

Welcome to the Best Western New Holmwood Hotel



We are pleased that you have chosen our hotel for your stay and offer the following amenities and services.

If you require any assistance or a service that we have not listed, please do not hesitate to contact reception.

Reception is accessible 24 hours a day.

By pressing '0' on your phone you will be connected to Reception.

or [WhatsApp 07375940641](https://www.whatsapp.com/business/profile/07375940641)

Reception

Reception is open between the hours of 7am – 11pm

A Night porter is on duty between 11pm – 7am

Telephone calls, faxes, emails can all be received 24 hours a day

Reception can be contacted at any time by pressing '0' on your phone
or by [WhatsApp](#) from your mobile on [07375940641](tel:07375940641)

Credit Cards

We accept all major credit and debit cards, such as:
MasterCard, Visa, Visa Electron, Switch, Solo, American Express
and Diners Club International

Departure & Express Check-Out

Check out time is **11am**.

A later departure can be arranged with prior notification to Reception; this is subject to availability and may incur charges.

If you wish to depart earlier, Reception is open from 7am or you can use our '**Express Check-Out**' for your convenience. Visit Reception before 11pm and settle your account, and then just leave your key on the desk in the morning.

Fire Instructions

Please read the fire notice displayed on the door in your room. If you suffer from hearing problems, please notify reception to enable us to cater for your needs.

Please note that the smoke detectors located in guest rooms are extremely sensitive and can be set off by steam from the bathroom if the door is not closed properly.

Dial 9-999 in an emergency

Restaurant

Breakfast

Available from 7.30am—9.30am Mon to Sat, 8:00am—10:00am Sunday

Served in our Restaurant.

Restaurant Lunch & Light Bite Menu

Served in the Restaurant and on the terraces or in your rooms between

12—2:00pm

Please order with Reception or a team member.

Restaurant Dinner & Light Bite Menu

Served in the Restaurant and on the terraces or in your rooms between

6:30pm—8:30pm.

Please order with Reception or a team member.

Breakfast To Go

A “**Grab & Go**” breakfast is also available; either delivered to your room or collected from Reception to take away with you.

Please order before 9pm in the evening.

This consists of
Croissant with Jam & Butter, Fresh Fruit Salad, Granola Bar, Fruit Yoghurt,
Orange Juice

Bar

Our bar is situated on the ground floor and is open

10:30 am - 11:00pm Monday to Saturday and 11:00am - 11:00pm Sunday

Drinks are also served in our lounge areas and on our terraces.

Internet

There are **USB** charger sockets available by the dressing table / desk for your convenience.

Free Wireless Broadband is also available throughout the hotel, you just need to log onto the internet and select "**BWNewHolmwoodHotel**" you will then be prompted for the passcode: **holmwoodguest**. This is all in lower case and there are no spaces.

Should you have trouble, then please contact reception by dialling '**0**' or from your mobile contact reception using **WhatsApp 07375940641** and a member of staff will assist you in connecting.

In addition, there are 3 hard wired internet access points situated in the upper lounge area

Television Stations

A full range of Freeview Channels are available for your enjoyment.

We also have **Sky Sports Premier** and **Sky Sports Main Event** for you to watch.

To watch Sky Sports press "input" on your remote and select "**ATV**".

Sky Sports Premier is **C30**

Sky Sports Main Event is **C35**

(or from BBC1 change the channel by moving down on the arrow)

Tea and Coffee Making Facilities

Tea and coffee making facilities are available in your room, further supplies are available from Reception 24 hours per day. However, should you require herbal teas or fresh milk/cream please contact reception

Newspapers and Wake Up Calls

Please order any required newspapers with reception by **10:30pm** the night before. These will be placed outside your bedroom door once delivered.

Wake Up Calls can be ordered through reception 24 hours a day or there is an alarm clock available in your room.

Hairdryers

You will find a hairdryer for your personal use in your room.

Please refrain from using a hairdryer or straighteners directly under a smoke detector as the heat will set the alarms off!

The voltage in the United Kingdom is 240V and only electrical shavers may be plugged into the bathroom outlet.

Complimentary Toiletries and Amenities

For your convenience complimentary toiletries such as:

Toothbrush & toothpaste, razor & shaving foam, combs, shower caps, soap, shoe polish, vanity kits, sewing kits, sanitary towels and face cloths are all available at no extra charge from the reception desk 24 hours a day.

We also have additional towels available during the reception opening hours; just dial '0' from your room phone or on your mobile by using [WhatsApp 07375940641](https://www.whatsapp.com/business/profile/07375940641)

Extra Blankets

There is an extra blanket available in the wardrobe. If you require any extra blankets and pillows; please contact Reception.

Housekeeping

If you do not wish to be disturbed, please place the 'Do Not Disturb' sign on the outside of your door to inform Housekeeping that you do not wish your room to be serviced.

