off-road driving experience on the stunning 100-acre grounds of nearby Hedsor House. The estate's mile-long track offers the ideal off-road challenge, either as a stand-alone event or as part of a wider activities programme.

EXTREMELY SPORTING

Set in the beautiful grounds of Cliveden a myriad of sporting pursuits can be tailored to suit your time and budget; any one of them will make an entertaining standalone activity or can be combined with others for an exciting multiactivity event. Perfect for client entertainment or simply spending time with colleagues, the activities can be offered in a halfday format or for just an hour to enhance your programme.

ARCHERY
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DUCK HERDING

FALCONRY
FERRET RACING

CRYSTAL BALL
CHALLENGE
DUCK HERDING



GIVING BACK: EVENTS WITH A PURPOSE

People love to do things that matter, and companies that encourage employees to take time to participate in events which give back to the community create a caring and fulfilling culture back in the workplace. You can organise a great team activity with a purpose, and harness the energy and investment expended to deliver added value for your company and your participants.

BIKE BUILD

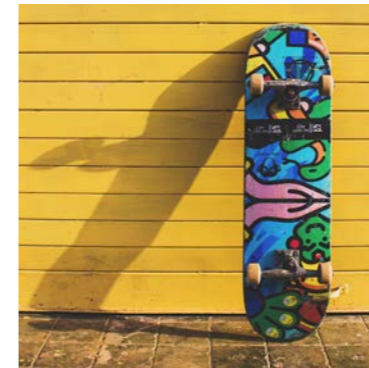
This 2.5 hour challenge kicks off with a briefing and presentation from the chosen charity. Participants will learn how the bikes will be used creating a strong incentive and emotional bond for the group. Teams of 5-8 guests will each be allocated a professional workshop with all the tools and equipment required to build one bike, but before they can start one member of the team has to get The Knowledge.

The Knowledge session provides the designated individuals with the skills required to build the bike which they then share with the rest of their team before coming up with a plan. 'Curve balls' will be thrown at them along the way: insufficient budget, missing parts and other challenges to overcome. Teams may need to collaborate to ensure they get their bike is built on budget and on time!



ON BOARD

This 2 hour challenge combines a mixture of street cred, art and common sense, as team members work together to create a unique masterpiece on a skateboard. A briefing and presentation about the charity project that will receive the finished boards will create an emotional bond which helps focus the teams and makes their efforts worthwhile. Each team of 7 participants will build two skateboards. The teams will need to allocate roles including Yuda - responsible for overall project management and collating feedback; Banksies - tasked with interpretation of the brief and ensuring the deck meets the design requirements; Elons - in charge of manufacture; and Hiroshiges - meeting the strict safety guidelines. The teams will be provided with a brief including style, colour and theme. They will have to browse the shop to see what they can obtain and then take on challenges to gain the items they need. Once the teams have everything they need they can assemble and decorate their boards before presenting them to the whole group to demonstrate how they have fully met the brief. And of course at the end the newly built boards will be presented to the charity's representative.



FUN HOUSE

Working in groups of 8-10, teams need to build, paint and decorate their own playhouse. All the parts, paints and materials required to complete the activity are included, along with a helpful support crew. Each team starts with similar resources, tools and equipment, including money and a basic flat packed Fun House kit. Teams can purchase additional kit, tools and decorating items in order to complete their creation. When finished the Fun Houses will be delivered to a deserving charity such as the NSPCC's Neglect programme or to a specific charity of your choosing.





MONKEY BUSINESS

Enjoy a team building event with a difference at the Lakeview Monkey Sanctuary. Set in 10 acres of stunning British woodland this private reserve is not accessible to the general public and is an ideal location for groups that want an authentic back-to-nature experience. For more than thirty years the founders of Lakeview have rescued primates from the pet trade, circuses and laboratories and brought them back to the sanctuary where they've given them a second chance in their forever home.

Every activity at Lakeview is tailored to the groups' specific needs, but the core of each workshop is the same: Each group creates feeders or furniture for monkeys, and at the end of the build, will get to watch the animals' response. Your team's efforts directly help in the care of the monkeys, creating a real feel good factor with an incredible sense of achievement as you contribute to their lifelong wellbeing. You will also be provided with follow up photos or video from the keepers who look after the monkeys so see again how much pleasure your handiwork is giving the Lakeview residents.

SONGHAVEN

Not-for-profit Community Interest Company, Songhaven's highly accomplished, classically trained artists are guaranteed to bring the thrill of professional music-making to your event. From surprise pop-up performances to formal gala concerts and staged opera scenes, a Songhaven performance will be tailored specifically to ensure maximum audience engagement and connection. The repertoire can include popular tunes, classic musical theatre, as well as operatic and classical pieces - all delivered in a fun, down-to-earth manner with humour, glitz and glamour. By choosing Songhaven you will be supporting their acclaimed dementia-friendly concert series and online concert films - which bring the joy, dignity, and comfort of great music to older people, carers, and people living with dementia.



