

# **RIVIERA MANSION**

## **INFORMATION BOOKLET**

*Any questions, problems please let us know. If you have comments, it is always appreciated on the Blue Chip or TripAdvisor website.*

*We hope you enjoy your stay. Graham & Annemarie 07974003739*

## Parking

There is one garage which you can access via the door at the end of the corridor. There is a switch on the right hand side that will open the garage door from the inside. You also have a remote control for the Garage Door from the outside.

Parking in the street is unrestricted where there aren't double yellow lines. It can be busy during the daytime, especially on Saturdays, which is change over day. There are always seems to be spaces at night.

## WiFi

The WiFi is called "Riviera" The password is "g26winchester". Also the website "[rivieramansion.co.uk](http://rivieramansion.co.uk)" has various information on it.

## TV's

The 60 inch lounge TV has Freeview, Smart TV with Netflix and 400 + Pre-recorded Movies, TV Series and 2,000 Music tracks. The remote is detected by the TV on the right lower corner. At odd times I have had to go close to it to get it to work.

To access the Smart TV options and Netflix;

- 1) Press the "Input" button on the top of the big remote control.
- 2) Use the arrow buttons to select "HDM14"
- 3) Now use the smaller remote to control the Smart Options.

To access the Recorded Movies and Music;

- 1) Press the "Input" button on the big remote control.
- 2) Use the arrow buttons to select "USB".
- 3) Once selected press the button in the middle of the arrows.
- 4) You will be asked to select "Videos" or "Music"
- 5) Then use the arrows to navigate. In Video the Main folders are Children's Movies, General Movies, History & Geography, and Musicals & TV Series. These Folders then

have sub-folders. When you found what you want, press the OK button in the middle of the arrows.

To go back to the normal TV channels

- 1) Press the “Exit” button on the big remote
- 2) Or “Input” button on the big remote
- 3) If all else fails, turn the TV off and back on again.

Please do not attempt to retune the TV. It is very difficult to do, because instead of tuning into the local Transmitter, it will automatically pick the first Transmitter it comes to, which is a much weaker one in North Cornwall. The result will be lots of frozen channels.

The TV’s in the seaside Bedrooms are Smart TV’s. They have all the Freeview channels and other Internet options including “catch-up”.

The TV’s in the roadside Bedrooms and Kitchen are normal TV’s. They have Freeview channels but the “adult” channels have been deleted.

## **Blue Tooth Sound Tower**

will operate from your phone, in the normal way for your phone.

## **Telephones**

The telephones ring when the outside door entry button is pressed and you can speak to whoever is outside pressing it.

## **Balcony Seat Covers.**

If we think it maybe bad weather, we may move the Balcony Seat Covers inside to the Utility room, so they are dry when you want to use them.

## **Balcony Heaters.**

For your comfort the Balcony has two Electric Infra-Red Heaters, please make certain these are turned off when not required.

## **The Safe!**

The Safe in the Utility room isn't available to use. It unfortunately doesn't contain a pile of cash. It is just too heavy to move.

## **EMERGENCIES**

Hopefully you won't have one, but if you do!

- 1) We live next door in Riviera View.
- 2) Phone me (Graham) on 07974003739 or 01803 297757
- 3) Phone Blue-Chip Holidays 01392 8243

# Appliance information

## Dishwasher

- 1) Dishwasher tablets are under the sink.
- 2) Press the main power on button on the left-hand side.
- 3) The Display will show 1.31
- 4) Press the far left button for 3 seconds to start it

## Sink Waste Disposal Muncher

This for the disposal of soft food only. It will take apples and eggshells, but it won't take things like bones.

- 1) Push the food down the large hole
- 2) Flush it with water
- 3) Turn on the disposal unit by pressing the large button on the sink.

## Trash-Compactor

- 1) Place your non food rubbish in the trash compactor.
- 2) Please do not put bottles or glass in it.
- 3) When it is full, turn the spring-loaded switch to the right and then let it go. It will compress the rubbish down.
- 4) If it fails to start, you sometimes need to push the draw in with your knee and hold it until it starts.

