

## Hotels in Lyme Regis 1804-1984

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LYME-REGIS.—GOLDEN LION INN and TAVERN.  
**M**ARY FORREST respectfully informs the nobility, gentry, &c. &c. that she has succeeded her uncle, Mr. J. HURCHINGS, in the said House; and hopes, by unremitting attention, to merit the favour of all who may honour her with their company.  
 N. B. Families and single persons, who may not wish to go into lodgings, may be accommodated, having a number of very good bed-rooms and sitting-rooms fitted up for that purpose.  
 Dinners dressed at the shortest notice, and sent out if required.  
 Neat Post-Chaises, with careful drivers; very good stables, and Lock-up coach Houses.  
 The sands and bathing equal to any on the coast; with good bathing machines, and a hot sea-bath.

Golden Lion Inn, 1804 - Damaged in the great fire of 1844, it was rebuilt as the Lion Inn, later to be called the Royal Lion following a visit by the Prince of Wales.

Royal Lion 1857

6 ADVERTISEMENTS.



T. MILLER,  
**Royal Lion,**  
**FAMILY & COMMERCIAL HOTEL.**  
 LYME REGIS, DORSET.

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This Hotel offers comfortable accommodation with moderate charges, to Families and Gentlemen travelling for Business or Pleasure.

**PRIVATE SITTING ROOMS FOR FAMILIES**  
 WITH A SEA VIEW.

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**GOOD STABLING & LOCK UP COACH HOUSES.**

Royal Mail Coach daily to Dorchester, at 8. A. M.  
 A fast Coach to Taunton daily at 8. A. M.  
 Hearse and Mourning Coaches.

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**Post Horses, Carriages,**  
 AND FLYS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

# THE ROYAL LION HOTEL,

LYME REGIS.

Centrally  
Situated.



This Old-established Family and Commercial Hotel will be found replete with every comfort for Families, Tourists, and Commercial Gentlemen.

General Coffee Room and  
Ladies' Drawing Room.

Reading and  
Smoking Room for  
Gentlemen.

Posting in all its Branches. Good Stabling.

Hotel Omnibus meets all Trains.  
Agent for the L. & S. W. Railway.

BILLIARD ROOM.



J. GROVE, Proprietor.

1890s

★ Member of the Lyme Regis and District Hotels and Restaurants Association

THE

# ROYAL LION HOTEL

LYME REGIS

Established in 1603 but modernised throughout,  
this Hotel holds a reputation for first class comfort,  
cuisine and hospitality

Close to sea,

Fully Licensed

**Appointed A.A. and R.A.C.**

For terms apply: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Dunne, Resident Proprietors Tel. 14

1967



**GOLDEN HART,**  
**COMMERCIAL HOTEL,**  
 OPPOSITE THE CHURCH, LYME REGTS.

**JAMES TOMBLINGS**

Begs to inform Commercial and Agricultural Gentlemen his friends and the Public generally, that he has taken and entered on the above well-known and old-established Inn and Tavern, which has been thoroughly repaired and newly furnished, and is now replete with every convenience and comfort for the entire accommodation of his friends and supporters, whose patronage he respectfully solicits, and which it will be his constant study to deserve.

Well aired Beds and choice Wines and Liquors.  
 GOOD STABLING AND LOCK-UP COACH-HOUSES.

Golden Hart, 1854 - Today known as the Old Monmouth. It was given the present name as late as the 1930s when the proprietor, Mr Owen, changed it from the Guest House Hotel.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

**GUEST HOUSE  
 HOTEL**

(UNLICENSED)

**CHURCH STREET.**

Formerly "The Golden Hart" Coaching Inn, now giving full service for the Motorist and Tourist. :: Large, old-fashioned rooms with original oak beams, window seats, etc. A really comfortable Hotel to stay at for very moderate terms.

*Tariff:*

Full Board - from 2 guineas

Bed and Breakfast from 4/6

According to Season.

Phone: Lyme Regis 49. Proprietors: J. B. & I. M. Owen.

THE

**MONMOUTH  
 HOTEL**

(UNLICENSED)

**CHURCH STREET**

Formerly called the Guest House Hotel, continues to give the same hearty welcome and full service to the Tourist and Holiday maker.

At one time this was the old Golden Hart Coaching Inn and with its large old-fashioned rooms, oak beams, window seats, etc., is now a really comfortable Hotel to stay at for very moderate terms.

