



● **CELEBRATING:** Head chef Shay Cooper and manager Alex Polizzi outside Hotel Endsleigh in Milton Abbot, near Tavistock, which has been named as one of the world's most desirable hotels

Hotel is named as one of top 60 in the world

A STUNNING Westcountry hotel is one of just four in the UK to feature in the "hot list" of a prestigious travel magazine. Condé Nast Traveller has highlighted the Hotel Endsleigh, near Tavistock, among 60 top hotels from around the world.

The magazine highlights the classic Georgian colours used in the "immaculate" restoration to Regency style, as well as huge beds, elegant armchairs and "delicious" traditional English food.

The write-up enthuses: "Despite its grandeur, this is the sort of place where you can kick off your shoes and pad about in socks."

The country house was built for the Duchess of Bedford in 1881, but is now owned by leading hotelier Olga Polizzi.

Her daughter Alex, who manages Endsleigh, said:

"It's incredibly exciting that Condé Nast have only highlighted four hotels in the UK, and we're one of them. It's a compliment to my mother's design and a testament to the atmosphere we have managed to create here."

She said the secret of creating a top hotel was to allow people to imagine they were not in a commercial establishment. "It still feels like a private house," she said. "My guests tell me it feels like they are staying in the home of someone they don't know very well, with wonderful food using the best local produce and no cause to be bored by the owners' conversation."

Guests are accommodated in 16 rooms, all unique in style and furnished with antiques and fine linens.

Condé Nast recommends a stay in room eight, where Queen Victoria once slept. The magazine gushes about

the "wonderful, listed, hand-painted wallpaper". As much emphasis is placed on the food as the decor. "We source absolutely everything locally," said Miss Polizzi. And the diverse range of meals are enjoyed in the dining room which overlooks the fabulous grounds.

The hotel is situated in 108 acres of woodland and garden. As well as the breathtaking scenery, guests can enjoy some of the best salmon and trout fishing in England without leaving the hotel's land.

Condé Nast editor Sarah Miller said: "Olga Polizzi is nothing short of a genius when it comes to designing hotels. As well as her fabulous work for brother Rocco Forte, Hotel Endsleigh is a great addition to the Tresanton Hotel in Cornwall. Anyone who's anyone is already heading to this grand country house. In fact, I'm hoping to go there myself this Easter."