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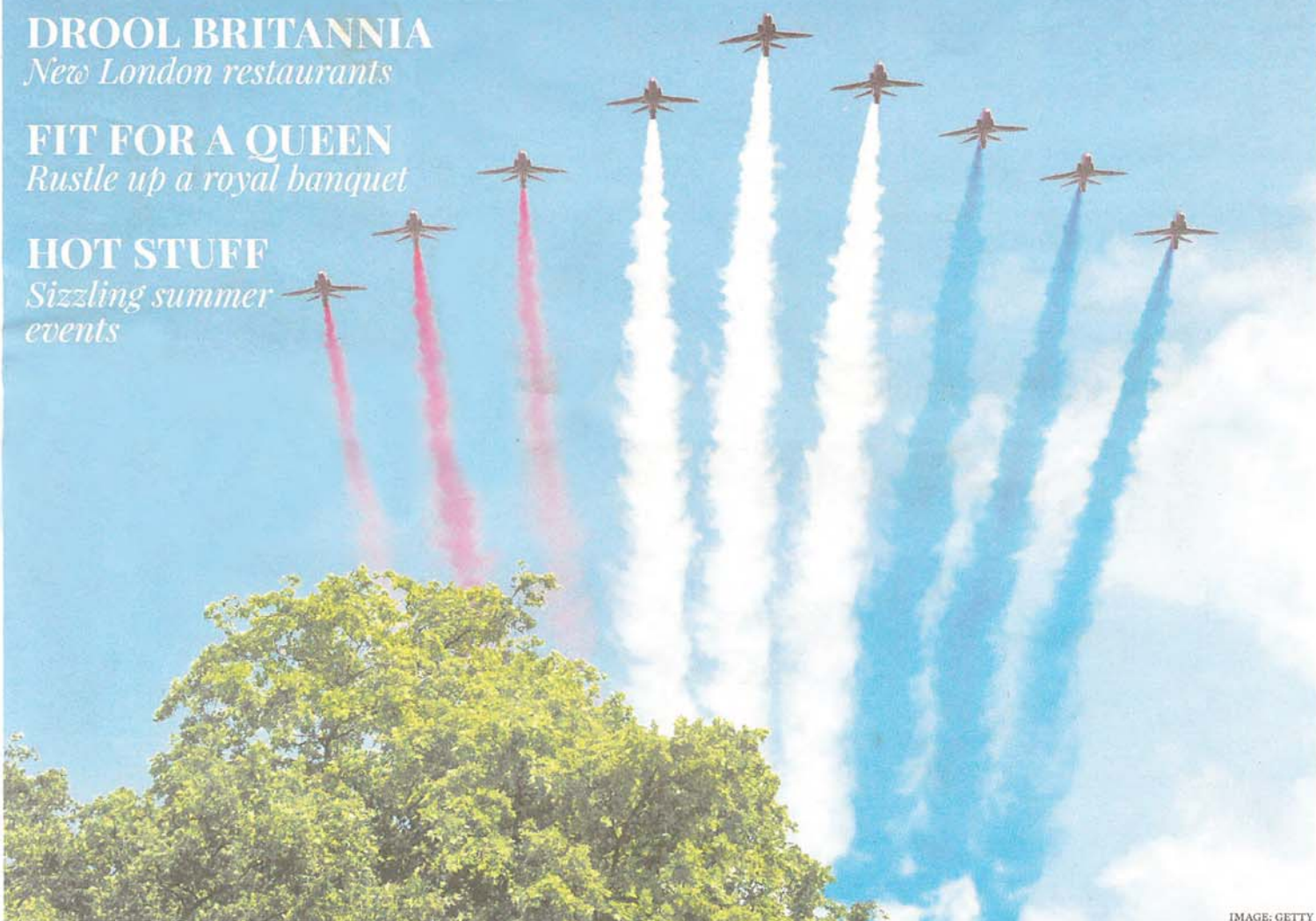


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Interior design that exceeds expectations

Jenny Blanc started her highly successful interior design company more than 20 years ago. Her respected design practice and elegant showroom in West London provides clients with traditional and contemporary homes both in the UK and the Caribbean.

In 2011, Jenny opened a second lifestyle showroom on the west coast of Barbados. It's been an overwhelming success, with clients seeing the showroom as a destination stop for their homes in the Caribbean or elsewhere.

Jenny's first success with interiors started with *Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons*, which she conceived with her then-husband, chef Raymond Blanc. Since then, she's developed a design practice renowned for its use of colours and fabrics, excellent project management and, most importantly, understanding how to translate clients' aspirations to create their perfect home. This success has seen her triumph at the International Property Awards several times.

One of Jenny's passions is renovating quintessentially British country homes. For the Hertfordshire Lodge project featured in this piece, Jenny used the best British craftsmen and fabric houses. Every element of every room was chosen for the mood and feeling it would contribute to the house. Wherever possible, period details such as lime-washed paints and decorative

antique touches were introduced to emphasise the property's heritage.

For the dining room, the client wanted a formal feeling while retaining the rustic influences, in keeping with the large bricked fireplace. The warmth and opulence of the Turnell & Gigon silk curtains, the exquisite tapestry for the dining chairs, the large gold gilt mirror and the glittering Vaughan chandelier were chosen to contrast with the simplicity of the oak furniture, to create a small room with big impact.

An antique dressing table was the perfect pick to add elegance to a bedroom, and fitted with the client's wish for a romantic, French-inspired feeling. The dressing table was in keeping with traditional Louis XIV-style furniture — its soft distressed finish complemented the calming aqua, taupe and cream colour scheme.

The house has an interesting history; the celebrated children's author Beatrix Potter stayed there for several years. On discovering a dark and dingy secret staircase, Jenny thought it would be a wonderful idea to take inspiration from Beatrix Potter's original artwork and to create an enchanting woodland theme featuring some of the writer's original characters. Throughout the whole process, Jenny and her team were closely involved with the client to ensure that their brief was met and their expectations were exceeded.



The owner of Hertfordshire Lodge said: "Choosing to work with Jenny Blanc and her team was undoubtedly one of the best decisions we ever made regarding our home. They listened, understood, interpreted and were able to second guess us to the point that we rarely, if ever, disagreed. It's fair to say, when we saw the house, tears of joy were shed as we were literally shown our dream come to life. I can't recommend Jenny Blanc highly enough."



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LONDON BARBADOS