



The scene in the Crown with The Queen (Claire Foy) dancing with the Ghanaian president Kwame Nkrumah. Above right, The Queen with Ghanaian president Kwame Nkrumah during her visit in 1961.



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Elveden Hall proves to be jewel in the Crown for Suffolk filming locations

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The new series of Netflix drama The Crown features scenes filmed in Suffolk, it has been revealed.

The hit show, starring Claire Foy and Matt Smith, returns to Netflix this Friday for season two, with the final day of the production's filming having come to west Suffolk.

In May, the production wrapped with the final scenes shot at Elveden Hall, which doubled for locations in Ghana.

The filming came just weeks before Ridley Scott's latest blockbuster All the Money in the World graced the same location for flashback scenes in July.

Film location company Film Fixer, which manages Screen Suffolk, had worked closely with the production in London, and helped secure the hall for the production to come to Suffolk.

Screen Suffolk director Karen Everett said: "The stunning eastern interiors are a hangover from when the Maharajah of the Punjab, Prince Frederick Duleep Singh owned the hall. He was creating these beautiful rooms in the 1870s.

"Screen Suffolk was not directly involved in arranging this shoot. However, we like to think that our ongoing advocacy is partly



One of the scenes in the new series of The Crown filmed at Elveden Hall in Suffolk, doubling as Ghana.

Picture: NETFLIX

responsible, and location managers are now more likely to ask themselves whether they could shoot the required scenes in Suffolk.

"We are delighted the county attracted this very prestigious, big budget production.

"Reputation is very important in the film business. This shoot is further testament to the county's diversity and film-friendly attitude."

The set was used for the shooting of scenes charting the Queen's visit to Ghana in 1961, deemed controversial at the time because of the authoritarian rule in the country.

Her visit there was hailed as a resounding success in easing tensions.

The impressive Elveden Hall has been used by a host of top film productions over the past 30 years, including Stanley Kubrick's swansong Eyes Wide Shut, James Bond flick The Living Daylights and action adventure romp Lara Croft: Tomb Raider.

Screen Suffolk was awarded the contract to bring TV, film, advert, shorts and photography shoots to the county on behalf of Suffolk County Council in 2016.

The tie-up aims to boost Suffolk's tourism, film and catering economies.

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Last dance for Sudbury group



Sudbury car park dance committee hands over money raised from their 1960s recreation dance in 2015. Picture: LIBRARY

A popular dance - which took place in Sudbury throughout the 1960s and was revived in 2011 - will be staged for the last time this month.

The dance used to take place in North Street car park and the idea to recreate the event and hold it indoors at the Delphi Centre was formed six years ago by a group of friends - now aged in their 60s.

More than £20,000 has been raised for various charities since the event was revived.

The original group, who

recreated the event, consisted of Bonnie Foster, Neil Taylor, Don Brett, John Brooks, Maureen Owen, Melvyn Theobald and the late Freddie Lay and John Cobbold.

A contribution will be made to Macmillan in memory of Freddie Lay this year.

The dance enthusiasts say this will be the last event due to the fact the group is getting smaller.

The dance will be held at the Delphi Centre on Saturday, December 16, and tickets are available by phoning 01787 377014.



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