Close to the sea. Electric light throughout. Separate tables & Large recreation room.

**BILLIARDS AND TABLE TENNIS**

*Tariff*

FULL BOARD - FROM 2 GUINEAS

BED AND BREAKFAST FROM 4/6

According to Season

Phone: Lyme Regis 49. Proprietors: J. B. & I. M. Owen.

**J. HISCOTT'S**  
**BOARDING**  
AND  
*LODGING-HOUSE,*

Is delightfully situated in **BROAD-STREET**, commanding very extensive Views of **SEA** and **LAND**, with a neat **FLOWER-GARDEN**.

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A HANDSOME DINING AND DRAWING-ROOM IN COMMON.

**Private Parlors, if wanted.**

*Good Stables and lock-up Coach-Houses provided.*

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TERMS PER WEEK.

Board and Lodging, Tea and Sugar included, £2.  
A Servant's Board and Lodging. . . . . £1.  
For the Servants of the House. . . . 2s. 6d.

Hiscott's Boarding & Lodging House, 1830 - Built in 1807 this was taken over by the Cups Hotel after the 1844 fire when the original Three Cups was destroyed.



**R**ICHARD BURDON begs most respectfully to acquaint the Nobility, Gentry, Commercial and Agricultural Gentlemen, and the Public generally, that he has taken and entered on the above well known commodious and very convenient Family Hotel, Commercial Inn and Posting House, which has been long and justly admired for the beauty of its situation, commanding varied and extensive views both by Sea and Land; and where R. B. trusts by unremitting attention to the comfort of his Supporters, combined with moderate charges, to obtain the favours of a generous public, which it will be his unceasing endeavour to merit.

N.B.—This Town has, for a number of years past, been preferred as the pleasantest route to the West of England.

Post Horses, Flys &c., always ready. Coaches Daily to the Stations of the Great Western and South Western Railways, at Taunton and Dorchester.

Burdon's Cups Hotel, 1848

## LYME REGIS.

# THE THREE CUPS HOTEL

OFFICIALLY APPOINTED A.A., R.A.C.

**A** N OLD-ESTABLISHED AND FIRST-CLASS HOTEL.  
Comfort, Cuisine and Service of the Best.

Central Position, close to Sea.

**WINES OF THE FINEST VINTAGES.**

**GARAGE** Accommodation for 50 Cars. Private Lock-up  
Facilities.

'Phonè  
Lyme Regis 33.

Tels.,  
"Cups, Lyme Regis."

Illustrated Tariff on application to

MRS. W. LLOYD, PROPRIETRESS.

# Three Cups Hotel



FULLY LICENSED HOTEL  
BROAD STREET, LYME REGIS.  
(Tel. Lyme Regis 2732 & 2033)

**SITUATED 100 YARDS FROM THE  
SEA WITH GARDENS  
OVERLOOKING LYME BAY.**

- ★ *Central heating*
- ★ *Rooms with bath/toilet en suite.*
- ★ *All major credit cards accepted.*
- ★ *Special Bargain Breaks for winter, spring and autumn.*
- ★ *Rooms with colour television.*

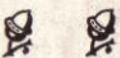


- ★ *Tea and coffee making facilities in bedroom.*
- ★ *Large car park.*
- ★ *Garden overlooking bay.*
- ★ *Open all year.*
- ★ *Children welcome.*
- ★ *Fully licensed.*



**LYME REGIS, Dorset.**

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**HOTEL**    


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**ALEXANDRA**

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Standing in 5 acres of  
Wooded Grounds.


Replete with every comfort in an Old World  
Town.

Close to and overlooking  
the delightful Bay.    

The only Hotel in its own Grounds in this  
English Riviera.

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TARIFF ON APPLICATION.

 UNDER ENTIRELY NEW MANAGEMENT.

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Golf.    Cricket.    Tennis.  
Boating.    Fishing.

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J. A. HINTON, Proprietor.

1910



1912

1984

Formerly Poulet House, it was converted into the Hotel Alexandra in 1901-02.

**LYME REGIS.**

## HOTEL ALEXANDRA

(FULLY LICENSED).

REplete with Every Comfort in an Old-world Town. Close to and Overlooking the Delightful Bay.

The Only Hotel in its Own Grounds in this English Riviera. Appointed R.A.C. and A.A. Electric Light Throughout. Central Heating. Hot and Cold Water in a number of Bedrooms.

