

# Check out *The Chequers*

It's easy to run a successful pub: A friendly welcome, consistently good home-cooked food, professionally served in a cosy setting. Simple!

Or is it more the case that people behind really thriving pubs work incredibly hard to achieve the magic ingredients...and then make it look effortless!

The Chequers in Wickham Bishops is a case in point. This pub really has become the hub of the village. But success doesn't just happen. As pub owners Joe and Becci Greene say, you need a brilliant team all working together to get it right.

Add to this the highest quality food, sourced from independent local suppliers, great home cooking, made from scratch, to suit all tastes. Great beers and wines. Good service. Job done!

There is a wide selection of sandwiches on the lunchtime menu, made using fresh, locally baked bread, featuring the traditional cheese or ham through to hot salt beef and fish fingers.

The Chequers shortcrust pastry savoury pies are incredibly popular and often feature in the daily 3-course lunchtime special for £9.50. If you are watching your weight there is a slimming menu on offer and you can even order a 'skinny lager' to go with your meal!

In the evenings the menu offers grills, spicy dishes and several vegetarian options, plus gluten-free choices. There are always tempting daily specials on the



chalkboard too. Thursday and Fridays major on fish, fresh off Grimsby fishing boats and the renowned Sunday lunch is always a great social occasion in The Chequers. The hearty homemade puds sell like...well, like hot cakes!

As well as Adnams Southwold and Greene King IPA, the pub hosts a changing array of guest beers from micro-breweries – ranging from the local Wibblers and Mighty Oak to further afield adventures in ale, perhaps from Yorkshire or Somerset. And of course what self-respecting Irish landlord wouldn't have draught Guinness?

The Chequers also benefits from an enviable continuity of staff, both front of house and in the kitchen – a great advantage to maintaining the high level of friendly, personal service.

The day we visited everyone was delighted as the pub had, yet again, received a 5\* rating for environmental health following a spot check. Needless to say, with so much going for it, it is advisable to book a table prior to your visit, but Joe, Becci and their team will always try to accommodate you.



32 The Street, Wickham Bishops. Tel: 01621 891162  
 Mon to Thurs 11am to 11pm  
 Fri and Sat 11am – 12am  
 Sunday 11am – 11pm  
 Food Served: Mon – Sat 12-2.30pm & 6-9pm, Sun 12-3pm  
 Ample parking – no disabled access, but rails inside pub.  
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