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100,000 reasons to celebrate

Rudding Park cruises past guest milestone in style

When George and Rachel Firth booked to stay at Rudding Park hotel last week, it was simply another trip to visit family in the area. However it soon turned into something more special, as the booking made them officially the 100,000th guests since Rudding Park opened 9 years ago.

The couple, from Huddersfield, have stayed at Rudding Park 22 times in the last seven years, and have even celebrated special birthdays by holding events at the hotel for friends and family.

Their latest stay, on Sunday and Monday night last week, was a trip to see Rachel's sister Barbara Topliss, who lives nearby in York. As a surprise treat, hotel staff arranged for Mrs Topliss to join them as a guest at the hotel. And in recognition of the special milestone, the trio's entire stay was complimentary.

The hotel staff had also done their homework, and discovering George was a classic car enthusiast they set out to give him a stay he'd never forget. On Monday morning he was presented with the keys to a classic Bentley Eight for the day, while wife Rachel and her sister Barbara were treated to flowers and champagne.

The delighted trio drove themselves in style and comfort to nearby Helmsley to enjoy a special lunch.

Rachel Firth said:

"We could hardly believe it when the hotel phoned us to say we would be its 100,000th guests. We've enjoyed visits to Rudding Park for years, and we always



come back because the staff are excellent and they look after us so well. But this time it was even more special – they spoilt us rotten!

“George hasn’t stopped smiling since he got out of the Bentley. We’ll be staying at Rudding Park again soon, and I think George will be praying we’re the 200,000th guests as well!”

Lisa Watkinson, Rudding Park’s Front of House Manager, said:

“George and Rachel are familiar faces at Rudding Park, which is why it was such a delight to discover that their booking would take us through that special 100,000th barrier.

“We welcome people from all over the world – we have many regulars but also many visitors new to Rudding Park. So it was truly exceptional to be able to share this moment – a fantastic milestone for us – with familiar and friendly faces.”

Rudding Park is Yorkshire’s premier hotel and golf resort, and was voted Best UK Hotel in the Meetings Category of the Meetings & Incentive Travel Awards last week.

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Image shows (from left to right) Barbara Topliss, George Firth and Rachel Firth.

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