

BRIEF HISTORY – 18TH CENTURY TO THE PRESENT DAY

Documents detailing land and premises known as 'Chewton Glen House' were drawn up in 1732, at which time the building on the present site of the hotel may have been in existence.

A watercolour painting and photograph dating back to circa 1857 show a stuccoed Georgian house with a symmetrical garden. The proportions of the building bear out a date in the early 18th century. Over the years many changes and additions were made, and at the beginning of the 20th century the then owner – Colonel Edward Tinker – totally remodelled the façade in brick.

The house has a famous literary link through the fact that Captain Frederick Marryat stayed for periods during the 1840's and gathered material for his famous novel 'The Children of the New Forest'. Marryat's brother George, owned the property from 1837 until 1855, when it was sold to the Elphinstone family.

Clearly, the Captain was much attracted to the New Forest and it is appropriate that in the present hotel many of the rooms have been named after his novels and the characters in them.

Between 1947 and 1966 the property had three different owners, and it was the Duval family who first made it into an hotel. The Skan family purchased the hotel in January 1966 and embarked on a modernisation plan, refurbishing all the existing rooms. This programme of conservation, enhancement and updating has continued ever since. The hotel now has 23 suite and 35 bedrooms – each individually decorated. In 1976, ten years after the Skan family purchased Chewton Glen, the hotel won the Egon Ronay Gold Plate Award to Hotel of the Year.

Chewton Glen has won countless prestigious awards since 1966. It is particularly fitting that Martin Skan was named Hotelier of the Year in 1991, on the 25th anniversary of his ownership, and that the hotel was proclaimed Hotel of the Year by the English Tourist Board in the same year.

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