If you later need clean towels, please contact Reception

Laundry

We are pleased to offer you a full laundry service; there is a list and laundry bag in the top drawer of your dressing table. Any items to be laundered should be placed in the bag provided and taken to reception.

Your laundry will be returned to you the same day depending on the time given to reception. For items requiring dry cleaning please contact reception, these will take at least 3 days.

Secretarial Services

Fax service, typing, photocopying and emailing are all available through reception between the hours of 7am - 11pm

Valuables

The hotel can accept no responsibility for cash or valuables unless deposited at reception for safekeeping. Please contact reception, should you wish your valuables to be safely stored away.

Doctor

For emergency medical attention reception can be contacted by dialling “0”, we are available 24 hours a day or you can phone NHS on

(9) 111 for medical advice

Dial **9-999** in an emergency

Postage

If you wish to post any mail, this is collected from the reception desk Monday to Saturday.

There is also a **post box** just outside the hotel, please contact reception for directions.

Complimentary Stationery

Any stationery requirements are available from Reception

Meetings, Conferences and Private Dining

We have a couple of function rooms available to hire whatever your needs, from private dining to a presentation.

Please contact our Duty Manager who will be happy to show you the rooms, give you the costs, and answer any questions that you have. We also provide a data projector and screen along with flip charts. Should you require any other equipment then we can organise this with an outside company for you.

Telephone

The telephone in your room is direct dial; just press 9 for an outside line. Charges for outside calls made through the room telephones are charge directly to your room bill at local and national rates.

Dial ‘0’ will put you through to Reception; please also use ‘0’ for assistance during the night or from your mobile you can contact reception on **WhatsApp 07375940641**

If you wish to dial another room,
add “20” before rooms 1-9 and add “2” before rooms 10-28.

Sundries

Bottled water is provided in your rooms. If you require any more, please contact reception.

Ice can be obtained from the bar 24 hours a day.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the building, only on the outside terraces.

Mechanical freestanding fans can be obtained from reception on request.

An iron and ironing board may also be obtained from reception on request.

Room heating/cooling; all bedroom radiators have individual controls for guests to set their preferred temperature.

Continental to UK adaptors are available to hire from reception.

Staff are available to assist with luggage at any times, please do not hesitate to ask.

Luggage can also be stored in a secure area during the reception opening times of 7am-11pm, please contact reception to arrange this.

The reception team can take any messages for you and will be placed under your bedroom door ready for your return.

Childcare — (Unfortunately this service is temporarily suspended.)

We value our guests' opinion and ideas for our hotel; please feel free to complete our own customer comments card or visit.

www.bwfeedback.com

or

www.newholmwoodhotel.co.uk/tripadvisor



We hope that you will enjoy your stay with us at the
Best Western New Holmwood Hotel.

Should you require further information or encounter any problems during your stay with us, please do not hesitate to contact our reception team or Duty Manager 24 hours a day



Restaurant Bar & Light Bites Menu

For a copy of our daily specials please contact Reception

Serving times are 12 - 2pm and 6.30 - 8.30pm

Dial (0) on your guest room phone or from your mobile

WhatsApp 07375940641

for room service orders

FOOD ALLERGIES AND INTOLERANCES

Please speak to our staff about
the ingredients in your meal
when making your order.

Thank You!

Restaurant Menu

Chef de cuisine Mr. Alan Reeves

Soup of the Day with Crusty Bread
£6.00

Duo of Honeydew & Chanterais Melon with Orange Segments, Berries, Orange & Cointreau Syrup
£7.00

Deep-Fried Crispy Breaded Goats Cheese & Beetroot Balls with Red Onion & Balsamic Dressing
£7.00

Smoked Salmon with King Prawns, Avocado, Dill Dressing & Granary Bread
£9.50

Lightly Dusted Deep-Fried Calamari with Salad, Roasted Garlic & Lemon Dip
£8.00

Avocado, Feta Cheese, Roasted Tomato & Olive Salad with Balsamic Dressing
£7.00

Pan-Fried King Prawns in Tomato, Chorizo & Garlic Butter, Savoury Rice
£11.00 (£3 Supp DBB Guest)



Pan-Fried Pork Fillet with Buttered Cabbage,
Mashed Potato & Wholegrain Mustard & Honey Sauce
£16.00

Chicken & Ham Hock Pot Pie
With Cheddar Crust & New Potatoes
£15.00

Baked Cod Supreme with Mushroom Crust,
Mashed Potato, Mushroom & Thyme Cream Sauce
£17.00

Pan-Fried Lamb Rump
With Black Pudding, Dauphinoise Potato & Redcurrant Jus
£18.00

