



## The Compasses Inn

Lower Chicks Grove, Tisbury, Wiltshire SP3 6NB

The first impression on arriving at Compasses is of having found the perfect English pub; so is the second. Lying at the heart of a dreamy village of thatched and timber-framed cottages, this lovely inn seems so content with its lot it could almost be a figment of your imagination. Over the years, 14th-century foundations have gradually sunk into the ground. Its thatched roof is like a sombrero, shielding bedroom windows that peer sleepily over the lawn outside. Duck instinctively into the sudden darkness of the bar and experience a wave of nostalgia as your eyes adjust to a long wooden room, with flagstones and cosy booths divided by farmyard salvage: a cart-wheel here, some horse tack there; at one end is a piano, at the other, a brick hearth. The pub crackles with Alan's energy and enthusiasm; he's fairly new to the trade, but his genuine hospitality more than compensates. People come for the food as well: figs baked in red wine, topped with goat's cheese and chorizo, or grilled fish from the south coast. Bedrooms have the same effortless charm and the sweet serenity of Wiltshire lies just down the lane. Modest, ineffably pretty, and great value.

**rooms** 4: 2 doubles, 2 twin/doubles.

**price** From £55; singles £40.

**meals** Lunch from £4.  
Dinner, à la carte, about £20.

**closed** Monday except Bank Holidays,  
then closed Tuesday.

**directions** From Salisbury, A30 west,  
3rd right after Fovant, signed  
Lower Chicks Grove, then 1st left  
down single track lane to village.



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