Wires, "ALEXANDRA, LYME REGIS."      'Phone 10.

A. H. HINTON, PROPRIETOR.

1930

## ALEXANDRA HOTEL

POUND STREET  
LYME REGIS, DORSET  
DT7 3HZ

**Proprietors:**  
**Bob & Grace Anderson**

Telephone: LYME REGIS 2010 (STD 02974)

Choose the "Alexandra" for a relaxed informal holiday, set in a natural suntrap in one of the finest positions on the South Coast. Perfect peace and seclusion — yet adjacent to shops and entertainment. Magnificent gardens and panoramic views of the Cobb and Lyme Bay.

**AA\*\*\*\*      RAC\*\*\*\***

An Ashley Courtenay Recommended Hotel  
Member of the Lyme Regis and District Hotels and Restaurants Association  
Member of the British Hotels and Restaurants Association

- Colour Television in many bedrooms.
- Radios in every bedroom.
- Baby Listening and Intercom in every bedroom.
- Reduction for children sharing parents' room.
- Games Room with Table Tennis.
- Children's High Tea at 6 p.m.
- Ample Free Car Parking.
- Midweek Bookings accepted.
- Free Colour Brochure and tariff a pleasure.
- Extra Low Terms after Easter until Whitsun, also October.
- Diners Club, American Express, Barclaycard and Access welcome.
- **SPECIAL BARGAIN BREAKS WINTER, SPRING & AUTUMN.**
- Ground floor rooms available.

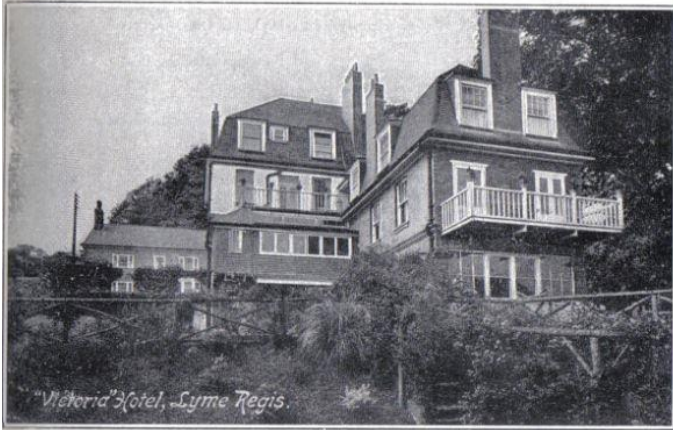


1930

# The Victoria Hotel

LYME REGIS.

Telegrams : Victoria, Lyme Regis, Appt. A.A. Telephone : 89.



"Victoria" Hotel, Lyme Regis.

*Family and Residential Modern Baths  
and Sanitation. Nearest Tennis, Golf Links.  
Few minutes sea, Churches, Post Office, &c.  
Magnificent land and sea views. Separate  
tables. Garage. Billiards. Electric Light.  
Special winter terms*

Resident Proprietors \* \* Mr. & Mrs. F. BENNETT.

The Victoria Hotel opened in 1907 four years after the Railway came to Lyme.

THE  
**VICTORIA HOTEL,**  
LYME REGIS,  
**Is NOW OPEN**  
FOR  
**Family & Commercial Trade.**

—o—  
New and Up-to-date in every way.  
—o—  
**WINES & CIGARS of the VERY BEST.**  
—o—  
PERSONAL SUPERVISION BY  
1907 **HENRY J. HOUSE,**  
Late of Shute Arms Hotel, Seaton Junction.

## New Commercial Hotel,

1900

Centre of Town.  
Two minutes from Sea.

**LYME REGIS.**



FIRST-CLASS  
HOTEL  
ACCOMMODATION.

EVERY COMFORT,  
COMBINED WITH  
MODERATE  
CHARGES.

**GOOD COOKING.**

**Bath Room.**

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR CYCLISTS & TOURISTS.

**W. G. Cornish, Proprietor.**

The New Inn became part of the Royal Lion Hotel in the early 1970s.

## NEW INN

*"At Lyme an Inn received me . . .  
it was the New Inn . . . and I will  
gladly name it to all my readers  
who are satisfied with an old  
fashioned comfort, a good bed and  
good fare."*

From "Thomas Hardy's Dorset,"  
by R. Thurston Hopkins

**EVENING DINNER  
BED and BREAKFAST**

**Telephone 272**

1962

Proprietors:  
**Mr. and Mrs. Crocker**



The Baker family owned the Cosy Café and Clarence Hotel between the two World Wars. Their catering and hotel business was based at No. 21 Broad Street.