Pan-Fried Seabass Fillet
With Brown Crab, Leek & Spinach Risotto
£19.00

Mediterranean Chicken Breast
With Roasted Vegetables, New Potatoes & Pesto Cream Sauce
£15.00

Asparagus, Brie, Pea & Caramelized Onion Tartlet
With Creamed Spinach & New Potatoes
£14.00

All served with a Mixed Vegetable Side



Dark Chocolate & Hazelnut Brownie with Vanilla Ice-Cream, Cocoa Syrup & Berries £6.50

Lemon Curd & Meringue Semifreddo with Berries & Baked Meringue £7.00

Lotus Biscuit & Mascarpone Mousse with Biscuit Crumb & Lotus Biscuit Ice-Cream £7.00

Apple & Cinnamon Sponge with Calvados Custard & Clotted Cream Ice-Cream £7.00

Baileys Panna Cotta with Berries, Cocoa Syrup & Shortbread Biscuit £6.50

Selection of Local Ice-Cream & Sorbets £6.00

Chef's Selection of Cheese with Chutney & Crackers £8.00

**Steak & Island Ale Puff Pastry Pie
With Chunky Chips & Vegetables
£15.50**

**Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne
5With Chips & Salad
£14.50**

**Deep-Fried Breaded Scampi, Skinny Fries, Peas & Tartare Sauce
£15.00**

**Isle of Wight Beef Lasagne
With Chips & Salad
£15.00**

**Gammon Steak with Double Fried Egg,
Peas & Chunky Chips
£14.00**

Side Dishes

Garlic Bread	£4.25
Chunky Chips	£3.50
Skinny Fries	£3.50
Onion Rings	£3.50
Bread Roll & Butter	£2.00
Side Salad	£3.50
Olives	£4.00
Mixed Vegetables	£3.50



Bar & Light Bites Menu



Starters

Chef's Soup Of The Day, Bread Roll	£6.00
Prawn Cocktail With Brown Bread	£8.50
Deep-Fried Dusted Calamari with Salad & Roasted Garlic Dip	£8.00
Cheesy Garlic Bread	£5.25

Main Meals

Steak & Island Ale Puff Pastry Pie with Chunky Chips & Vegetables	£15.50
Catch of the Day; Fresh Fish with New Potatoes & Vegetables	£16.50
Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne with Chips & Salad	£14.50
Deep-Fried Breaded Scampi, Skinny Fries, Peas & Tartare Sauce	£15.00
Isle of Wight Beef Lasagne with Chips & Salad	£15.00
Roast of the Day	Adult £14.50 Child £10.00
Gammon Steak with Double Fried Egg, Peas & Chunky Chips	£14.00

Jacket Potatoes

All Served with Butter & Salad Garnish

Cheddar Cheese	£8.50
Baked Beans	£8.50
Chilli Con Carne	£9.00
Tuna Mayonnaise	£9.50
Prawns & Marie Rose Sauce	£11.50

Sandwiches & Baguettes

All Served with Skinny Fries & Salad Garnish

Roast Ham, Mustard & Salad	£8.00/£9.00
Chicken Mayonnaise & Salad	£8.00/£9.00
Cheddar Cheese with Pickle	£8.00/£9.00
Tuna Mayonnaise & Cucumber	£8.50/£9.50
Smoked Salmon, Cream Cheese & Cucumber	£9.00/£10.00
Prawn & Marie Rose Sauce	£9.50/£10.50
Bacon, Brie & Cranberry	£9.50/£10.50

Omelettes

All served with Side Salad

Choice of one filling of Tomato, Ham, Mushroom, Onion or Smoked Salmon **£9.50**
Extra Filling £1.00

Salads

Ham, Cheddar & Mustard Ploughman's **£12.50**
Smoked Salmon & Prawn Platter **£16.00**
Mixed Cheese Ploughman's **£12.50**
Greek Salad; Feta Cheese, Olives, Tomato **£10.00**

Side Dishes

Garlic Bread **£4.25**
Chunky Chips **£3.50**
Skinny Fries **£3.50**
Onion Rings **£3.50**
Bread Roll & Butter **£2.00**
Side Salad **£3.50**
Olives **£4.00**

Desserts

Baileys Panna Cotta with Berries, Cocoa Syrup & Shortbread Biscuit **£6.50**
Apple & Cinnamon Sponge with Calvados Custard & Clotted Cream Ice-Cream **£7.00**
Dark Chocolate & Hazelnut Brownie with Vanilla Ice-Cream, Berries & Cocoa Syrup **£6.50**
Lemon Curd & Meringue Semifreddo with Berries & Baked Meringue **£7.00**
Lotus Biscuit & Mascarpone Mousse with Biscuit Crumb & Lotus Biscuit Ice-Cream **£7.00**
Chef's Selection of Cheese & Biscuits **£8.00**
Selection of New Forest Real Dairy Ice Creams and Sorbets **£6.00**



