

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 dial '[777](#)' on your phone you will be connected to Reception.
or [WhatsApp 07375940641](#)

Wherever Life Takes You, Best Western Is There.®

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 dialling **'777'** on your phone
or by **WhatsApp** from your mobile on **07375940641**

Credit Cards

We accept all major credit and debit cards, such as:

**MasterCard, Visa, Visa Electron, Maestro, 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 10pm 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 **999** in an emergency

Restaurant

Breakfast

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

Served in our Restaurant.

Unfortunately, we are unable to serve breakfast outside on our terraces.

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.

If you are intending to have Dinner with us, we strongly advise you book a time & table in the Restaurant. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee to have availability if you do not book,

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.

Bar Snacks for Residents

Our bar snack menu for residents is available from 12 noon – 10.00pm daily

Beverages

Pot of Tea or Coffee	Small Pot	£4.95	Large Pot	£8.00
Pot of Fruit and Infusion Teas	Small Pot	£4.95	Large Pot	£8.00
Pot of Hot Chocolate	Small Pot	£4.95	Large Pot	£8.00
Latte Cup	Espresso Cup	£2.30	Cappuccino Cup	£2.30
Hot Chocolate Cup	Milk Glass	£2.40		£0.95

Food

Sandwiches are served on white or brown bread and served with salad garnish & crisps

Ham £8.00	Cheese & Tomato £8.00	Prawn & Marie Rose £9.50	
	Tuna & Mayonnaise £8.50	Cheese & Pickle £8.00	

Cream Tea for One; 1 Scone, Cream, Jam, Butter & Small Pot of Tea or Coffee	£7.65
Cream Tea for Two; 2 Scones, Cream, Jam, Butter & Small Pot of Tea or Coffee	£10.95

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 '**777**' 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.

Extra Blankets

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

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 **'777'** from your room phone or on your mobile by using
WhatsApp 07375940641

Housekeeping

If you do not want Housekeeping to go into your room, please display the **'DO NOT DISTURB'** sign on the outside of your door when you go out.

If this is displayed your room will not be serviced. Clean towels, toiletries etc can still be required from Reception.

Laundry

We are pleased to offer you a full laundry service; a list and a laundry bag are available from Reception. Any items to be laundered should be placed in the bag provided and taken to reception.

Your laundry will be returned to you as soon as possible, generally the following day. 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 “777”, we are available 24 hours a day or you can phone NHS on **111** for medical advice or Dial **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 ‘777’ for assistance during the night or from your mobile you can contact reception on **WhatsApp 07375940641**

If you wish to dial another room, add “30” before rooms 1-9 and add “3” before rooms 10-28.

Sundries

Smoking and Vaping are not permitted anywhere inside the building, including all bedrooms, only on the outside terraces.

If smoking or vaping has taken place in the room a charge of £150.00 will be applied.

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.

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 they will be placed under your bedroom door ready for your return.

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

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 ([777](#)) 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

£6.60

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

£7.70

Fresh Steamed Whole Mussels in Tomato, Chorizo & I.O.W Garlic Sauce

£9.50

Deep-Fried Dusted Calamari with Salad, Roasted I.O.W Garlic & Lemon Dip

£9.50

Whole Baked Sharing Camembert with Onion Marmalade, Crudites & Ciabatta

£13.00

Crispy Chicken Gyozas with Salad, Toasted Peanuts & Soy Dressing

£8.50

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

£7.70

Deep-Fried Crispy Breaded Goats Cheese with Cranberry & Red Onion Marmalade

£7.90



Roast Local Lamb Rump

With Braised Lamb Shoulder Stew, Mashed Potato & Mixed Vegetable Side

£22.00

Baked Asian Salmon Fillet

With Soy & Chilli Dressing, Pak Choi, King Prawns & Steamed Rice

£18.50

Minted I.O.W. Lamb Burger

With Feta Cheese & Red Onion Marmalade, Skinny Fries, Red Slaw & Salad

£17.00

Salmon, Cod & King Prawn Pie

With New Potatoes & Mixed Vegetable Side

£17.50

Pan-Fried Chicken Breast Wrapped in Smoked Bacon

With Sauteed Greens, White Wine Herb Sauce & Skinny Fries

£17.00

Pan-Fried Rump Steak

With Bone Marrow, Bacon & I.O.W. Garlic Butter, Skinny Fries & Side Salad

£19.50

Cumberland Sausage Ring

With Mashed Potato & Rich Onion, Madeira Gravy & Mixed Vegetable Side

£16.00

Mushroom, Spinach & Brie Tartlet

With Wild Mushroom Cream Sauce, New Potatoes & Mixed Vegetable Side

£16.00



Sticky Toffee Pudding with Clotted Cream Ice-Cream & Salted caramel Sauce £8.00

St Clements Panna Cotta with Berries, Caramel Syrup & Almond Shortbread £8.00

Dark Chocolate & Hazelnut Brownie with White Chocolate Mousse & Cocoa Syrup £7.50

