

The King's Arms welcomes you...

Of all the hotels in Buckinghamshire, *The King's Arms* stands out. For its long, rich history and its superb location; for its unique rooms and its intimate feel, it's a find which many treasure. It has all this as well as the comforts you expect from contemporary hotels.

This is a fine example of a coaching inn and a glance at the building offers compelling glimpses into life and society in centuries gone by.

Bear in mind that in 1754, it was an incredibly swift four days' journey from Manchester to London!

The English coaching inn was vital for travellers. If they hadn't been attacked by highwaymen along the way, it was a place for them to stop, eat and drink and spend the night.

They could feed and rest their horses before their onward journey. Bear in mind that in 1754, it was an incredibly swift four days' journey from Manchester to London!

The building was first recorded as a public house in 1715. Long before that during the Civil War however, Oliver Cromwell's troops were regularly in the area. It's said that he himself used a room upstairs for meetings with his officers.

The oldest part of the King's Arms dates back to the 1400s. It's likely that the land behind the building was a



burgage plot - land on a yearly rent. The 1838 Tithe map provides cartographic evidence for this. Another fascinating insight into wealth, class and work in former days.

Old Amersham itself is older still. In 1200, King John granted the town a market and fair which is held every September. Walking along the High Street during the Charter Fair is walking through history: you get a strong feel of this ancient town while still enjoying up to date rides and sideshows.

The Domesday Book of 1086 (the first survey of population and land) cites Amersham (then called Agmodesham) as having six manors, one belonging to the wife of Edward the Confessor.

Not surprisingly, the film industry simply can't keep away. The hotel was used in the global hit *Four Weddings and a Funeral* and *Midsomer Murders* and *Miss Marple* have had episodes shot here.

Few fail to be charmed... and many long to stay.

Rare now in towns of this age is the preserved, ancient layout of the streets which forms a cross shape. In Amersham's case it's a staggered cross with the High Street and Broadway forming the central part and Whielden Street and Church Street the side arms travelling in opposite directions.

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The King's Arms: key services

Bar

Breakfast

Business services

Car hire

Departures

Doctor, dentist, chemist

Flowers and extras

Heating

Hospitality tray

Laundry and dry cleaning

Left luggage

Mail/Post

Newspapers and magazines

Restaurant

Safe

Stationery/stamps

Toiletries

Transport

Telephone

Television

Wake-up calls

Out and about, health and leisure



Bar

Settle down by one of the ancient, open fires and sample one of our real ales. Linger over coffee while you read the paper or puzzle over the crossword. Entry from the High Street is through the black door on the right under the archway.

Opening hours:

Monday -Thursday	11.00 am to 11.00 pm
Friday and Saturday	11.00 am to 11.30 pm
Sunday	12.00 pm to 10.30 pm

Out of opening hours, we'll be glad to provide you with drinks of your choice if you come down to reception and make your order. Please note, the out of hours bar list is slightly limited.

Breakfast

A full, hot, English breakfast or inviting continental selection is served in the restaurant which is next to the Reception on the ground floor.

Opening hours:

Monday –Friday	7.00 am to 9.30 am
Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays	8.00 am to 10.30 am

Business services

There is WiFi throughout the *King's Arms*. Printing, faxing copying and scanning are also offered. Please let us know your requirements.

Car Hire

We're in touch with a number of local and national companies and will be pleased to arrange a car for you.

Departure

We ask guests to vacate their room by 12.00 pm. We understand that there are times when you need a slightly later check-out; kindly contact Reception as with prior notice this can sometimes be arranged..

Doctor, Dentist, Chemist

Old Amersham has a number of practices locally, together with both an independent pharmacy and the one located inside *Tesco*.

Flowers and extras

A special occasion can be made memorable with flowers, chocolates or champagne. We'll be glad to assist with any special touch if you speak to Reception.

Heating

You're able to control the temperature of your room with the valve on your radiator. Extra heaters are available on request. If in doubt, please ask for assistance.

Hospitality tray

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and biscuits are in the deep drawer of the desk.

Laundry and Dry Cleaning

We offer a complete laundry service. Kindly complete the laundry request form at the back of this folder.

Left Luggage

We can usually look after your bags after check-out if you'd like to spend more time around the area before you leave.

Mail/Post

You're welcome to leave your stamped letters and cards at Reception for us to post. Alternatively there are post boxes along the High Street.

Newspapers and magazines

We'd be happy to provide any of the major titles for you. Contact reception, we'll be glad to help.

Restaurant

Opening hours (lunch):

Monday - Friday	12.00 pm to 2.30 pm
Saturday	12.00 pm to 3.00 pm
Sunday	12.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Opening hours (dinner):

Monday -Thursday	6.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Friday and Saturday	6.00 pm to 9.30 pm

Safe

For your use, a safe is situated inside the wardrobe. Instructions provided

Stationery/stamps

More writing paper, envelopes and postcards are available from Reception, please ask. Stamps may also be purchased.

Telephone

You can reach Reception by dialling 0. For an outside line, please dial 9 before the number. Please be aware that charges will apply.

Television

A digital service is provided.

Toiletries and towels

Additional toiletries and towels are available at Reception

Transport

Frequent trains run from Amersham-on-the-Hill station to Marylebone/Baker Street.

Wake-up calls

Please dial Reception on 0 to arrange your wake-up call.

Out and About, Pleasure, Health and Leisure

The Lemon Rooms (Beauty treatments)

01494 728 248

web: thelemonrooms.co.uk

Gym, climbing wall and pools

Gym and classes: 01494 722 551

Swimming: 01494 723 969

Web: chiltern.gov.uk/article/1299/Chiltern-Pools-Amersham

Local walks

Explore the town or the Chilterns on foot. You'll find much to admire and even more to remember. Our Reception has a thorough guide which outlines the area's most outstanding walks both long and short.

Other pursuits

Amersham caters well for most interests. Please talk to Reception about what you'd like to find and we'll provide you with details.

Shopping

You can choose to potter around Old Amersham whose High Street is lined on both sides with exclusive, independent shops. As well as these we have a number of high end outlets so you don't necessarily have to travel to London.

If a serious shopping mission is needed, you have many choices. At Watford (around half an hour away) you'll find the *Harlequin Centre*, over 140 stores in an indoor shopping precinct.

Uxbridge (twenty-five minutes away) has *The Chimes*, a fairly recently built undercover shopping zone with major stores and High Wycombe (around twenty minutes' drive) has the *Eden Centre*.

theharlequin.uk.com

thechimes.uk.com

edenshopping.co.uk

For anything not covered in these pages, please call Reception.