Afternoon Tea

Cream Tea for One; 1 Scone, Cream, Jam, Butter & Small Pot of Tea or Coffee **£6.95**
Cream Tea for Two; 2 Scones, Cream, Jam, Butter & Small Pot of Tea or Coffee **£9.95**
1 Scone, Cream, Jam & Butter **£3.75**
1 Toasted Tea Cake, Jam & Butter **£3.50**
Toast & Jam—2 Slices **£2.95**
Pot of Tea or Coffee Small Pot **£4.50** Large Pot **£7.25**
Pot of Fruit and Infusion Teas Small Pot **£4.50** Large Pot **£7.25**
Pot of Hot Chocolate Small Pot **£4.50** Large Pot **£7.25**

**Please ask your waiter for our
Liqueur Coffee Menu**

History of the Holmwood

The Twilight of the Victorian era and the early years from the turn of the last century saw EGYPT POINT enjoying the patronage of more crowned heads, Kings, Queens, Tsars and Kaiser Wilhelm II, than any other world locale of comparable size.

A number of distinguished persons graced HOLMWOOD HOUSE, built in 1872 by Mr Charles Maw, head of the pharmaceutical firm known for babies' bottles, teats and other nursery impedimenta, during this period. Maw rented the house to continental royalty (as did the owners of the other few Victorian houses nearby) and Mr Denys Maw, recently retired Chairman of the Company, has recalled for us that his grandfather's tenants occasionally included the Prince and Princess of Liechtenstein.

Attending the Liechtenstein's gay HOLMWOOD parties was their German kinsman, the keen Yacht-racing Kaiser Wilhelm II, sometimes accompanied by his English cousin, King Edward VII. Mr Maw has said how a member of the Maw family, then aged 10, remembers being told in the hall by the new King, "You are going to be a very pretty girl when you grow up". From the front lawn, the young royals would watch the yachts racing by, the Kaiser often sitting on the stone bench, which is still in the garden below the wall, with binoculars glued to the scene.

Mr Frank Beken, outstanding marine photographer of his time, whose numerous royal subjects included the Kaiser. We were told how once he watched the German Emperor standing on the stone waving to a friend in a passing yacht some fifty to sixty feet away. "I was certain he would overbalance and fall into the road". Sadly, for history it did not happen!

It is no secret that outside the HOLMWOOD in the summer of 1874, Lord Randolph Churchill met a young woman, for the second time, to whom he had already been introduced. She was spending that summer vacation in the small white cottage (known then as "Rose Villa") which is immediately to our right, which her mother had rented for the fashionable season. On the cottage lawn, Churchill proposed-their engagement announced at a party in Egypt House, a hundred yards or so to our left, which Queen Victoria herself attended.

The girl's name was Jenny Jerome, mother to be of Winston Churchill. While it is believed that Winston Churchill once paid a sentimental pilgrimage to the cottage as a youth, the Baroness Clementine Spencer-Churchill wrote recently to say that during their lifetime together he never visited Cowes. The two 70 feet Monterey Cypress trees that tower over the hotel lawn were planted at Osborne House for Queen Victoria. By the 1900's standing almost as high as they are today, they were favourites of the tree-loving Kaiser who nicknamed them "Gig and Magog". (Unfortunately, the trees were cut down in 1994, due to disease).

In 1903, King Edward liked the idea of a post-box being installed on the wall of HOLMWOOD to “match” the one further up the road bearing his mother’s royal cipher. He is believed to be the only reigning monarch to post correspondence in a box with his personal cipher!

It might be of interest to know that Victoria and Albert used to stroll past HOLMWOOD after dinner at Osborne for the express purpose of watching the late sunsets at the Point, which was their favourite place on the Parade.

[Egypt Point Poses a Riddle](#)

Origin of the name EGYPT POINT has always been shrouded in mystery. Some people believe it was named after a ship called “Egypt”, others claim that wreckers using false beacons lured “Egypt” to her doom at the Point. Another section insists that “Egypt” foundered in the worst storm of the 19th century, and of course, there is the popular yarn that the Government named it to commemorate the peace with Napoleon in Egypt in 1802.

A search of various impeccably maintained records, including those at Lloyds of London and in the British Museum, fail to reveal any registration of an “Egypt” ship or of any “Egypt” wrecks. The Napoleonic theory is disproved with the publication of the first large scale map of the country, by Isaac Taylor in 1759, showing “Egypt” as a building after which, in time, the point itself was named.

Why Egypt? As far back as 1678 (circa) gypsies from Dorset were living near Gurnard. This provides the vital clue. For it should be borne in mind that the gypsies were formerly known as “Egyptians”, since that is where they were thought to have come from (see Oxford English Dictionary definition of “Gypsy”)