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Press Release: Visitor Centre Restaurant extends opening hours from 23rd July

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Based on the beautiful Island of Bute, Mount Stuart is Britain's most astounding Victorian Gothic Mansion. An award-winning historical visitor attraction, Mount Stuart lies less than 90 minutes from Central Glasgow, set within 300 acres of beautiful woodland and coastal gardens.

The impressive restaurant occupies the first floor of the award winning Visitor Centre. Opened in 2001 and in stark contrast to the splendor of Mount Stuart House, the cool, calm and modern space of the Visitor Centre provides our ever-growing number of visitors with a state-of-the-art facility. The Visitor Centre has quickly become a destination in its own right. The Visitor Centre Restaurant delivers an experience that plays on an international level complimenting the venue. It is simply becoming a destination for Food Excellence. Nowhere can you find a more perfect setting to savour the freshest seasonal locally-sourced food while admiring panoramic views across the grounds toward the Firth of Clyde. Frameless glass walls display the glorious views to their full potential, while al fresco dining on the balcony further enhances the vantage point during the summer months. Shortly after opening in 2001 early feedback described the restaurant as the 'best looking' in Scotland and it is very easy to see why.

The visitors' food and drink experience is that of good, fresh and local produce. We are continually improving food quality, services and standards utilizing the freshest local produce available therefore providing a unique 'Taste of Bute' experience to our visitors. The ever changing menu amplifies our use of the fresh, seasonal, local produce available from within the Mount Stuart Estate, the Island of Bute and the wider region of Argyll. We adopt a simple, accessible approach to our food delivery, never over complicating things and simply allowing the natural flavours of the Bute larder to speak for themselves.

From Friday 23rd July the Mount Stuart Visitor Centre Restaurant will open until 9.30pm daily. Now for the first time diners will be able to enjoy the delicious menu which includes New Season Lamb from Bute farms, Oven Baked Fillet of Gigha Halibut and Seared Bute Rib Eye Steak in peaceful and sophisticated surroundings into the evenings.

The Restaurant will continue to open from 10am daily.

For further information please contact Mount Stuart on 01700 503877 or visit the website: www.mountstuart.com or www.eatBute.com