

# PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT

## TRAVEL

*This month brings  
the exciting debut of  
Hotel Endsleigh in  
southwest  
England's beautiful  
Devon County.*

## estate living

**B**uilt in the early 1800s as the hunting and fishing lodge of the Duke and Duchess of Bedford, Endsleigh was designed by Sir Jeffrey Wyatville with gardens by Humphry Repton. Endsleigh remained in the duke's family until the 1960s, when it was sold and became a private fishing

club. By the time it went back on the market in 2002, it had become a white elephant. To the rescue came hotelier Olga Polizzi, who in 1997 had turned an unprepossessing sailing club in St. Mawes into the stylish Hotel Tresanton.

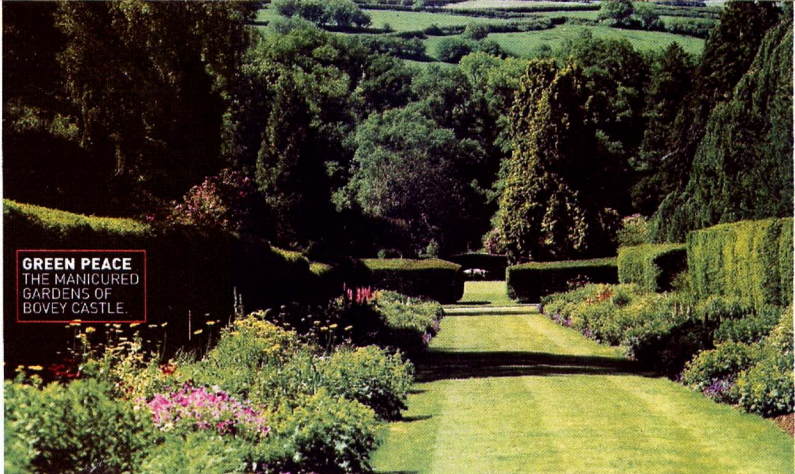
Polizzi and her daughter Alex, who now runs the hotel, virtually gutted the main house while taking great care to preserve many of its details, including some of the original hand-painted wallpapers. "I

wanted to respect the architecture and the spirit of the house but also do something unexpected," Polizzi says, "so I jollied things up a bit with 1930s brightly colored fabrics, modern sculptures and pictures, and contemporary sofas from William Yeoward." Among the many joys of **Hotel Endsleigh** are its grounds, where gravel paths lead through gardens filled with streams, lily ponds, waterfalls, and palm trees. Coming next year is a swimming pool, as well as nine new rooms in the estate's former stables. Doubles from £220; 011-44-1822-870-248.

Hotelier Peter de Savary (of

the St. James' Clubs and Skibo Castle) bought another luxurious Dartmoor property, **Bovey Castle**, two years ago and has lavished millions on it. Some \$5 million alone went toward redoing its magnificent twenties golf course, built as a sister course to Gleneagles and Turnberry in Scotland. The 65-room resort also offers tennis, horseback riding, falconry, fishing, shooting, hiking, indoor swimming, and even seasonal ice skating. Other attractions include well-appointed rooms, baronial public areas, and a fine restaurant. Doubles from £220; 011-44-1647-445-000.

—RICHARD ALLEMAN



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