We Should Heed Research into What’s Happening in Rural Areas

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This villa near Florence, owned by Helena Bonham Carter’s family for almost 70 years, gets a grand tour as the property goes on sale for £6m.

In the 1960s film Il Bouco, with a 17-year-old Helena Bonham Carter throwing open a window in Florence and howling: “I’m in love!” with the scenery, the Occidental audience was introduced to this generously proportioned, 80-year-old country villa in Tuscany. The property, with its view over the olive groves and cypress trees, which is currently owned by Elena, her mother, and her cousin David Pryce-Jones, was bought in the 1940s – a bit more. Of course it’s sad, and I hate change, but life is like that,” said Elena, who was also fond of San Martino.

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While the family have put the property on the market, there is a hope that one of the members of the extended clan might make a bid. There’s even a chance that the house might be sold back to the family, which sold it to them in the 1930s, to a cousin who made a film for the family.

Rooms with a view

The route takes you near Villa Il Roseto, once owned by Galileo, and the Florence countryside, which is filled with winding roads and family homes with gardens and olive groves below.

Ivory tower

From Florence’s railway station, you can take a taxi to the family’s home, which is a 10-minute drive from central Florence. The villa has eight bedrooms, a private swimming pool, and bathrooms, which look as if they have been in the family for decades, and which are increasingly almost untouched.

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