## Microwave

- 1) Top Knob is the Power Setting
- 2) Lower Knob is how long for
- 3) Start Button is lower right
- 4) Big button opens the door

# General Information

## **Liability**

Whilst every reasonable care has and will be taken to ensure your possessions are safe from loss or damage, I Graham Chilvers, cannot be held responsible for the loss of or damage to any of your possessions, or vehicle, no matter how this occurs. The washing machine is new and in good order, but it is used at your risk.

## **Parking**

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## **Kitchen.**

The granite worktops in the kitchen are expensive and can easily be damaged. Please use the chopping board when preparing food or cutting anything.

The Kitchen Lights are automatic and will always come on when you enter the Kitchen.

## **Rubbish**

The rubbish is put in the Trash Compactor. There are also the outside bins are to the far right end of the property. Soft food can be disposed off in the waste disposal unit in the sink.

## **Departure.**

Please leave return the main key to the Key Safe outside and leave the Second key and Garage Remote in the Kitchen.

## **Groceries.**

The nearest grocery store is a Tesco express in Castle Circus, which is the top end of town. 9 Lymington Rd, Torquay, TQ1 4AQ. The next and larger is a Waitrose, St Marychurch Road,

Torquay, TQ1 3HL. There is an out of town shopping centre with an M&S and Sainsbury's at the Willow, Browns Bridge Rd Torquay TQ2 7HT

**Emergencies.**

In an emergency, I am available on 01803 297757 or 07974003739

# **Things to do**

## **Kents Cavern**

Undoubtedly Kents Cavern is one of the most special caves in the country. The incredible geology and rich archaeological heritage of the cave has been astounding scientists and visitors alike for centuries. Records show the mysteries of the caves have been enticing explorers to venture into their depths since 1571. However, archaeological evidence and research reveals that people and animals have been visiting the caves for hundreds of thousands of years.

Kents Cavern is a gateway visitor centre for UNESCO's English Riviera Global Geopark. The Geopark reveals a geological story that goes back 400 million years and one which has shaped the landscape and cultural heritage of the area. Kents Cavern is a protected national site because it is by far the most important prehistoric cave dwelling in Britain. It is known around the world for its archaeological record of prehistoric human life in ancient Europe.

## **Model Village**

Take time out from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and visit this famous Torquay attraction to feel on top of the world as you see it recreated in miniature. Thousands of miniature buildings, people and vehicles, along with animated scenes and touches of English humour, capture the essence of England's past, present and future. All set in 4 acres of beautiful award-winning gardens. Don't miss one of Devon's most popular days out! Babbacombe Model Village Hampton Avenue Torquay TQ1 3LA 01803 315315

## **Paignton Zoo**



One of the largest Zoos in the UK with three thousand animals, five different habitats and acres of activities you're in for a great day out at Paignton Zoo, but what will you tackle first? Do you cross the hair-raising Crocodile Swamp, home to the world's largest croc species? Get close to our closest cousins at Monkey Heights or mix with the kangaroos hopping around the hills? Totnes Rd, Paignton TQ4 7EU

### **Living Coasts**

Is like a small Zoo based on the sea. It has Penguins, Fur Seal Cove and Octopus to mention a few. Beacon Quay, Torquay TQ1 2BG 0844 4743366

### **Boat Trips**

Greenaway ferries offer a range of cruise and ferry crossings. Their booking number is 01803 882811 or visit their stand at the base of the Pier, or at various stands around the harbour

- 1) Torquay to Brixham ferry
- 2) Sunset and illuminations from a cruise around the bay.
- 3) Site seeing cruise of Torbay
- 4) Torquay to Babbacombe stopping for dinner at the Cary Arms then returning
- 5) Torquay to Dartmouth Ferry
- 6) Cruise the river Dart from Dartmouth to Totnes.