**LYME REGIS.** 1920

**THE COSY  
Temperance Hotel and Cafe,  
BROAD STREET.**

Visitors, Commercial Gentlemen, and others, will find this Establishment most Comfortable and Convenient.

**Excellent Cuisine. Moderate Terms.**

W. R. BAKER, PROPRIETRESS.

**S. MICHAEL'S**

**Private Hotel**

A.A. & M.U.

LYME I

Phone 53.



South Front overlooking Sea.

Large Airy Rooms.     &     &     Electric Light.  
Special Winter Terms     &     Central Position.  
Overlooking Sea and Public Gardens.

1932

Make sure of an enjoyable holiday by staying at . . . TELEPHONE GRAMS LYME REGIS 76.

**"The Clarence"** 1932

PRIVATE HOTEL, BROAD ST, LYME REGIS.



CORNER OF OAK-PANELLED DINING ROOM.

THE PROPRIETORS OF THIS HOTEL SPARE NO EFFORT TO MAKE ALL VISITORS ENJOY THEIR STAY BY GIVING THE SAME COMFORT AND FREEDOM THEY WOULD ENJOY IN THEIR OWN HOMES.

CENTRAL POSITION. PRIVATE PATH TO SEA FRONT AND GARDENS. ELECTRIC LIGHT. WITHIN A FEW MINUTES OF 18 HOLE GOLF COURSE, TENNIS COURTS. BATH (H. & C.) OWN DAIRY PRODUCE. DEVONSHIRE CREAM A SPECIALITY. SPECIALITIES-EXCEPTIONALLY LIBERAL MENU. NO ABSURD EXTRAS OR RESTRICTIONS.

**TERMS VERY MODERATE**

UNDER THE PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF THE PROPRIETORS  
**MR AND MRS. R. BAKER**  
WHO WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SEND ILLUSTRATED TARIFF.

St Michael's, No. 7 Pound Street, was a private house during the 19<sup>th</sup> century and a private hotel from 1916 to 2004.

**LYME REGIS (Dorset).**

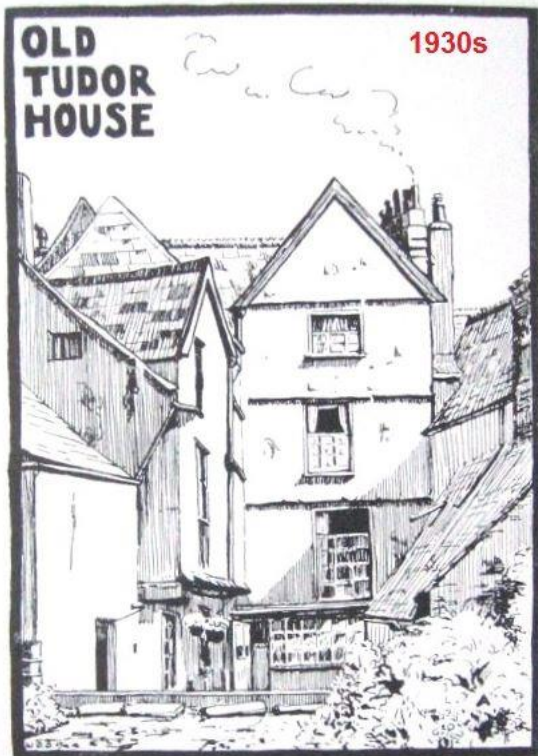
**ST. MICHAEL'S PRIVATE HOTEL.**

**C**ENTRALLY Situated, close to Pleasure Gardens and Sea. Well-appointed Dining, Drawing and Smoke Rooms. Up-to-date Sanitation. Central Heating. Terms Strictly Moderate. Open Throughout the Year. A.A. and M.U. 'Phone 53.

MR. & MRS. W. HARDY, PROPRIETORS.

