

# CHEQUER INN STEYNING

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# OVER FIVE CENTURIES OF INNKEEPING



The Chequer Inn has been a landmark for over five hundred years, acting as Court House, Jail, Auction Room and meeting place.

There are many fascinating documents referring to this busy establishment, in 1653 poet and traveller John Taylor wrote:

*August the 18, twelve long miles to Steyning  
I rode, and nothing saw there worth the Kenning,  
But that mine Host there was a jovial Wight,  
My Hostess fat and fair, was goodly sight:  
The sign, the Chequer, eighteen pence to pay,  
My mare ate mortal meat, good Oats and Hay.*

The Chequer was an important meeting place, for many years boasting a 25 foot mahogany dining table and playing host to many a banquet of mutton, beef, pigeon, pheasant, asparagus, local vegetables, bread, cheese, plum puddings, ale, sherry and port wine.

In the 19th century accommodation was provided in eight chambers, ranging from gentlemen's rooms with curtained four-posters, to the drovers' quarters containing ten straw beds or palliasses. Servants also lived on the premises, usually numbering around six according to the Inn's documents. There was a smoking bar and a gaming room. Teas were also served in the more genteel Lower Saloon and cock fights were also held at the Inn.

# THE CHEQUER INN TODAY

This attractive and historic 15th Century Coaching Inn offers today's traveller a warm welcome, fine home-cooked traditional and speciality food and an award-winning cellar.

The Chequer Inn is proud to offer overnight accommodation in the Great Chamber, which has been converted in recent times. This now comprises a family room, a double room and a twin/single room, all with en-suite shower rooms, TV and Tea and Coffee making facilities. A superb full English breakfast is also offered, which has unsurprisingly grown a strong reputation for being 'the best in Town'.

The Inn retains many of its original features, including open fires and intriguing timber-framed architecture, which reflect its fascinating 500+ year history. Home-cooked food is served in the dining room, or near to the open log fire in the Saloon Bar, along with a good selection of fine wines and local and award-winning ales. A 100-year-old <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-size snooker table is also available in the billiard room, along with a plasma TV screen in the public bar for popular sporting events.

All of these features combine to make a memorable stay in one of the oldest and finest hostelries in Sussex.

## OPENING TIMES

### **BAR**

10.00am - 11.00pm Sunday - Thursday  
10.00am - 12 midnight Friday & Saturday

### **RESTAURANT**

#### **Breakfast Menu:**

10.00am - 12 midday Monday to Saturday  
10.00am - 11.30 Sunday

#### **Lunch & Evening Menu:**

12 midday - 2.00pm & 6.30pm - 9.00pm Monday to Saturday

#### **Sunday Lunch**

12 midday - 2.30pm

## ROOM RATES

Single: £45.00 Double/Twin: £80.00

Family Room: 3 people £90.00, 4 people £100.00

**All prices include our famous full English breakfast**

## ENQUIRIES

Our Managers and staff are happy to assist you with bookings or enquiries.

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## WHERE WE ARE

### BY ROAD

Via A23, A24, A27 onto A283

### BY RAIL

To Shoreham or Pulborough stations



## LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Steyning Museum

South Downs Way

Woods Mill

Parham House and Park

Pulborough Brooks

Amberley Chalk Pits Museum

Arundel Wildfowl Trust

Sussex Weald and Downland Museum

Fontwell Park Racecourse

Goodwood

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