HAMBLETON HALL

PRESS RELEASE

In search of Osprey on Rutland Water

[30th April 2019] Hambleton Hall in Rutland is one of the UK's greatest examples of elegant country house style. Affiliated to Relais & Chateaux since 1980 and recognised by Michelin since 1982 it is a stalwart of the country hotel scene. Offering impeccable service while you relax or celebrate, it famously overlooks beautiful Rutland Water where Ospreys were reintroduced in the 1990s and now boast a population of 117 since the first breeding took place in 2011. Of the eight Osprey nests in the Rutland area, one is currently in use in the Rutland Water reserve.

EVENING CRUISE AROUND RUTLAND WATER

In typically thoughtful style, Hambleton Hall will host a sociable evening cruise for those who wish to spot the elusive Osprey, on Thurs 20th June. While you enjoy a Hambleton Hall-cooked meal of seabream, pea and mint risotto, Iberico ham with artichokes and peppers paired with 2017 Domaine Montrose Rosé and 2017 Brouilly Alain Coudert, a member of the Rutland Nature Reserve Osprey team will point out the diverse bird life and identify any Osprey from the deck of the Rutland Belle. Tickets (£95pp) include a donation to Rutland Water Nature Reserve, the cruise, supper and wine.

NEW DESIGN BRINGS RUTLAND'S WILDLIFE INSIDE

Ospreys and other birdlife also make an appearance in the hotel's new private dining room. Hambleton Hall's co-owner and interior designer Stefa Hart refreshed the room in February this year, which is a perennial favourite for birthday and anniversary celebrations. In addition to covering the walls in a luxurious linen print from Adam Sykes at Claremont and dressing the enormous windows with curtains in a complementary coral Claremont linen, Stefa commissioned the brilliant local illustrator Ben Perkins to capture the birdlife in 18 new watercolours for the room.

As Stefa explains; *"Ben Perkins is a very knowledgeable ornithologist, botanist and watercolourist and a dear friend for a long time. I asked him to paint some of the birds and ducks to be found on Rutland Water, which is not only very beautiful but has become a wonderful sanctuary."*

NEW TERRACE OVERLOOKING RUTLAND WATER

If cruising is not your style, why not enjoy the view and seek out Osprey from the comfort of Hambleton Hall's new terrace?

Stefa has just installed a wide York-stone paved terrace outside the adjacent main and private dining rooms which seats 48. Maximising the view over Hambleton's parterre gardens and Rutland Water beyond, the terrace is ideal for drinks receptions when hiring the hotel exclusively for a house party or for a delicious coffee with petit fours after lunch.

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Info on the Osprey Cruise can be found here.
Details on exclusive private hire of the house can be found here.
Lunch bookings can be made here.
Celebrate the Occasion is a thoughtfully-curated overnight package for birthday and anniversary celebrations from £300.
Please send interview questions for Tim & Stefa Hart to claire@luxury-group.co.uk

About Hambleton Hall
Hambleton Hall has been expertly run by owners Tim and Stefa Hart since 1980. Its small team of long serving staff make guests feel special through their care and attention to detail. The hotel's 17 bedrooms are elegantly designed by Stefa Hart and Nina Campbell in English country style. Its restaurant serves British fine food, recognised by Michelin with one star for 36 years (the longest retained single star in the UK). Hambleton was the AA's Housekeeping Team of the Year 2018 and the Good Hotel Guide's Cesar winner for Best Hotel in 2017. Hambleton is ranked #45 in the Good Food Guide, in the top 100 restaurants in the Sunday Times and ranked #10 in the Harden guide. It is endorsed by Relais & Chateaux and Pride of Britain hotels. www.hambletonhall.com

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