1926





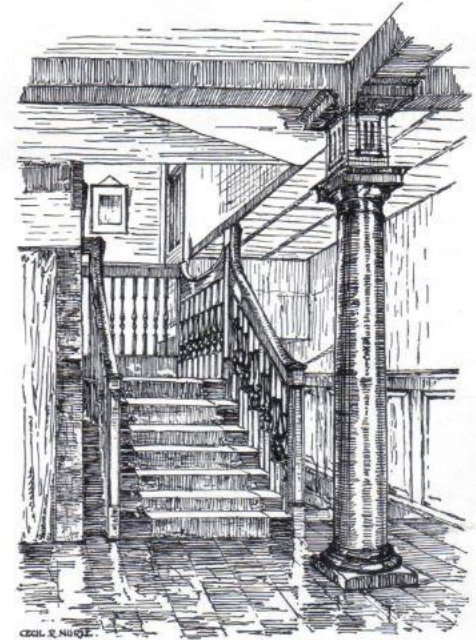
**Old Tudor House, Limited**  
(PRIVATE HOTEL) and  
**The Elizabethan Restaurant**  
CHURCH STREET

*Specialities:*  
HOME-MADE SCONES, CAKES AND SWEETS.  
Morning Coffee. Lunches. Teas. Dinners.  
Suppers. Sandwiches. Parties Catered for.  
MR. & MRS. EAST, Managers Tel. 114 Lyme Regis

1959 Recommended A.A. and R.A.C.

# TUDOR HOUSE

Church Street, Lyme Regis



BUILT 1601

Entrance Hall

TERMS 1959 ACCORDING TO SEASON

March-June 7-8 gns.

September 7-9 gns.

July-August 7½-9 gns.

October 7-7½ gns.

This interesting Elizabethan house is included in the list of Buildings of Special Architectural and Historic Interest. It is situated adjacent to sea (opposite Church Cliff Beach) and shops, at sea level. It contains a spacious lounge, and a fine timbered dining room with separate tables. All bedrooms fitted with H. and C. basins; gas fires and ring, also kettle, in double rooms. Interior sprung mattresses.

ON LEVEL TO SEA

Exceptional care is taken to provide the highest class cuisine. Four meals served daily. Table Tennis and Darts in the Old Smugglers' Cellar.

Telephone 472

Resident Proprietress: **Miss L. OVENDEN**

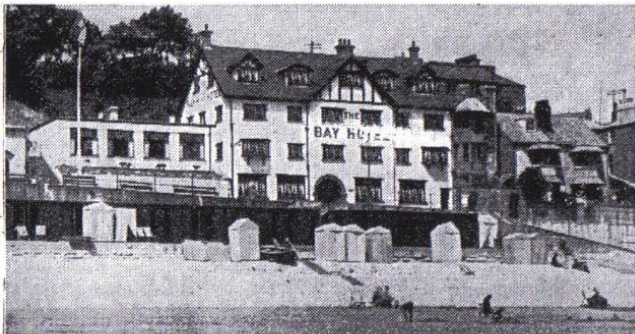
S.A.F. PLEASE

LYME REGIS (Dorset).

1936

# THE BAY HOTEL

Only Hotel on the Sea Front.



**N**EW Sun Lounge overlooking Bay. For Winter, Spring and Autumn it is delightful. Central Heating throughout. Hot and Cold running Water in Bedrooms. Baths. Electric Light. Best English Food.

'Phone 59.

MR. J. HARRIS, PROPRIETOR.

The Bay Hotel was built in 1924.

1939

# The *ALCOVE*

PRIVATE HOTEL

The house is situated on the Promenade and is only a few feet from the sea. Facing due south it commands an uninterrupted view of the Sea, Harbour and Coast Line. Every room a sun trap.

NOTED FOR GOOD FOOD AND HOME COMFORTS.



Hot and Cold Water in all Bedrooms and Electric Light. Separate Tables. Best English Food. Excellent Cooking. CREAM DAILY.

Proprietors:

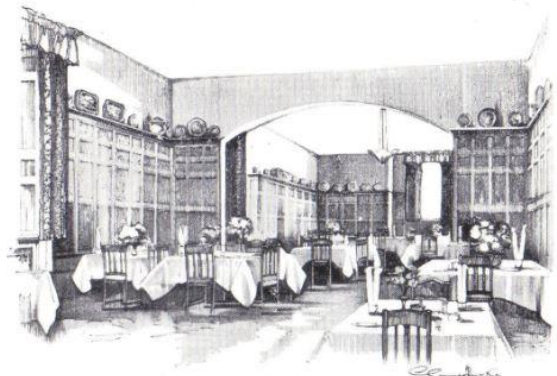
Mr. & Mrs. KING.

