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HOUSES  
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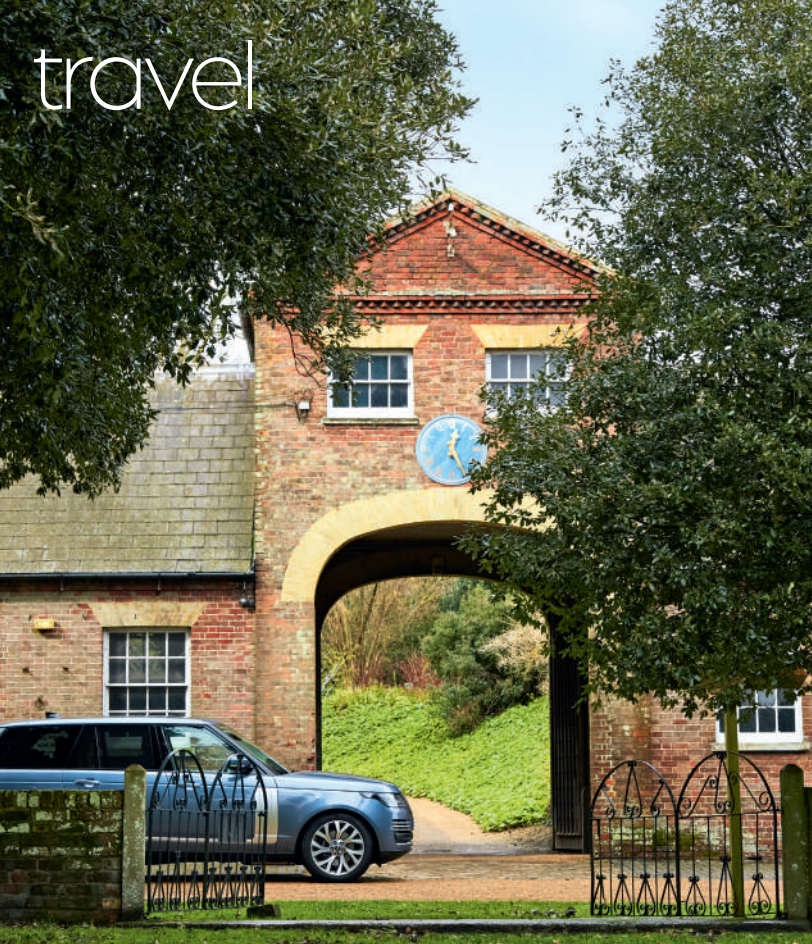
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**WHO WOULD SHE  
HAVE BEEN?**

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AT 60**

**BY TINA BROWN**



### Wolterton Hall, Norfolk

If the Walpoles were once one of the most powerful aristocratic families in all of England – counting Sir Robert, the UK's first prime minister, among them – their legacy endures in two of the four grand power houses of Norfolk: Houghton and Wolterton. It's thanks to ingenious designers Peter Sheppard and Keith Day that Grade I-listed Wolterton has been returned to its Walpole-era splendour. The Palladian pile had been sitting uninhabited for 30 years when the couple bought it from the 10th Baron Walpole in 2016. The furniture has been sourced from Venice, antiques fairs across the country and the Walpole family themselves. The East Wing, the Garden House, the Steward's House and other cottages are open to guests, and more properties are in the process of being restored. With 500 acres, including a walled garden and lake, there is no better place than Wolterton to get away from it all. [woltertonpark.co.uk](http://woltertonpark.co.uk)



Doorway to the Portrait Room at Wolterton Hall

### Goodnestone Park, Kent

Goodnestone Park is a paean to classic Austen elegance, with its majestic Queen Anne facade, parterres, Serpentine Walk and acres of rolling Kentish lawns. In 1796, Jane Austen decided to use the estate as a writing retreat and composed her most famous novel, *Pride & Prejudice*, here. Today, the stylish 12-bedroom retreat features rolltop baths, plush velvet sofas, ornate fireplaces and breathtaking views over the gardens, with a huge modern kitchen where the housekeeper, Ronnie, cooks up a storm. Walk through the archway to the romantic walled garden and gaze over the formal pond to the church tower beyond. It's a bewitching spot on a balmy night, when the moonlight catches the tips of the David Austin white roses, jasmine, foxgloves and delphiniums, bathing the landscape in a silver glow. [goodnestone.com](http://goodnestone.com)

The clock tower at Goodnestone Park

**SACRED SPOT**  
Below, the walled garden at Goodnestone Park, with views of the parish church



### Charity, Herefordshire

Imagine a remote mountain hideaway with staggering views and miles of first-class walking. Then add all the creature comforts you'd want after an all-day hike, and Charity is the result. A wild beauty at the end of a four-mile track in the Olchan Valley, this romantic farmhouse looks out towards the Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains. A series of interconnected converted buildings wrap around a central courtyard, where guests can enjoy a fire pit, barbecue and wood-fired hot tub. There are six bedrooms, and cosy dining and sitting areas. A barn has been converted into a cinema-cum-billiard room, perfect for when the rain descends. [uniquehomestays.com](http://uniquehomestays.com)

Charity farmhouse in the Black Mountains



Goodnestone Park