### **Fat Freddys Boat Party's**

Fancy a night out with a difference, come and join in Fat Freddys Boat Partys. Leaving from Haldon Pier in Torquay, large range of dates available, weekend tickets available at a discount Dress to impress,

### **Steam Train Rides**

The train leaves Paignton railway station, going along the coast, then overland before following the river Dart into Dartmouth. 01803 555872

### **Round Robin Trip.**

The famous, completely organised trip starts in Paignton, where you catch the Steam Train to Dartmouth. From Dartmouth to

Totnes by river cruise. Then from Totnes back to Paignton by Bus. 01803 555872

### **Visit Cockington**

Only a mile behind Torquay seafront, the Domesday Book village of Cockington has hardly changed through the centuries. Go and explore this special village, its historic manor house and the 460 acres of beautiful parkland, woodland and farmland around. The Court is also home to a wide variety of skilled craftsmen - watch them as they work and perhaps take a unique gift home with you! It is completely free to enter and you can lose yourself here for a whole day!

The landscape of Cockington has been shaped by its inhabitants for the last thousand years and there are miles of walks to explore.

### **Visit Dartmouth**

Dartmouth is the Jewel of the South Hams. It is on the mouth of the River Dart with steep hills. Ancient narrow streets house boutique shops, art galleries & delicatessens. A cobbled market place features colourful stalls and Farmers markets supplying local produce used by our gourmet restaurants, pubs & cafes. Sail, fish, explore by boat or come at festival time. For a treat or enjoy visits to the Castle, Britannia Royal Naval College and National Trust Gardens. Walk the South West Coast Path or laze on our clean beaches. Don't forget to visit the tourist office to see a working Newcomen Engine!

### **Visit Brixham**

Brixham couldn't be more of a contrast to both its' Torbay neighbours, Torquay and Paignton. Brixham has a stunning little harbour, and is extremely popular with day trippers. Fish food stalls line the harbour, a selection of shops, great pubs serving real ale and a choice of Devon Ice cream shops. Brixham is a great place for gentle strolling, watching the fishing boats, and walking out onto the jetties. There's lots of parking available adjacent to the town centre.

### **Visit Paignton**

Long sandy beaches, first class attractions, Paignton has them all. Life revolves around the seafront, which resonates with the sounds of laughter and fun, but there are other sides to this distinctive seaside resort. Discover the elegance of Oldway Mansion built by the Singer sewing machine family, the green coastline around Elberry Cove, and many other aspects of this famous town.

Most of the town is level with the seafront and its sandy beaches, pier, harbour and theatres, all within easy reach. Paignton Green is the home of many events, festivals and exhibitions throughout the year, providing a scenic focal point for the resort. In the high season, carnivals, regattas and festivals follow each other without pause, and every August the Green holds a Children's Week - seven days in Paignton devoted to giving children the best time of their lives.

At night, Paignton's seafront comes alive and is perfect for an evening stroll. There is a variety of excellent food and drink, and between the multiplex cinema and the redevelopment of the historic Palace Theatre, there is an exciting mix of quality entertainment all year round. Don't forget to visit the Paignton treats of Winner's Street, renowned for its local antiquities and curiosities, and Occombe Farm, a working organic farm with nature reserve and farm shop. Most Wednesday nights are bike nights. Expect 500 to 1,000 motor bikes parked and displayed on the seafront.

### **Visit Totnes**

Totnes is known for its bohemian alternative lifestyle. There is lots of Yoga, Aromatherapy, Vegetarianism and general “Green” ideas. Browse the book shops and unique restaurants.

### **Visit Exeter**

Exeter is a city and considered the capital of Devon. It has a landmark Cathedral and shopping centre to rival most cities

### **Visit Widecombe in the Moor**

Widecombe in the Moor is famous for its fair. At its heart is very nice pub come restaurant. It’s an ideal destination because it takes up over Dartmoor National Park. It’s a very pleasant daytrip by car.

### **Visit Dartmoor National Park**

The main way onto the park is via the town of Bovey Tracy. You then climb up on to the moor. Stop of at Haytor Rock or just wonder around the moor. Most of South Devon can be seen on a clear day

### **Visit Princetown**

Considered the centre of Dartmoor. It is the location of a large Napoleonic Prison (Dartmoor Prison) that use to hold England’s most dangerous prisoners. Because of its remote location it was considered inescapable from.

### **Beaches**

Torbay has 20 beaches. This is some of the more popular;

*Oddicombe Beach.* Sand and shingle beach just below the north end of Babbacombe Downs. Parking is half a mile from the beach. Steep access but try the cliff railway (great fun). No dogs, swimming safe with care, toilets, cafe, beach shop, deckchair/sunbed hire.