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THE "DORSET"  
FOR COMFORT, CUISINE AND REFINEMENT



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# The Dorset Private Hotel



Central position with fine views of Sea and Coast . . . . .  
Newly decorated, beautifully furnished throughout for comfort  
Electric Light and all modern conveniences . . . . .

BATHROOMS . . . . . fitted with Showers . . . . .  
24 large airy Bedrooms, each with HOT AND COLD RUNNING WATER . . . . .  
Box Springs on all beds . . . . .

*Smoking Room and Billiard Room*  
Full size table, free to visitors

Near to Golf, Tennis, Boating, etc. Excellent Cuisine.  
Moderate Inclusive Tariff. Very Highly Recommended.  
Special Early Season and Winter Terms.  
Garage, also free parking accommodation.

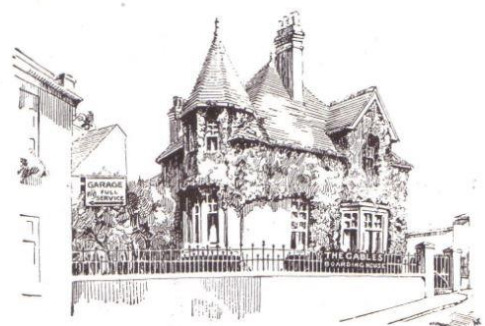
No Irritating Restrictions Illustrated Tariff on request

Proprietors: Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Heathcote Phone: 196  
(LATE BEACH HOUSE HOTEL, MINEHEAD)

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## Dorset House, Pound Road, 1939

LYME REGIS  
**THE GABLES HOTEL**  
(Unlicensed)  
CHURCH STREET



Minute from Sea. Electric Light Throughout.  
Wash-Basins (h. & c) in Bedrooms. Lounge. Smoke Room.  
Separate Tables. Seating Accommodation for 80.  
A REALLY MODERN HOTEL, with every convenience  
Terms: 2 to 3½ guineas per week. Special off-season Terms.  
QUOTATIONS FOR PARTIES

**DANCE HALL GARAGE**  
FULL SERVICE A.A. & R.A.C.  
CARS FOR HIRE - Chauffeur Driven or Drive Yourself.  
GRAMS: OWENS, LYME REGIS. PHONE 49. J. B. OWEN, M. INST. B. E. PROPRIETOR

Gables Hotel, 1935  
Previously it was the  
Cottage Hospital, 1897-1927

1935 THE HOTEL TO PLEASE YOU—  
**STILE HOUSE**  
PRIVATE HOTEL  
2 MINUTES SEA FRONT  
FACING SOUTH OVERLOOKING THE SEA  
Pleasant Garden  
Bath (h. & c.) Small Tables in Dining Room  
Lounge Electric Light Satisfaction guaranteed  
Bus meets all trains

SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO CATERING  
All English Meat Home-made Bread and Cakes  
Reasonable Terms Write for Tariff  
Tel. Lyme Regis 52 E. J. LEEMING  
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LYME REGIS

# BOW HOUSE

*Private Hotel*

UNDER ENTIRELY NEW MANAGEMENT  
 Telegrams : Bow House, Lyme Regis. Telephone: Lyme Regis 233.



Newly Furnished throughout for Comfort.  
 Best Situation, commanding splendid Sea and Coast Views.  
 Secluded Garden with entrance to Langmoor Gardens.  
 One minute to Sea. Modern Sanitation. Bathroom (h. & c.)  
 Electric Light.

Lounge. Smoke Room. Comfortable Bedrooms.  
 DINING ROOM (Separate Tables accommodating 60).  
 Excellent Cuisine.

UNDER PERSONAL SUPERVISION. MODERATE TERMS.  
 Tariff on application to the Proprietress, Mrs. B. E. Justice.

# Langmoor House

Telegrams: **Hotel** Telephone:  
 Lyme Regis 244 (PRIVATE) Lyme Regis 244

This spacious, attractive and ideally situated Hotel faces the beautiful Langmoor Gardens with their easy and direct access to the Front and Beaches (three minutes).  
 LANGMOOR HOUSE has been completely redecorated and refurnished and no effort has been spared to make it one of the most comfortable hotels in the district.



Lounge and Writing Room with views of Bay and Country.  
 H. & C. in Bedrooms. Interior Spring Divan Beds.  
 GARAGE 50 YARDS.  
 Separate Tables. Refrigeration. Bedlights.  
 Softened Water. Excellent Cuisine.

