



## The Crown Hotel

The Crown Hotel has welcomed visitors for centuries, its central position being ideal to those who came to Harrogate for health, fortune, or leisure.

1626 : By 1626, the Crown Hotel's neighbouring Old Sulphur Well, now recognised as the strongest in Great Britain, was the subject of a book that was read the length and breadth of the country.

1649 : The death of King Charles 1st sees the start of the Commonwealth, when inns such as the Crown's precursor are closed down.

1660 : The restoration of the monarchy with Charles 11nd sees the widespread adoption of names such as the Crown, as inns re-open all over England.

1700 : By 1700, the Crown in Low Harrogate, has been joined by the Dragon, Granby and Queen's Head inns in High Harrogate.

1740 : The first known association of the Crown Hotel with the Thackwray family

1778 : The King, who owns Harrogate, gives the Stray to the people, but allows the Thackwray family to buy the Crown Hotel outright.

1784 : Crown Hotel head waiter, William Thackwray, makes so much money, he takes over the Queen Hotel.

1806 : Lord Byron's famous visit to the Crown.

1822 Crown Hotel Sulphur Well discovered.

1834 Crown Hotel Baths are built

1835 The infamous Crown Hotel Well case leads to a new Act of Parliament in 1841

1840 Crown nick-named "the Hospital", as so many visitors in search of health stay here

1847-8 Old Crown Hotel largely rebuilt

1870 George Dawson buys Crown Hotel estate, and adds two large wings

1889 George Dawson sells the Crown Hotel's gardens to Harrogate Corporation

1890 : Crown Hotel shops built in Crown Place

1899-1900 East wing and tower built

1912 Elgar visits Hotel

1939 Government requisition Crown hotel during World War Two.

1953 Crown Hotel bars re-open for public use.

1959 Air Ministry finally leave the Crown, allowing it to re-open as a 150 bedroom hotel.

1963 Beatles are alleged to have stayed at Crown

2005 Crown Hotel Harrogate Ltd administer hotel.

*If you would like a more detailed description of the hotels history please contact us on [enquires@crownhotelharrogate.com](mailto:enquires@crownhotelharrogate.com)*

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