*Torre Abbey Sands / Corbyn Sands* Right below you. A tidal, sandy beach right in the heart of Torquay's so lots of parking nearby. Very high tides will cover the sand. Dogs banned, swimming safe with care, toilets, cafe, beach shop,

deckchair/sunbed hire and chalet hire. Just across the road from Torre Abbey Meadows parkland.

*Corbyn Sands* (Torquay) A small beach just south of Torre Abbey sands, this sand and shingle beach has all the same facilities as Torre Abbey Sands.

*Preston Sands* (Paignton) A beautiful long sandy beach with easy access but limited parking. Dogs banned, swimming safe with care, cafe, beach shop, deckchair/sunbed hire and beach hut hire.

*Paignton Beach* (Paignton) Long sandy beach with Paignton Pier at its centre. Easy access, large grassy green adjacent and ample parking nearby. Lots of kiosks and cafes by the beach and amusements on the pier. Dogs are banned, swimming safe with care, toilets, deckchair/sunbed hire and pedaloes.

*Goodrington Sands* (Paignton) Long sandy beach with Seashore Centre, Quaywest Waterpark, Youngs Park and Inn on the Quay all right behind the beach. Plenty of kiosks, toilets and amusements, swimming safe with care, deckchair and sunbed hire. Dogs allowed on North Sands only. Excellent low tide

*Broadsands* (Paignton) Long sandy beach, with good access and parking and a large green behind the promenade. Dogs banned, swimming safe with care, cafe, beach shop, (no amusements) deckchair/sunbed hire and beach huts for hire. Pedaloes and boats for hire.

## **Walking**

*To the beach -*

Turn left at the top of the steps, walk down the road until you come to a flight of steps. Go down these and then turn right for the beach. If you turn left you will follow the path that gives you a great view of Torbay and ends up at the Harbour. If you don't want to use the steps, carry on down the street and then turn left for the beach.

### *To the Harbour -*

Turn right at the top of the steps, walk along the road until you come to a steep corner. Go down the steps. Half way down you will join a path, go right. The last few yards are behind the shops and a bit scruffy.

### **Taxi**

The main company number is 01803 213213. Ask to be picked up from Rivera Mews next to Riviera Mansion, Warren Road. Ask them to phone you when they arrive outside. It is about £4 to the harbour and £5 when you return at night.

### **Restaurants.**

Torquay has about 50 restaurants. Torwood street has 10 or more, all virtually next to each other (Taxi £4/5 each way)

### **English/French.**

*Orange Tree Restaurant* 14-16 Parkhill Road Torquay TQ1 2AL  
01803 213936

(Close to the harbour)

Two course meal around £26. (Taxi £4/5 each way)

Small and intimate. Great staff and meals. Definitely one of my favourite restaurants. Difficult to get a booking!!!

*The Cary Arms*, Babbacombe |Beach, Torquay TQ1 3LX  
01803 327110

A pub and a very good restaurant. This is all about atmosphere. You can sit outside next the sea and have a drink, snacks or a complete meal. Go early, no later than 7pm to catch the sun set. Two course meal around £26. Taxi £7 each way or arrive by boat from the main harbour.

*Pizza Express*, 16 the Strand, Torquay. TQ1 2AA 01803  
200044

(On the harbour)

Definitely the best Pizzas in town. Two course meal around £10+. Taxi £4/5 each way

*The Elephant*, 3 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH 01803  
200044

(On the harbour)

A stylish cocktail bar and restaurant of high standard. Harbour views.

Two course meal around £35. Taxi £4/5 each way

### ***Thai***

*Thai Star Restaurant*, 21 Vaughan Parade, Torquay TQ1 2BB  
01803 297631

(On the harbour) Taxi £4/5 each way

### ***Chinese***

Kim Saigon Restaurant 50 Torwood Street, Torquay TQ1 1DT  
0180 321 3344

### ***Indian***

Simla Spice

### ***Nightlife***

The harbour side is the focus of Torquay's nightlife. It has a range of late night bars and night clubs.