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Bridget Jones' knickers and Perrier-Jouët Jeroboam to benefit The Royal Parks Foundation

Bridget Jones' knickers, personally signed by Hugh Grant with a message to "Mummy", will be auctioned along with a two-foot tall jeroboam of Perrier-Jouët's Belle Epoque 1995 to benefit The Royal Parks Foundation at a charity party in Hyde Park, on Thursday 14 September.

Scenes from *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason* were filmed in The Royal Parks (including the opening scene on Primrose Hill echoing *The Sound of Music*, plus the famous fistfight in the Kensington Garden fountains between Colin Firth and Hugh Grant). So it came as a wonderful surprise when the charity received the special knickers for their event, delivered by Trustee, Zac Goldsmith.

The Foundation is hoping to raise £100,000 at the fundraising party, which comes after the hottest summer on record. The Parks' burnt landscapes are slowly turning green again, but they will need a lot of extra care to get them back into top shape over the autumn and winter. Trees and wildlife have suffered - meaning additional help from the Foundation will be vital.

The "Party Belle Epoque", will take the form of an art nouveau extravaganza. The charity is shipping an authentic 1920's *spiegeltent*, or "tent of mirrors", from Belgium for a night of can-can and variety acts with cabaret show Medium Rare.

Champagne house Perrier-Jouët, famed for their unique bottles decorated with art nouveau anemones, are not only co-hosting the event, they are lovingly transporting hundreds of bottles of their latest vintage the Belle Epoque 1999 Blanc de Blancs from Epernay to the shores of the Serpentine to be enjoyed by the 350 guests and to support The Royal Parks. A generous gesture - this spectacular champagne will cost around £180 a bottle when it reaches UK stores just a few days later!

Guests at the event, will include Zac and Sheherezade Goldsmith, Ben and Kate Goldsmith and Lady Annabel Goldsmith among many others.

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