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Andy and Alison Hageman, Ted and Beverly Clayton welcome you to their sixteenth century Elizabethan Manor House Hotel & Restaurant.

Built in 1590 in the shape of an 'E' to honour Queen Elizabeth I, it has in more recent times been sympathetically converted into a seventeen bedroom hotel.

Situated in the heart of the Isle of Purbeck, Morton's House provides the perfect setting from which to enjoy this beautiful corner of England.

The individual guest rooms all have private bathroom, colour television, telephone and tea and coffee making facilities.

Proud of the commendations received for its traditional English cuisine, Morton's House also boasts an excellent wine list and rooms are available for private parties, conferences and receptions.

Personally run by the owners, Morton's House has a dedicated team of staff who have your interests at heart: *"Our mission is for you to enjoy this lovely hotel, the award winning restaurant and the beautiful surroundings to the full."*



BEDROOMS & ACCOMMODATION



THE ELIZABETHAN ROOM

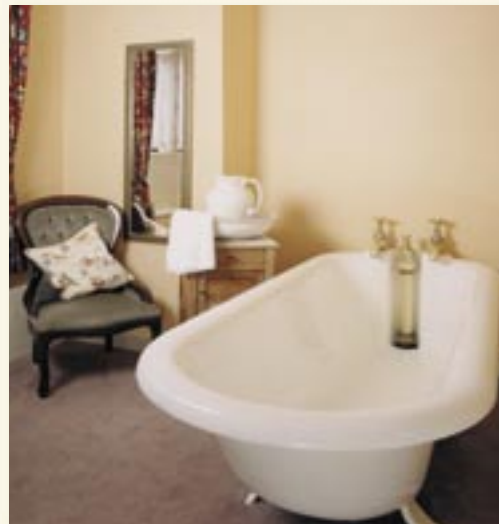
Beautiful, spacious studio suite in the original part of the manor house with four poster bed, lounge area, spa bath and dressing room. Ideal for any special occasion!

THE PURBECK SUITE

Garden suite with attractive double bedroom, spa bath and separate lounge.

THE CASTLE SUITE

Junior suite via a private staircase, with double en-suite bedroom and separate lounge with lovely views of the castle.



CHARACTER BEDROOMS

Each with its own unique style and charm from a bygone era, with private bathroom.

DOUBLE OR TWIN BEDDED ROOMS

Each individually decorated and all have private bathroom, colour television, tea and coffee making facilities. Some have castle views.

The hotel operates a no smoking policy in all its bedrooms.



THE RESTAURANT

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Mortons House is proud of the commendations received for its traditional English cuisine. In November 2002 the hotel was awarded 2 AA Rosettes for fine cuisine.

Our General Manager and the Restaurant Manager will ensure your meal is a success as they serve the freshly prepared menus from our team of Chefs. It is also possible, that with due warning they will produce any dish of your choice, so be prepared!



"The intention here at Mortons House Hotel is to produce a top quality menu for you using predominantly local produce, served in a traditional way with a few twists of innovation to tempt the palate."

Bar Lunches, Full Luncheon and Traditional Sunday Lunches are available from 12 Noon, Dinner is served from 7pm. Light snacks and Room Service are available until 10pm.

Private Dining for up to 22 persons can also be made available in the beautiful Castle Room (pictured on Weddings page) for that special occasion or anniversary.



WEDDINGS AND FUNCTIONS



Mortons House Hotel has been granted a Marriage Ceremony License and have 3 rooms registered for holding the wedding ceremony.

The Oak-panelled Drawing Room - a beautiful room with exotic friezes and imposing fireplace.

The Castle Room - elegantly decorated room for more intimate numbers.

The Garden Room - a lovely room with an attractive outlook on to walled gardens and ornamental pond.



Due to the original design of this Elizabethan Manor House and the size of the function rooms, we are able to cater for up to 80 guests, buffet style and for a more formally served meal we have seating for 60 guests.

A complete range of menus are available all year round, to suit most budgets, palates and for any type of celebration.

In the summer, the pretty walled gardens or terraced pond make an attractive setting for photographs.



CONFERENCES AND CORPORATE



Through specialist partners of the hotel we can also offer Management training and Team building courses to suit all situations, often using the naturally beautiful surroundings on hand in The Isle of Purbeck and at Mortons House.

