



## The Goring



### The Goring Gin Garden

#### A Hepple Gin Safari – From June to September 2016

(April 2016) --- As the London summer approaches, we all long for somewhere to enjoy the perfect summer cocktail imbued with a breath of fresh English air. This summer that spot will be found right in the heart of Belgravia. From June 2016, The Goring will be recreating the wilds of Northumberland in the hotel's private garden. Working with emerging British spirits brand Hepple Gin, together they will create a one-off living bar and gin safari, bringing a taste of the soul-restoring Northumberland moors to the heart of London.

The Goring is the last luxury hotel in London that is still family owned and run, a place where contemporary design and innovation combine seamlessly with timeless English charm and elegance. So too, Hepple Gin reinterprets the way a premium gin is made, adapting old techniques and pioneering new ones.

Jeremy Goring, whose family has run The Goring for four generations, says:

*"Something is stirring in the Goring Gardens this summer...the Hepple Gin Safari is going to stimulate all the senses and leave a lasting memory (probably with a few details missing). Hepple Gin couldn't be more English: as bracing as the north wind and refreshing as a quick plunge in a Northumbrian hilltop pool. Just the thing on a warm summer evening in London!"*

The Goring garden will be awash with English juniper, Douglas fir, lovage, blackcurrant and other key botanicals which form the distinctive Hepple flavour. From the hand-built bar, decked out with sustainable living walls and roof, the team will serve a delicious array of new Hepple Gin cocktails created by drinks supremo Nick Strangeway, to bring the flavours of Northumberland to the glass. Guests will also be able to partake in an immersive gin safari around the garden, tasting each botanical from plant to glass.

Hepple Gin is the brainchild of TV chef and food writer Valentine Warner and his childhood friend Walter Riddell. Together with industry experts, Cairbry Hill and Nick Strangeway, they have created a most distinctive gin using a pioneering 3-part process that goes beyond traditional distilling methods, to reveal the botanicals at their freshest and most vital. Hepple Gin is made with junipers that grow around the distillery at Hepple, alongside other botanicals harvested from the wild Northumberland moors.

A gin-inspired menu has been specially curated by The Goring's Executive Chef Shay Cooper in collaboration with Valentine Warner. Together they have devised an exciting range of canapés, light bites and dishes, to provide expert food and drink pairings to the gin.

Walter Riddell, MD of Hepple Gin concludes:

*"We are thrilled to be working with The Goring because, like us, the hotel is a family business with an uncompromisingly independent spirit. There is no better spot in London for us to share a small corner of the Hepple estate so stylishly than The Goring Garden."*

The Goring Gin Garden will bring the wildness of the North to a corner of Belgravia and a gin experience like no other – from June to September 2016.

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**NOTES** -- The Goring was opened by Otto Goring in 1910. It is now the only five-star luxury hotel in London that is owned and run by the family that built it. Jeremy Goring is the fourth Goring to run The Goring since his great-grandfather opened it. Deep in the heart of Belgravia, just behind Buckingham Palace, The Goring is within strolling distance of the Royal Parks and the best shops, theatres and galleries in town. In 2015, The Goring completed a top-to-toe renovation, in time for its 105th birthday on 2 March 2015. Contemporary design and innovation now combine seamlessly with the charm and elegance of British heritage. Above all, The Goring reflects one family's passion for quality – whose members have prided themselves on providing comfort, good food and drink and faultless, individual service, for over a hundred years. In January 2013 The Goring was granted a Royal Warrant of appointment to HM The Queen for Hospitality Services