EAT, DRINK *and* BE MERRY

For well over 200 years Cliveden House has been known for lavish entertaining. Nobody could resist an invitation to Cliveden; from Chaplin to Churchill, Lawrence to Lennon... the House has been renowned throughout the centuries for fine hospitality. Take a trip behind the scenes and learn how to entertain in style.



THE CLIVEDEN CUPCAKE CHALLENGE

The Cliveden Cupcake Challenge offers participants the opportunity to discover the joys of icing, sugar craft and cake decorating. Directed by expert instructors, teams will be taken through the process of decorating their own cupcakes to a professional standard. Guests will design their own tasty cakes with the artistic use of butter cream frosting and a wide selection of edible décor. They will also be challenged to develop a brand for their cakes as well as design and make their own packaging.

COOKING WITH CALDESI

Learn to cook like a true Italian with Tuscan-born celebrity chef Giancarlo Caldesi and his bestselling cookbook author wife Katie, at Caldesi in Campagna in Bray. More than 20 years ago, Giancarlo and Katie taught friends and guests how to make fresh pasta in their restaurant on a Sunday - it proved so popular they established a purpose-built cookery school. Offering regional Italian cookery courses ranging from fresh pasta making through to mastering the art of creating the perfect risotto, cooking with fish and shellfish and making the most of the Italian vegetable garden, Caldesi also offers a range of courses focussing on low-carb and gluten-free eating. Born out of a passion for authentic Italian food and a love of teaching, the Caldesis look forward to welcoming you for a fantastic experience as you join them to eat, learn and love.

UNCORKED

This is your opportunity to learn more about world class English wines with a carefully designed itinerary that showcases the very best vineyards in Buckinghamshire and the Chilterns. With a wine expert as your guide, you will have the chance to soak up scenic vineyard views and visit up to three local wineries to see where the wines are made and taste a superb selection with the owners. Bespoke itineraries can include lunch or dinner... It's the perfect English wine tasting experience!



CANAPÉ CAPERS

Cook up your own canapés in this tasty team-building event. In true MasterChef style, teams are provided with a variety of ingredients, and under the expert eye of the chef, must devise, design and deliver a selection of canapés within an allocated time. Cooking ability is a plus but creativity, careful planning as a team, attention to detail and the ability to remain calm under pressure are also a must for this competitive event.



THE SWEET LIFE

Our professional chocolatier will school you in the fine art of creating delicious artisan chocolates. Armed with your newly found knowledge, you and your party will divide into teams and be challenged to design, make and market your own brand of chocolates. In the style of The Apprentice, teams will then present their creations to "The Board" in the hope of winning the competition.



COCKTAILS ANYONE?

Ever since the Astors entertained Franklin Roosevelt and Charlie Chaplin came to stay, cocktails at Cliveden have been an integral part of entertaining at the House. Waldo's is an ideal spot to try the intoxicating art of cocktail making under the watchful eye of our top bottle spinners. After an initial tutorial in blending, teams will compete to create the perfect tittle. Trickier than it sounds, each team must explain the inspiration behind their creation and the technical details of its blend and ingredients. Available in a delicious non-alcoholic version as well.

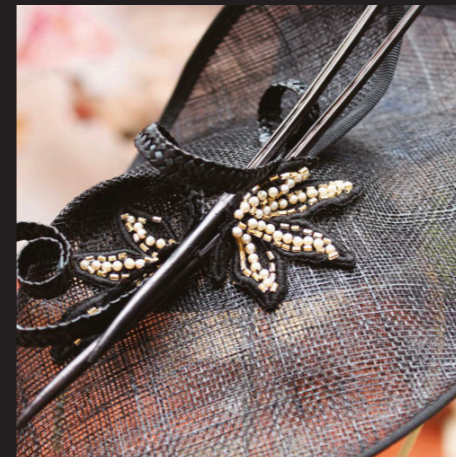
CLIVEDEN: ALWAYS *in* FASHION

One of the most famous women in early 20th century Britain, Nancy Astor was known for her great wealth and style, making her one of Harry Gordon Selfridge's favourite customers. Two of her much-loved purchases were hats and scent.



THE SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS

With a host of celebrities creating signature fragrances, why shouldn't you do the same? Learn to identify and understand the properties of a range of exquisite essential oils sourced from the world's finest ingredients. Choose your favourite tones and then master the process of designing your own personal fragrance. As a memento of the session you will be presented with your perfume in a beautiful atomizer. This unique and creative event can be presented either as an individual experience, or as a half or full day teambuilding Apprentice style challenge.



HATS OFF!

With Cliveden's elegant surroundings and classical music for inspiration, you will learn the delicate art of creating stunning hats and fascinators with a multi-award winning milliner. Benefiting from expert advice and the finest materials, create an exquisite and original headpiece worthy of Mr Selfridge which you will cherish for many years. You will be served delicate light bites and the finest teas presented on antique tea sets whilst you relax, build relationships and get creative.

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