The perfect setting for Conferences, Mortons House can offer all of the facilities you might expect, but without the Corporate 'feel' of many venues.



The Castle room (pictured) can take up to 20, boardroom style with flip charts and OHP, direct dial telephone and Television/Video. Internet access can also be made available, throughout the hotel and the bedrooms. The Garden and Oak rooms can house larger numbers, of up to 60.

We offer rates for Meetings, Conferences and 24 hours delegates, to include a range of services in any of our rooms.



THINGS TO DO - NATURAL ATTRACTIONS

CORFE. Corfe Castle is an unspoilt English village built in Purbeck stone and dominated by the ruins of the Norman Castle. It is the capital of the Isle of Purbeck and the site where Edward, first King of England was martyred in 978AD.

CASTLE. An important Mediaeval Royal Fortress commanding a cleft in the Purbeck Hills, one of the most impressive ruins in England besieged by parliamentary forces in 1646. Open all year except Christmas Day and Boxing Day. There is also a Visitor Centre - opening hours coincide with the castle hours.

STEAM RAILWAY. For steam train lovers, the Swanage Steam Railway is a must. It runs a back to back service to Swanage and is a delightful journey through the countryside. For train information, 01929 425800. The railway can be found down the side road between the local village shop and The Bankes Arms public house. Swanage Railway website, www.swanagerailway.co.uk

MUSEUM. We have the smallest Town Hall in England and a small Museum with wonderful archives that include a set of Dinosaur prints and a collection of domestic and agriculture implements. You will find this just around the corner in West Street opposite the Fox Inn.

MODEL VILLAGE. You will find this in the same street as the Museum and again well worth a visit. It shows the Village in its glory including the Castle before Oliver Cromwell made his grand entrance!

BEACHES. The Purbeck coastline is designated an "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty"

The beaches stretching from Sandbanks to Studland and Old Harry rocks are some of the most beautiful in the World, they are not the only ones either! Lulworth Cove, Kimmeridge, Durdle Door and Swanage beaches are also a delight, but ask us about Dorset's best kept secret and we'll send you to one of the most secluded natural 'pools' to be found, anywhere.

WORLD HERITAGE STATUS. In December of 2001, the Dorset and East Devon Coast was officially ranked as one of the natural wonders of the world.

The decision, taken by UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, puts the coast firmly on the map as one of the most geologically important places on the planet. The 95 mile stretch of coast, starting at Old Harry Rocks, near Swanage, provides a walk through some 185 million years of the history of the planet and contains a number of outstanding fossil deposits.

ISLE OF PURBECK. The Isle of Purbeck is a gem from the naturalists point of view, or indeed anyone with an interest in wild flowers and animals. This area must surely possess some of the most abundant and varied flora and fauna in Britain.

There are many hundreds of miles of beautiful walks throughout the Purbecks - paths that will take you through water meadows, salt marshes, sand dunes, heathland, woodland and along chalk and limestone cliffs.

Whilst here, why not visit The Tank Museum, Compton Acres, Athelhampton House and Gardens, or the red squirrels on Brownsea Island, Lulworth Castle, maybe the Swannery in Abbotsbury, whatever you choose there are too many for us to list, rain or shine. If rain, students of Corfe Castle and the Isle of 'Purbeck' might like to study the many sepia toned prints of the area dating back to the 'turn of the century' around the ground floor. These taken from the Dennis Smale collection which includes the 1769 prelude to the modern day census.

DORSET GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB. For the golfers amongst you, we are able to offer reduced green fees at the Dorset Golf & Country Club. Ask for details when booking, or at reception when here.





ABOUT THE HOUSE



Our house is one of the earliest in Corfe and perhaps the finest - not that we are biased! "Dacombs" as it was originally known dates back to circa 1590. The house was originally built for William Dacomb. William was a wealthy gentleman owning many plots of land and the Dacomb family themselves were prominent citizens of the Village of Corfe.



Edward Dacomb, one of William's descendants, was the local Mayor in 1697, "Dacombs" was inherited by John Morton in 1712 and then passed to the Bond family through marriage.

Over the years Mortons House has been altered and upgraded to become a fine Hotel - but we believe the house would be instantly recognisable as the Tudor residence of its previous owners.



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