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ONE MINUTE NEWS

Village for sale

At the foot of the Cotswolds you will find the hamlet of Castle Combe - said to be Britain's loveliest village. Today, Castle Combe is up for sale. A century ago, the Maurice family inherited the manor house, and with it, the village. Ever since, the 350 inhabitants have been paying their rent to the squire.

A gable-roofed cottage is the village post office. 74 year old postmaster Tom Smith, is its main contact with the outside world. For 900 years - time stood still at Castle Combe. Now it's hoped that the National Trust will preserve the village's rustic beauty.

Paris says longer

For a follow-up on the long or short skirt controversy, we sent over to Paris to get their views. According to Paris - the long skirt is here to stay. These afternoon dresses emphasise the new neckline. In Marie Antoinette's garden at Versailles, 6 footer mannequins show what the well dressed woman will wear. Down the steps comes the "Skipper" model - tight at the waist with a full skirt made up of large bands of green and grey material.

For evening wear - Paris has gone all the way back to Queen Victoria. A panner at the back and a front corrage.

These models have large court cloaks, one of beige satin, the other in green cloth with fur trimmings. For the future, says Paris, we shall see less leg and more skirt.