*Please apply for Tariff to the Resident Proprietors—  
 Mr. and Mrs. GLYNNE-WILLIAMS.*

Langmoor House Hotel, Silver Street, 1935

Bow House Hotel, 1933 - stood on the site of today's Regent Cinema.

Springfield Hotel, Woodmead Road, 1940s



## SPRINGFIELD PRIVATE HOTEL

Resident Proprietress  
 MRS. D. E. VIOLA

LYME REGIS, DORSET

Telephone: Telegrams:  
 244 LYME REGIS



LYME REGIS

# SUMMERHILL

*Charmouth Road.*

Phone 35.



*A*N old country house with bright and airy rooms. Standing in own grounds overlooking the sea. Facing south with magnificent views of bay and country. Own garden and poultry produce. Tennis Court. Garage. Electric Light throughout. Separate Tables. Gas Fires in some Bedrooms. Central Heating. Hall and Landing. The nearest Hotel to Lyme's beautiful 18 hole Golf Course. Few minutes walk to Marine Parade.

Resident Proprietress: \* \* \* Mrs. T. G. MILES.

Summerhill, 1933 - Originally built in in 1819 as a 'To Let' investment in the growing tourism in Lyme Regis at that time. Under new management it was renamed the Pine Crest Hotel.

Telephone and Telegrams: LYME REGIS 308

# PINE CREST PRIVATE HOTEL



This Hotel is ideally situated in 3 acres of grounds, overlooking the Sea, yet within a few minutes of the town, Public Gardens and all principal attractions.

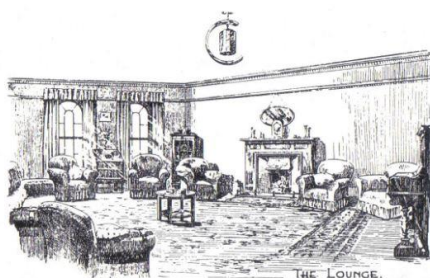
Own Tennis Court and Garage. Beautiful secluded Garden. Free Car Park.

The nearest Hotel to The Lyme Regis 18 hole Golf Course. Coaches and Buses between Bournemouth and Plymouth, Axminster and Bridport pass the Entrance Gates.

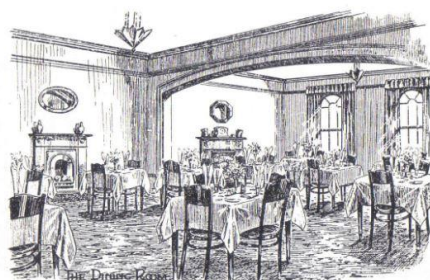
Large, airy and well-furnished Bedrooms, each fitted with hot and cold water basins. Electric Light throughout. Box Springs on all beds.

Local Dairy and Farm Produce and the best English food provided.

Under the personal supervision of the Resident Proprietors : Mr. & Mrs. Rowland Scholey. Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Scholey.



The Hotel contains spacious Lounge and Dining Room (separate tables)



Pine Crest Hotel 1939



High Cliff Hotel  
1959

Former holiday home  
of the Lister family.

# THE HIGH CLIFF HOTEL

**A.A. Sidmouth Road, Lyme Regis, Dorset R.A.C.**



## FULLY LICENSED

Perfectly appointed and beautifully situated facing South, commanding a magnificent view of the Dorset coast for 25 miles, and overlooking the famous Old Cobb Wall. A Regency house standing in its own spacious grounds, High Cliff offers every comfort in gracious surroundings. Central heating, hot and cold water in all bedrooms. Garage.

Lyme Regis Golf Club 1 mile.  
BOATING, FISHING, BOWLS

Billiards.

Hunting with the Axe Vale and Cotley.  
Own Vegetable Produce and Poultry.

BROCHURE AND TERMS ON APPLICATION

SPECIAL WINTER TERMS BY ARRANGEMENT

**GEO. SNELL**, Resident Proprietor

Telephone: **Lyme Regis 300 Management**

**606 Visitors**

London Inn, Church Street  
1959



## YE OLDE LONDON INNE

FULLY LICENSED

Central. B. & B. Full Board. Garden to sea edge. Dining Room separate tables (60 persons)

Open to Non-Residents. Recommended. Garage for 10 cars.

Telephone 83

**Mr. and Mrs. A. A. BUCK**