Iced Pecan & Honeycomb Semifreddo with Salted Caramel Ice-Cream & Toffee Sauce £8.00

Summer Berry Pavlova with White Chocolate Mousse & Strawberry Puree £8.50

Selection of Local Ice-Cream & Sorbets £6.75

Chef's Selection of Cheese with Chutney & Crackers £9.25



**Steak & Island Ale Puff Pastry Pie
With Chunky Chips & Vegetables
£17.00**

**Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne
5With Chips & Salad
£16.00**

**Deep-Fried Breaded Scampi, Skinny Fries, Peas & Tartare Sauce
£16.50**

**Isle of Wight Beef Lasagne
With Chips & Salad
£16.50**

**Gammon Steak with Double Fried Egg,
Peas & Chunky Chips
£15.50**

Side Dishes

Garlic Bread	£4.70
Chunky Chips	£3.85
Skinny Fries	£3.85
Onion Rings	£3.85
Bread Roll & Butter	£2.20
Side Salad	£3.85
Olives	£4.40
Mixed Vegetables	£4.50



Bar & Light Bites Menu



Starters

Chef's Soup of The Day, Bread Roll	£6.60
Prawn Cocktail with Brown Bread	£10.50
Deep-Fried Dusted Calamari	
with Salad & Roasted Garlic Dip	£9.50
Cheesy Garlic Bread	£5.80

Main Meals

Steak & Island Ale Puff Pastry Pie with Chunky Chips & Vegetables	£17.00
Catch of the Day; Fresh Fish with New Potatoes & Vegetables	£19.00
Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne with Chips & Salad	£16.00
Deep-Fried Breaded Scampi, Skinny Fries, Peas & Tartare Sauce	£16.50
Isle of Wight Beef Lasagne with Chips & Salad	£16.50
Roast of the Day	Adult £15.95 Child £11.00
Gammon Steak with Double Fried Egg, Peas & Chunky Chips	£15.50

Jacket Potatoes

All Served with Butter & Salad Garnish

Cheddar Cheese	£9.35
Baked Beans	£9.35
Chilli Con Carne	£9.90
Tuna Mayonnaise	£10.45
Prawns & Marie Rose Sauce	£12.60

Sandwiches & Baguettes

All Served with Skinny Fries & Salad Garnish

Roast Ham, Mustard & Salad	£8.80/£9.90
Chicken Mayonnaise & Salad	£8.80/£9.90
Cheddar Cheese with Pickle	£8.80/£9.90
Tuna Mayonnaise & Cucumber	£9.35/£10.45
Smoked Salmon, Cream Cheese & Cucumber	£9.90/£11.00
Prawn & Marie Rose Sauce	£10.45/£11.55
Bacon, Brie & Cranberry	£10.45/£11.55

Omelettes

All served with Side Salad

Choice of one filling of Tomato, Ham, Mushroom, Onion or Smoked Salmon **£10.50**
Extra Filling £1.00

Salads

Ham, Cheddar & Mustard Ploughman's	£13.75
Smoked Salmon & Prawn Platter	£18.50
Mixed Cheese Ploughman's	£13.75
Greek Salad; Feta Cheese, Olives, Tomato	£12.00

Side Dishes

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Afternoon Tea

Cream Tea for One; 1 Scone, Cream, Jam, Butter & Small Pot of Tea or Coffee	£7.65
Cream Tea for Two; 2 Scones, Cream, Jam, Butter & Small Pot of Tea or Coffee	£10.95
1 Scone, Cream, Jam & Butter	£4.15
1 Toasted Tea Cake, Jam & Butter	£3.85
Toast & Jam—2 Slices	£3.25
Pot of Tea or Coffee	Small Pot £4.95 Large Pot £8.00
Pot of Fruit and Infusion Teas	Small Pot £4.95 Large Pot £8.00
Pot of Hot Chocolate	Small Pot £4.95 Large Pot £8.00

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 flamboyant 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”)